

**COURSE:** MIDDLE SCHOOL

**UNIT:** ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGRICULTURAL CONCEPTS

**EXERCISE:** AUTOMATED GREENHOUSE

**TIME FRAME:** 3-5 Hours



**PREPARATION:** *Summary of “to do’s” that the teacher should understand and prepare before bringing this lesson to the classroom.*

Teachers will need to ensure that the proper supplies are available for students to build their solutions.

From the kit you will need these items:

**Materials:**

- Automated Greenhouse kit from STEM 101

**Tools:**

- Located in the kit



**SAFETY:** *Summary of safety strategies in the lesson.*

Proper tool usage is important. Working with electronics needs to be done carefully to avoid injury or damage to components. Follow instructions carefully.

**S1**

**DESIRED RESULTS:**

**ESTABLISHED GOALS:**

*Problem Solving Techniques and Applications Standards:*

**TRANSFER:**

*Students will be able to independently use their learning to...*

- Understand greenhouses and the agricultural growing process

**MEANING:**

**UNDERSTANDINGS**

*Students will understand that...*

- Greenhouses allow controllable plant growth
- Automating a greenhouse helps with controlled plant growth
- Microcontrollers can automate many things

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS**

*Students will keep considering...*

- Uses for automated greenhouses
- Agricultural growing processes
- Uses for microcontrollers in the environment and agriculture

**ACQUISITION OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL:**

*Students will know...*

- Purpose of greenhouses
- Different growing processes
- Automation
- Programming and code

*Students will be skilled at...*

- Coding
- Assembly of greenhouse
- Wiring of Electronics
- Automation

**S2**

**EVIDENCE:**

**EVALUATIVE CRITERIA:**

**ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE:**

*Performance Task(s):*

**Task Placeholder**

Students will be assessed on the assembly and function of their greenhouse

*Other Evidence:*

- Online test at the end of the unit

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### **LEARNING PLAN:** *Summary of Key Learning Events and Instruction*

**1. The content knowledge and project instructions will take you through the understanding of Greenhouses along with guiding you through the assembly and functionality of the Automated Greenhouse**

#### **Progress Monitoring:**

Teacher should observe students and provide on-going feedback during the activity. While introducing the unit, the teacher will pause and ask for questions to make sure everyone understands.

Students will complete self-assessment and brainstorm how they could improve their skills in the future. At the end of the unit, there will be a quiz to measure their overall understanding.

### **DIFFERENTIATION:** *Summary of Key Differentiation Techniques*

The ASCD Study Guide for Integrating Differentiated Instruction and Understanding by Design: Connecting Content and Kids.  
by Carol Ann Tomlinson, Jay McTighe

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ISBN-13: 978-1416602842  
ISBN-10: 1416602844

Differentiating Reading Instruction  
by Laura Robb.  
ISBN13: 9780545022989

A Teacher's Guide to Differentiating Instruction  
The Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement

### **CAREER CONNECTIONS:** *Summary of Career Opportunities Associated with this Lesson*

Good sources for career connections:

Occupational Outlook Handbook  
<http://www.bls.gov/ooh>

The National Career Clusters® Framework  
<http://www.careertech.org/career-clusters>

### **KEYWORDS:** *Please Insert Keywords from this Lesson with their Definitions*

Use resources like [dictionary.com](http://dictionary.com) to find definitions to your keywords