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### Principles of Biomedical Science

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Skills Clusters		Subscores				
		2	3	4	5	6
Professional Practice			*			
Communication and Collaboration	*					
Critical and Process Thinking	*					
Biological Foundations	*					
Molecular Biology and Genetics		*				
Biomedical Tools and Analysis		*				

# **PLTW**

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Collaboration and Communication		*				
Problem Solving	*					
Data, Algorithms, and Abstraction	*					
Programming		*				
Computational Tools and Techniques		*				

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Design and Mindset	*					
Design Properties	*					
Sketching and Drawing		*				

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