



## **Missoula County Public Schools**

"Forward Thinking, High Achieving."

# **SCIENCE CURRICULUM Pre K-12**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

District (MCPS), through its Forward Thinking, High Achieving: 21st Century Model of Education, is positioning its educational community to be among the best in the nation. Missoula's pursuit of excellence, equity, and broad-based involvement has its foundation in its District goals.

## **MISSION**

To ensure every student achieves his or her full potential, regardless of circumstance and ability.

## **VISION**

We communicate; we collaborate; we think critically; and we create. We are Missoula County Public Schools - educational leaders in a global society - fostering uncompromising excellence and empowering all learners.

## **CORE BELIEFS**

- 1) EVERY CHILD deserves to be challenged, equipped and prepared for life beyond school.
- 2) INNOVATIVE, COMMITTED TALENT – leadership, teachers and staff – drive success in the classroom and beyond.
- 3) LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS must continually evolve to be engaging, safe and up-to-date.
- 4) STRONG COMMUNITIES start with a strong, public school system.

## **GOALS**

- 1) RESTRUCTURE ORGANIZATION & FACILITIES: Restructure the facilities and organization to become more efficient and effective in support of 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.
- 2) STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL: Achievement and graduation for all students regardless of their circumstances and abilities.
- 3) QUALITY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Define and implement a quality professional development program that encompasses best practices and supports the needs of all staff. Refine and implement a quality evaluation and supervision program for all staff.
- 4) CULTIVATE INVOLVEMENT: Cultivate and enhance staff, student, parent, business and community involvement.

## **ASSESSMENT**

Assessment means finding out what students know and are able to do. It is intended to improve teaching and learning. Information gathered through formative assessment assists teachers during instructional planning to determine students' prior knowledge, provide feedback to students during instruction, make decisions on how to modify instruction, and identify strengths and weaknesses. In science classes, a variety of data is collected to provide evidence of achievement and success to students, families, and the community. Principles of effective assessment are as follows:

1. Treat assessment as an integral part of curriculum and instruction.
2. Direct assessments toward essential learning.
3. Set high standards for teaching and learning.
4. Clarify learning targets early.
5. Assess student performance through authentic tasks.
6. Collect multiple indicators of learning.
7. Provide ample opportunities for students to learn.

(Adapted from Walter Parker, *Science in Elementary Education*, Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson, 2005.)

# Three Dimensions of the Framework for K-12 Science Education Being Used to Develop the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

Scientific and Engineering Practices		
<b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> <p>A practice of science is to ask and refine questions that lead to descriptions and explanations of how the natural and designed world works and which can be empirically tested. Engineering questions clarify problems to determine criteria for successful solutions and identify constraints to solve problems about the designed world. Both scientists and engineers also ask questions to clarify the ideas of others.</p>	<b>Developing and Using Models</b> <p>A practice of both science and engineering is to use and construct models as helpful tools for representing ideas and explanations. These tools include diagrams, drawings, physical replicas, mathematical representations, analogies, and computer simulations. Modeling tools are used to develop questions, predictions and explanations; analyze and identify flaws in systems; and communicate ideas. Models are used to build and revise scientific explanations and proposed engineered systems. Measurements and observations are used to revise models and designs.</p>	<b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> <p>In both science and engineering, mathematics and computation are fundamental tools for representing physical variables and their relationships. They are used for a range of tasks such as constructing simulations; statistically analyzing data; and recognizing, expressing, and applying quantitative relationships. Mathematical and computational approaches enable scientists and engineers to predict the behavior of systems and test the validity of such predictions. Statistical methods are frequently used to identify significant patterns and establish correlational relationships.</p>
<b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> <p>Scientists and engineers plan and carry out investigations in the field or laboratory, working collaboratively as well as individually. Their investigations are systematic and require clarifying what counts as data and identifying variables or parameters. Engineering investigations identify the effectiveness, efficiency, and durability of designs under different conditions.</p>	<b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> <p><i>The products of science are explanations and the products of engineering are solutions.</i></p> <p>The goal of science is the construction of theories that provide explanatory accounts of the world. A theory becomes accepted when it has multiple lines of empirical evidence and greater explanatory power of phenomena than previous theories. The goal of engineering design is to find a systematic solution to problems that is based on scientific knowledge and models of the material world. Each proposed solution results from a process of balancing competing criteria of desired functions, technical feasibility, cost, safety, aesthetics, and compliance with legal requirements. The optimal choice depends on how well the proposed solutions meet criteria and constraints.</p>	<b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> <p>Scientists and engineers must be able to communicate clearly and persuasively the ideas and methods they generate. Critiquing and communicating ideas individually and in groups is a critical professional activity. Communicating information and ideas can be done in multiple ways: using tables, diagrams, graphs, models, and equations as well as orally, in writing, and through extended discussions. Scientists and engineers employ multiple sources to acquire information that is used to evaluate the merit and validity of claims, methods, and designs.</p>
<b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> <p>Scientific investigations produce data that must be analyzed in order to derive meaning. Because data patterns and trends are not always obvious, scientists use a range of tools—including tabulation, graphical interpretation, visualization, and statistical analysis—to identify the significant features and patterns in the data. Scientists identify sources of error in the investigations and calculate the degree of certainty in the results. Modern technology makes the collection of large data sets much easier, providing secondary sources for analysis.</p> <p>Engineering investigations include analysis of data collected in the tests of designs. This allows comparison of different solutions and determines how well each meets specific design criteria—that is, which design best solves the problem within given constraints. Like scientists, engineers require a range of tools to identify patterns within data and interpret the results. Advances in science make analysis of proposed solutions more efficient and effective.</p>	<b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> <p><i>Argumentation is the process by which explanations and solutions are reached.</i></p> <p>In science and engineering, reasoning and argument based on evidence are essential to identifying the best explanation for a natural phenomenon or the best solution to a design problem. Scientists and engineers use argumentation to listen to, compare, and evaluate competing ideas and methods based on merits.</p> <p>Scientists and engineers engage in argumentation when investigating a phenomenon, testing a design solution, resolving questions about measurements, building data models, and using evidence to identify strengths and weaknesses of claims.</p>	

