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The Kern County Science Foundation has long provided generous support of GEMS (Great Explorations in Math and Science) programs. With their continued support, and under the supervision of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability, the attached work has recently been completed. A matrix has been developed to assist teachers in integrating GEMS units within their instruction. Using two of the State Board of Education (SBE) adopted science curriculums, Houghton Mifflin and Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, the content of the GEMS units has been aligned to provide hands-on experiences that will complement either of these adopted curricula.

The Kern County Superintendent of Schools, along with the Kern County Science Foundation, is dedicated to encouraging the use of GEMS. Arrangements can be made for training in the use of specific units. In addition, many complete units are available for schools and teachers to borrow free of charge.

For more information, or to make arrangements to borrow materials, please contact Kathy Hill, Math/Science Coordinator, at [kahill@kern.org](mailto:kahill@kern.org) or (661) 636-4640.

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