

# North Carolina DesCartes Framework

Below is the framework upon which your version of DesCartes is based. In order to present the information in a manner that best supports instruction, in some instances it was necessary to modify the organization and grouping of content. This framework outlines the subject-area information found within DesCartes.

## Concepts and Processes

### 1. Science as Inquiry

- a. Acquiring, Processing, and Interpreting Data
- b. Identifying Variables and Their Relationships
- c. Formulating Models
- d. Designing Investigations and Understanding Scientific Inquiry
- e. Constructing Hypotheses

### 2. Nature of Science

- a. The Ability to Do Scientific Inquiry and Integrated Process Skills
- b. Science and Technology; Science in Personal and Social Perspectives
- c. Analyzing Investigations