Developed by NSTA based on content from the Framework for K-12 Science Education and supporting documents for the May 2012 Public Draft of the NGSS

<b>Disciplinary Core Ideas in Physical Science</b>	<b>Disciplinary Core Ideas in Life Science</b>	<b>Disciplinary Core Ideas in Earth and Space Science</b>	<b>Disciplinary Core Ideas in Engineering, Technology, and the Application of Science</b>
<b>PS1: Matter and Its Interactions</b> PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter PS1.B: Chemical Reactions PS1.C: Nuclear Processes	<b>LS1: From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes</b> LS1.A: Structure and Function LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms LS1.D: Information Processing	<b>ESS1: Earth's Place in the Universe</b> ESS1.A: The Universe and Its Stars ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System ESS1.C: The History of Planet Earth  <b>ESS2: Earth's Systems</b> ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes ESS2.D: Weather and Climate ESS2.E: Biogeology  <b>ESS3: Earth and Human Activity</b> ESS3.A: Natural Resources ESS3.B: Natural Hazards ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems ESS3.D: Global Climate Change	<b>ETS1: Engineering Design</b> ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting an Engineering Problem ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution  <b>ETS2: Links Among Engineering, Technology, Science, and Society</b> ETS2.A: Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology ETS2.B: Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World
<b>PS2: Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions</b> PS2.A: Forces and Motion PS2.B: Types of Interactions PS2.C: Stability and Instability in Physical Systems			
<b>PS3: Energy</b> PS3.A: Definitions of Energy PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer PS3.C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life	<b>LS2: Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics</b> LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience LS2.D: Social Interactions and Group Behavior  <b>LS3: Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits</b> LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits LS3.B: Variation of Traits		
<b>PS4: Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer</b> PS4.A: Wave Properties PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation PS4.C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation	<b>LS4: Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity</b> LS4.A: Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity LS4.B: Natural Selection LS4.C: Adaptation LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans		

Cross Cutting Concepts			
<p><b>Patterns</b> Observed patterns of forms and events guide organization and classification, and they prompt questions about relationships and the factors that influence them.</p> <p><b>Cause and Effect: Mechanism and Explanation</b> Events have causes, sometimes simple, sometimes multifaceted. A major activity of science is investigating and explaining causal relationships and the mechanisms by which they are mediated. Such mechanisms can then be tested across given contexts and used to predict and explain events in new contexts.</p>	<p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b> In considering phenomena, it is critical to recognize what is relevant at different measures of size, time, and energy and to recognize how changes in scale, proportion, or quantity affect a system's structure or performance.</p> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b> Defining the system under study—specifying its boundaries and making explicit a model of that system—provides tools for understanding and testing ideas that are applicable throughout science and engineering.</p>	<p><b>Energy and Matter: Flows, Cycles, and Conservation</b> Tracking fluxes of energy and matter into, out of, and within systems helps one understand the systems' possibilities and limitations.</p> <p><b>Structure and Function</b> The way in which an object or living thing is shaped and its substructure determine many of its properties and functions.</p> <p><b>Stability and Change</b> For natural and built systems alike, conditions of stability and determinants of rates of change or evolution of a system are critical elements of study.</p>	

## **Philosophy**

The overarching goal of MCPS K-12 science education is “to ensure that by the end of 12<sup>th</sup> grade, all students have some appreciation for the beauty and wonder of science; possess sufficient knowledge of science and engineering to engage in public discussions on related issues; are careful consumers of scientific and technological information related to their everyday lives; are able to continue to learn about science outside school; and have the skills to enter careers of their choice, including (but not limited to) careers in science, engineering, and technology.” (From *NGSS Framework for K-12 Science Educations*, Chapter 1, page 2.)

To that end, MCPS is aligning its science curriculum with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). “The NGSS – developed by educators, scientists and experts in science education – will, by design, engage students at the earliest grades through graduation so that all students become informed citizens who are knowledgeable about how science and technology affect everyday life.” (From ACHIEVE implementation manual, pg. 84.)

