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Eighth grade students at the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School (CNH) will be participating in an expansion of our "Inquiry Based" science curriculum. This is an exciting endeavor for our students. There are only 25 teachers nationally participating in this research project funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

During the summer Mr. Kenneth Goodale, CNH science teacher, spent one week in Colorado Springs, Colorado taking part in the field study orientation. The Biological Science Curriculum Study (BSCS) is a non-profit research agency which was awarded a grant through the Department of Education. Working with science educators and researchers, they have developed a science curricula based upon the National Science Standards. It is the National Standards that all states base their science curricula upon. The unit that Mr. Goodale's eighth grade students will field test is called "Science and Society." The focus of the unit is an exploration of the transfer of energy from a nutritional view point. Students will make their own calinometer, compare food labels from other lands, and investigate diseases associated with nutrition such as diabetes.

For further information, or if you have any questions, please call the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School at (860) 742-7334.