Science Unit 2: Comparative Cellular Structure

Essential Understandings	 Cells' structures reflect their functions. The cell is the basic system from which other living systems are built. Metabolism, respiration, photosynthesis, and reproduction are all processes carried out within cells.
Essential Questions	 What processes are carried out within cells? How do more complex systems of cells form from simple cells?
Essential Knowledge	 Cells contain organelles with different functions. Cells can work together to perform specific functions.
Vocabulary	 Term Categories: organelles and their functions metabolism prokaryotes and eukaryotes respiration photosynthesis cellular reproduction
Essential Skills	 Compare and contrast prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Investigate an extremeophile.
Related Maine Learning Results	Science E. The Living Environment E3.Cells Students describe the hierarchy of organization and function in organisms, and the similarities and differences in structure, function, and needs among and within organisms. Describe the basic functions of organisms carried out within cells including the extracting of energy from food and the elimination of wastes. Explain the relationships among cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems, including how tissues and organs serve the needs of cells and organisms. C. Compare the structures, system, and interactions that allow single-celled organisms and multi-celled plants and animals, including humans, to defend themselves, acquire and use energy, self-regulate, reproduce, and coordinate movement.
Sample Lessons And Activities	 Compare and contrast prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Investigate an extremeophile.

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Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	■ Evolution lab
Sample Resources	 Publications: http://www.astrobio.net/exclusive/226/defining-life http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/evolution/brief-history-life.html http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/ 2005/05/050506142212.htm http://www.nasa.gov/centers/marshall/news/ news/releases/2005/05-020.html http://www.astrobiology.com/extreme.html http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/archaea/archaea.html http://www.inl.gov/featurestories/2005-04-04.shtml