“Implementing the NGSS will help ensure that all students graduate with critical skills in specific science disciplines as well as problem-solving, inquiry and reasoning – preparing them for the rigors of science-based college courses and STEM careers and securing their future and the future of our country.” (From ACHIEVE implementation manual, pg. 85.)

“The NGSS framework endeavors to move science education toward a more coherent vision in three ways. First, it is built on the notion of learning as a developmental progression. It is designed to help children continually build on and revise their knowledge and abilities, starting from their curiosity about what they see around them and their initial conceptions about how the world works. The goal is to guide their knowledge toward a more scientifically based and coherent view of the sciences and engineering, as well as of the ways in which they are pursued and their results can be used.

Second, the framework focuses on a limited number of core ideas in science and engineering both within and across the disciplines in order to avoid shallow coverage of a large number of topics and to allow more time for teachers and students to explore each idea in greater depth.

Third, the framework emphasizes that learning about science and engineering involves integration of the knowledge of scientific explanations (i.e., content knowledge) and the practices needed to engage in scientific inquiry and engineering design.” (From *NRC Framework for K-12 Science Educations*, pg. 3.)

## **READING IN SCIENCE**

Reading is critical to building knowledge in science. College and career ready reading requires an appreciation of the norms and conventions of discipline, such as the kinds of evidence used in science; and understanding of domain-specific words and phrases; an attention to precise details; and the capacity to evaluate intricate arguments, synthesize complex information, and follow detailed descriptions of events and concepts. When reading scientific and technical texts, students need to be able to gain knowledge from challenging texts that often make extensive use of elaborate diagrams and data to convey information and illustrate concepts. Students must be able to gain complex informational texts in these fields with independence and confidence because the vast majority of reading in college and workforce training programs will be sophisticated nonfiction.

## **WRITING IN SCIENCE**

For students, writing is a key means of asserting and defending claims, showing what they know about a subject, and conveying what they have experienced, imagined, thought, and felt. To be college and career ready writers, students must take task, purpose, and audience into careful consideration, choosing words, information, structures, and formats deliberately. They need to be able to use technology strategically when creating, refining, and collaborating on writing. They have to become adept at gathering information, evaluating sources, and citing material accurately, reporting findings from their research and analysis of sources in a clear and cogent manner.

## **MEETING DIVERSE STUDENT NEEDS**

Science teachers need to acquire effective strategies to include all students regardless of racial, ethnic, cultural, linguistic, socioeconomic, and gender backgrounds. Students with diverse needs--those with unique abilities and/or disabilities--will have differentiated opportunities to achieve targets, competencies, and standards at rates and in manners consistent with their needs. Accommodations and modifications will be implemented to ensure that all students have the opportunity to meet established learning goals and to gain full access to the curriculum.

The needs of struggling learners will be met in a variety of ways in the classroom both through informal intervention and formally prescribed intervention, as necessary.

Gifted students and students of high ability require, at times, differentiated instruction and additional challenge beyond what the standard curriculum can provide. These provisions can include but are not limited to: more challenging content or assignments, critical and higher level thinking skills, instructional grouping, extension activities, and independent research.

Students at all ability levels benefit as they explore science.

## **LIBRARY MEDIA**

Teacher librarians play an essential role in curriculum implementation. They are important instructional partners and consultants in supporting and expanding existing curricula. As information specialists, teacher librarians work collaboratively with students, teachers, administrators, and parents to:

- Provide knowledge of availability and suitability of information resources to support the implementation of Montana and MCPS Standards. This is particularly relevant with the Indian Education for All Law.
- Partner in educating students, developing curricula, and integrating resources into teaching and learning.
- Serve as an expert in organizing, synthesizing, and communicating information. Acquisition, organization, and dissemination of resources to support the curricular areas through the library media center are cost-effective methods for the entire school district.
- Teach and integrate literature and information skills into the curriculum. They plan and teach collaboratively based on the needs of the student.

*(Adapted from ALA statements, and School Libraries Work!, Scholastic Library Publishing, c2008.)*

## **INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL**

Missoula County Public Schools is committed to developing for all students an understanding of American and Montana Indian people and their histories, fostering respect for their cultures. In view of the unique role of the American Indian peoples in the development of the United States and the experience of Montana tribes in particular, their history and culture will be integrated wherever appropriate in the instruction of MCPS students, in accordance with the state constitution, statutes, and curriculum standards.

### **ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS REGARDING MONTANA INDIANS**

1. There is great diversity among the 12 tribal Nations of Montana in their languages, cultures, histories, and governments. Each Nation has a distinct and unique cultural heritage that contributes to modern Montana.
2. There is great diversity among individual American Indians as identity is developed, defined, and redefined by many entities, organizations, and people. There is a continuum of Indian identity ranging from assimilated to traditional and this is unique to each individual. There is no generic American Indian.  
Additionally, each tribe has their own oral history beginning with their genesis that is a valid as written histories. These histories pre-date the “discovery” of North America.
3. The ideologies of Native traditional beliefs and spirituality persist into modern day life as tribal cultures, traditions and languages are still practiced by many American Indian people and are incorporated into how tribes govern and manage their affairs.
4. Reservations are land that have been reserved by the tribes for their own use through treaties and was not “given” to them. The principle that land should be acquired from the Indians only through their consent with treaties involved three assumptions:
  - a. That both parties to treaties were sovereign powers.
  - b. Those Indian tribes had some form of transferable title to the land.
  - c. That acquisition of Indian lands was solely a government matter not to be left to individual colonists.
5. There were many federal policies put into place throughout American history that have impacted Indian people and shape who they are today. Much of Indian history can be related through several major federal policy periods.
6. History is a story most often related through the subjective experience of the teller. Histories are being rediscovered and revised. History told from an Indian perspective conflicts with what most of mainstream history tells us.
7. Under the American legal system, Indian tribes have sovereign powers separate and independent from the federal and state governments. However, the extent and breadth of tribal sovereignty is not the same for each tribe.

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### **INSTRUCTION**

**2450**

#### Recognition of American Indian Peoples' Culture and Heritage in the Curriculum Process

The Board fully supports Article X of the Montana Constitution and is actively committed to develop for all students an understanding of American and Montana Indian people and their histories, as well as foster respect for their respective cultures.

Because of the unique position and place in American history, the American Indian peoples' role in the development of the United States, with emphasis on the experience of the Montana Tribes, shall be included wherever appropriate in the instruction of Missoula County Public School students, in accordance with the state Constitution and state standards. Instructions concerning the historic and current roles of Indian people shall be delivered in a respectful, informative, and sensitive manner. When the social studies curriculum and other curricula are updated according to the District's curriculum cycle, the written curriculum shall reflect this policy. Staff development will be provided pertinent to curriculum implementation.

*NOTE: The District has nondiscriminatory policies in effect, which may be referenced.*

Legal Reference: Art. X, Sec. 1(2), Montana Constitution §§ 20-1-501, et seq.,  
MCA Recognition of American Indian cultural heritage - legislative intent

10.55.603 ARM	Curriculum Development and Assessment
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# **TEACHING ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**

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**INSTRUCTION**

**2330**

## Academic Freedom

The Board recognizes and supports Academic Freedom as necessary for an environment conducive to the free exchange of ideas and learning.

Academic Freedom is the view that if teachers are to promote the growth of knowledge, they require the freedom to teach and conduct inquiry without fear of sanction or reprisals should they present an unpopular or controversial idea.

Teachers shall help students learn to objectively and respectfully examine differences of opinion, analyze and evaluate facts and their sources, and form their own reasoned judgments about the relative value of competing perspectives.

The Board directs the teaching staff to:

- Refrain from using one's classroom position to promote one's own ideology or any partisan point of view.
- Ensure that issues presented pertain to course objectives.
- Provide students opportunities to develop critical thinking: that is the ability to detect propaganda and to distinguish between fact, opinion and misinformation.
- Respect each student's right to form, choose, hold and/or change an opinion or belief.
- Create an environment in which students are free to form judgments independently.

Any person may file complaints pursuant to this policy through Board Policy 1700, the Uniform Grievance Procedure.

This policy may not be used to challenge educational materials themselves. Please see:

BP 2313 Dealing with Challenged Educational Resources

BP 2313P Procedure for Dealing with Challenged Educational Resources

Legal Reference: Article X, Sec. 8, Montana Constitution - School district trustees  
§ 20-3-324(16) and (17), MCA Powers and duties

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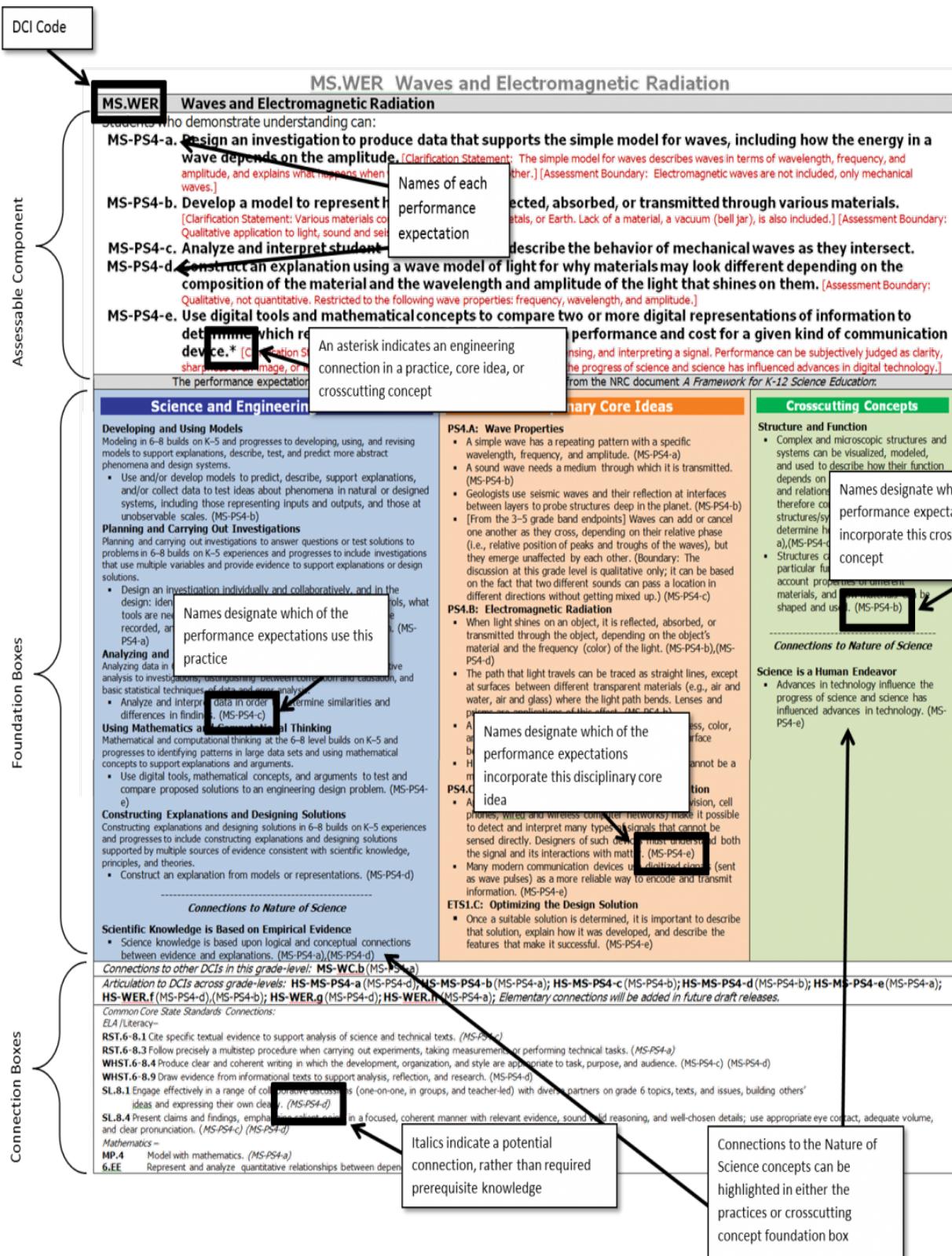
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# HOW TO READ THE STANDARDS



# **Kindergarten**

Students in Kindergarten develop their understanding of the four disciplinary core ideas in:

- Physical Science
- Life Science
- Earth Science
- Engineering, Technology & Application of Science

Practitioners must apply the science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas and crosscutting concepts to each standard as they are delineated in the foundation boxes on each standard page.

## **Summary of Performance Expectations**

### ***K-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions***

Students are able to apply an understanding of the effects of different strengths or different directions of pushes and pulls on the motion of an object to analyze a design solution. Students will investigate questions such as “What happens if you push or pull an object harder?”

### ***K-PS3 Energy***

Students are expected to develop an understanding of how sunlight affects the Earth’s surface. Students will investigate questions such as “What materials can be used to reduce the warming effect of sunlight?” and “What effect does the sun have on the Earth’s surface?”

### ***K-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes***

Students are also expected to develop understanding of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive. Students will investigate questions such as “What do living things need in order to survive?”

### ***K-ESS2 Earth’s Systems***

Students are expected to develop understanding of patterns and variations in local weather. Students will investigate questions such as “What is the weather like today and how is it different from yesterday?”

### ***K-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity***

Students are expected to develop an understanding of the purpose of weather forecasting to prepare for, and respond to, severe weather. They are also expected to develop an understanding of the relationship between plants’ and animals’ needs and where they live. Students will investigate questions such as “Where do animals live and why do they live there?”

## K-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- K-PS2-1.** Plan and conduct an investigation to compare the effects of different strengths or different directions of pushes and pulls on the motion of an object. [Clarification Statement: Examples of pushes or pulls could include a string attached to an object being pulled, a person pushing an object, a person stopping a rolling ball, and two objects colliding and pushing on each other.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to different relative strengths or different directions, but not both at the same time. Assessment does not include non-contact pushes or pulls such as those produced by magnets.]
- K-PS2-2.** Analyze data to determine if a design solution works as intended to change the speed or direction of an object with a push or a pull.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of problems requiring a solution could include having a marble or other object move a certain distance, follow a particular path, and knock down other objects. Examples of solutions could include tools such as a ramp to increase the speed of the object and a structure that would cause an object such as a marble or ball to turn.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include friction as a mechanism for change in speed.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With guidance, plan and conduct an investigation in collaboration with peers. (K-PS2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. (K-PS2-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientists use different ways to study the world. (K-PS2-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS2.A: Forces and Motion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pushes and pulls can have different strengths and directions. (K-PS2-1),(K-PS2-2)</li> <li>Pushing or pulling on an object can change the speed or direction of its motion and can start or stop it. (K-PS2-1),(K-PS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS2.B: Types of Interactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When objects touch or collide, they push on one another and can change motion. (K-PS2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bigger push or pull makes things go faster. (<i>secondary to K-PS2-1</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.A: Defining Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. Such problems may have many acceptable solutions. (<i>secondary to K-PS2-2</i>)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes. (K-PS2-1),(K-PS2-2)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in kindergarten: K.ETS1.A (K-PS2-2); K.ETS1.B (K-PS2-2)*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 2.ETS1.B (K-PS2-2); 3.PS2.A (K-PS2-1),(K-PS2-2); 3.PS2.B (K-PS2-1); 4.PS3.A (K-PS2-1); 4.ETS1.A (K-PS2-2)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RI.K.1** With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (K-PS2-2)
- W.K.7** Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them). (K-PS2-1)
- SL.K.3** Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood. (K-PS2-2)

*Mathematics –*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-PS2-1)
- K.MD.A.1** Describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length or weight. Describe several measurable attributes of a single object. (K-PS2-1)
- K.MD.A.2** Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common, to see which object has “more of”/“less of” the attribute, and describe the difference. (K-PS2-1)

*Connection to PLTW: Pushes and Pulls (K-PS2-1,K-PS2-2)*

## K-PS3 Energy

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- K-PS3-1. Make observations to determine the effect of sunlight on Earth's surface.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of Earth's surface could include sand, soil, rocks, and water] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of temperature is limited to relative measures such as warmer/cooler.]
- K-PS3-2. Use tools and materials to design and build a structure that will reduce the warming effect of sunlight on an area.\*** [Clarification Statement: Examples of structures could include umbrellas, canopies, and tents that minimize the warming effect of the sun.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons. (K-PS3-1)</li> </ul> <b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use tools and materials provided to design and build a device that solves a specific problem or a solution to a specific problem. (K-PS3-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <i>Connections to Nature of Science</i>	<b>PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunlight warms Earth's surface. (K-PS3-1),(K-PS3-2)</li> </ul>	<b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events have causes that generate observable patterns. (K-PS3-1),(K-PS3-2)</li> </ul>
<b>Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientists use different ways to study the world. (K-PS3-1)</li> </ul>		
<i>Connections to other DCIs in kindergarten: K.ETS1.A (K-PS3-2); K.ETS1.B (K-PS3-2)</i>		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 1.PS4.B (K-PS3-1),(K-PS3-2); 2.ETS1.B (K-PS3-2), 3.ESS2.D (K-PS3-1); 4.ETS1.A (K-PS3-2)</i>		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i> <i>ELA/Literacy –</i> <b>W.K.7</b> Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them). (K-PS3-1),(K-PS3-2) <i>Mathematics –</i> <b>K.MD.A.2</b> Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common, to see which object has “more of”/“less of” the attribute, and describe the difference. (K-PS3-1),(K-PS3-2)		

## K-LS1-1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**K-LS1-1. Use observations to determine the patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive.**

[Clarification Statement: Examples of Earth's surface could include sand, soil, rocks, and water] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of temperature is limited to relative measures such as warmer/cooler.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in K-2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. (K-LS1-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <i>Connections to Nature of Science</i>	<b>LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All animals need food in order to live and grow. They obtain their food from plants or from other animals. Plants need water and light to live and grow. (K-LS1-1)</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patterns in the natural and human designed world can be observed and used as evidence. (K-LS1-1)</li> </ul>
<b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (K-LS1-1)</li> </ul>		
<i>Connections to other DCIs in kindergarten: N/A</i>		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 1.LS1.A (K-LS1-1); 2.LS2.A (K-LS1-1), 3.LS2-C (K-LS1-1); 5.LS4.B (K-LS1-1); 5-LS1-C (K-LS1-1); 5.LS2.A(K-LS1-1)</i>		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i> <i>ELA/Literacy –</i> <b>W.K.7</b> Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them). (K-LS1-1) <i>Mathematics –</i> <b>K.MD.A.2</b> Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common, to see which object has “more of”/“less of” the attribute, and describe the difference. (K-LS1-1)		

## K-ESS2 Earth's Systems

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**K-ESS2-1. Use and share observations of local weather conditions to describe patterns over time.** [Clarification Statement:

Examples of qualitative observations could include descriptions of the weather (such as sunny, cloudy, rainy, and warm); examples of quantitative observations could include numbers of sunny, windy, and rainy days in a month. Examples of patterns could include that it is usually cooler in the morning than in the afternoon and the number of sunny days versus cloudy days in different months.]

[Assessment Boundary: Assessment of quantitative observations limited to whole numbers and relative measures such as warmer/cooler.]

**K-ESS2-2. Construct an argument supported by evidence for how plants and animals (including humans) can change the environment to meet their needs.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of plants and animals changing their environment could include a squirrel digs in the ground to hide its food and tree roots can break concrete.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in K-2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. (K-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in K-2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to comparing ideas and representations about the natural and designed world(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct an argument with evidence to support a claim. (K-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <i>Connections to Nature of Science</i>  <b>Science Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (K-ESS2-1)</li> </ul>	<b>ESS1.D: Weather and Climate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weather is the combination of sunlight, wind, snow or rain, and temperature in a particular region at a particular time. People measure these conditions to describe and record the weather and to notice patterns over time. (K-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <b>ESS2.E: Biogeology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plants and animals can change their environment. (K-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <b>ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Things that people do to live comfortably can affect the world around them. But they can make choices that reduce their impacts on the land, water, air, and other living things. (<i>secondary to K-ESS2-2</i>)</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence. (K-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <b>Systems and System Models</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systems in the natural and designed world have parts that work together. (K-ESS2-2)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in kindergarten: N/A*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 2.ESS2.A (K-ESS2-1); 3.ESS2.D (K-ESS2-1); 4.ESS2.E (K-ESS2-2); 5.ESS2.A (K-ESS2-2)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

<b>RI.K.1</b>	With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (K-ESS2-2)
<b>W.K.1</b>	Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic (K-ESS2-2)
<b>W.K. 2</b>	Use a combination of drawings, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic. (K-ESS2-2)
<b>W.K.7</b>	Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express options about them). (K-ESS2-1)

*Mathematics –*

<b>MP.2</b>	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-ESS3-1)
<b>MP.4</b>	Model with mathematics. (K-ESS2-1)
<b>K.CC.A</b>	Know number names and count sequences. (K-ESS2-1)
<b>K.MDA.1</b>	Describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length or weight. Describe several measurable attributes of a single object. (K-ESS2-1)
<b>K.MD.B.3</b>	Classify objects into given categories; count the number of objects in each category and sort the categories by count. (K-ESS2-1)

## K-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- K-ESS3-1.** Use a model to represent the relationship between the needs of different plants or animals (including humans) and the places they live. [Clarification Statement: Examples of relationships could include that deer eat buds and leaves, therefore, they usually live in forested areas; and, grasses need sunlight so they often grow in meadows. Plants, animals, and their surroundings make up a system.]
- K-ESS3-2.** Ask questions to obtain information about the purpose of weather forecasting to prepare for, and respond to, severe weather.\* [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on local forms of severe weather.]
- K-ESS3-3.** Communicate solutions that will reduce the impact of humans on the land, water, air, and/or other living things in the local environment.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of human impact on the land could include cutting trees to produce paper and using resources to produce bottles. Examples of solutions could include reusing paper and recycling cans and bottles.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in grades K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions that can be tested. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the designed world. (K-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, storyboard) that represent concrete events or design solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use a model to represent relationships in the natural world. (K-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in K–2 builds on prior experiences and uses observations and texts to communicate new information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read grade-appropriate texts and/or use media to obtain scientific information to describe patterns in the natural world. (K-ESS3-2)</li> <li>• Communicate solutions with others in oral and/or written forms using models and/or drawings that provide detail about scientific ideas. (K-ESS3-3)</li> </ul>	<b>ESS3.A: Natural Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Living things need water, air, and resources from the land, and they live in places that have the things they need. Humans use natural resources for everything they do. (K-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <b>ESS3.B: Natural Hazards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some kinds of severe weather are more likely than others in a given region. Weather scientists forecast severe weather so that the communities can prepare for and respond to these events. (K-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <b>ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Things that people do to live comfortably can affect the world around them. But they can make choices that reduce their impacts on the land, water, air, and other living things. (K-ESS3-3)</li> </ul> <b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting an Engineering Problem</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems. (<i>secondary to K-ESS3-2</i>)</li> </ul> <b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem’s solutions to other people. (<i>secondary to K-ESS3-3</i>)</li> </ul>	<b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Events have causes that generate observable patterns. (K-ESS3-2),(K-ESS3-3)</li> </ul> <b>Systems and System Models</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Systems in the natural and designed world have parts that work together. (K-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</i></p> <b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People encounter questions about the natural world every day. (K-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">People depend on various technologies in their lives; human life would be very different without technology. (K-ESS3-2)</p>
<i>Connections to other DCIs in kindergarten: K.ETS1.A (K-ESS3-2),(K-ESS3-3)</i>		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 1.LS1.A (K-ESS3-1); 2.ESS1.C (K-ESS3-2); 2.ETS1.B (K-ESS3-3); 3.ESS3.B (K-ESS3-2); 4.ESS3.A (K-ESS3-3); 4.ESS3.B (K-ESS3-2); 5.LS2.A (K-ESS3-1); 5.ESS2.A (K-ESS3-1); 5.ESS3.C (K-ESS3-3)</i>		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i>		
<i>ELA/Literacy –</i>		
<b>RI.K.1</b> <b>W.K.2</b> <b>SL.K.3</b> <b>SL.K.5</b> <b>Mathematics –</b> <b>MP.2</b> <b>MP.4</b> <b>K.CC</b>	With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (K-ESS3-2) Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic. ( <i>K-ESS3-3</i> ) Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood. (K-ESS3-2) Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail. ( <i>K-ESS3-1</i> ) Reason abstractly and quantitatively. ( <i>K-ESS3-1</i> ) Model with mathematics. ( <i>K-ESS3-1),(K-ESS3-2</i> ) Counting and Cardinality ( <i>K-ESS3-1),(K-ESS3-2</i> )	

## K-2-ETS1 Engineering Design

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- K-2-ETS1-1.** Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.
- K-2-ETS1-2.** Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.
- K-2-ETS1-3.** Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s). (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> <li>• Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) that represent concrete events or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. (K-2-ETS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> <li>• Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems. (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> <li>• Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem. (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem’s solutions to other people. (K-2-ETS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs. (K-2-ETS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (K-2-ETS1-2)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:*

*Connections to K-2-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include: Kindergarten: K-PS2-2, K-ESS3-2*

*Connections to K-2-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Problems include: Kindergarten: K-ESS3-3, First Grade: 1-PS4-4, Second Grade: 2-LS2-2*

*Connections to K-2-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include: Second Grade: 2-ESS2-1*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 3-5.ETS1.A (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-2),(K-2-ETS1-3); 3-5.ETS1.B (K-2-ETS1-2); 3-5.ETS1.C (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-2),(K-2-ETS1-3)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

**RI.2.1** Ask and answer such questions as *who, what, where, when, why, and how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (2-ESS1-1)

**W.2.6** With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

**W.2.8** Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

**SL.2.5** Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (K-2-ETS1-2)

*Mathematics –*

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

**MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

**2.MD.D.10** Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in a bar graph. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

*Connection to PLTW: Structure and Function: Exploring Design , Pushes and Pulls, Structure and Function: Human Body, Animals and Algorithms (K-ETS 1.1, K-ETS 1.2, K-ETS 1.3)*

# **First Grade**

Students in 1st Grade develop their understanding of the four disciplinary core ideas in:

- Physical Science
- Life Science
- Earth Science
- Engineering, Technology & Application of Science

Practitioners must apply the science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas and crosscutting concepts to each standard as they are delineated in the foundation boxes on each standard page.

## **Summary of Performance Expectations**

### ***1-PS4 Waves and Their Applications***

Students are expected to develop an understanding of the relationship between sound and vibrating materials as well as the relationship between the availability of light and ability to see objects. The idea that light travels from place to place can be understood by students at this level through determining the effect of placing objects made with different materials in the path of a beam of light. Students will investigate questions such as “What happens when materials vibrate?” and “What happens when there is no light?”

### ***1-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes***

Students are also expected to develop an understanding of how plants and animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow, and meet their needs as well as how behaviors of parents and offspring help the offspring survive. Students will investigate questions such as “What are some ways plants and animals meet their needs so that they can survive and grow?”

### ***1-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits***

The understanding is developed that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly the same as, their parents. Students will investigate questions such as “How are parents and their children similar and different?”

### ***1-ESS1 Earth’s Place in the Universe***

Students are able to observe, describe, and predict some patterns of the movement of objects in the sky. Students will investigate questions such as “What objects are in the sky and how do they seem to move?”

## 1-PS4 Waves and their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 1-PS4-1.** Plan and conduct investigations to provide evidence that vibrating materials can make sound and that sound can make materials vibrate. [Clarification Statement: Examples of vibrating materials that make sound could include tuning forks and plucking a stretched string. Examples of how sound can make matter vibrate could include holding a piece of paper near a speaker making sound and holding an object near a vibrating tuning fork.]
- 1-PS4-2.** Make observations to construct an evidence-based account that objects can be seen only when illuminated. [Clarification Statement: Examples of observations could include those made in a completely dark room, a pinhole box, and a video of a cave explorer with a flashlight. Illumination could be from an external light source or by an object giving off its own light.]
- 1-PS4-3.** Plan and conduct an investigation to determine the effect of placing objects made with different materials in the path of a beam of light. [Clarification Statement: Examples of materials could include those that are transparent (such as clear plastic), translucent (such as wax paper), opaque (such as cardboard), and reflective (such as a mirror).] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the speed of light.]
- 1-PS4-4.** Use tools and materials to design and build a device that uses light or sound to solve the problem of communicating over a distance.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of devices could include a light source to send signals, paper cup and string “telephones,” and a pattern of drum beats.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include technological details for how communication devices work.]

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<i>Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A</i>		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K.ETS1.A (1-PS4-4); 2.PS1.A (1-PS4-3); 2.ETS1.B (1-PS4-4); 4.PS4.C (1-PS4-4); 4.PS4.B (1-PS4-2); 4.ETS1.A (1-PS4-4)</i>		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i>		
<i>ELA/Literacy –</i>		
<b>W.1.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. (1-PS4-2)		
<b>W.1.7</b> Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). (1-PS4-1),(1-PS4-2),(1-PS4-3),(1-PS4-4)		
<b>W.1.8</b> With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (1-PS4-1),(1-PS4-2),(1-PS4-3)		
<b>SL.1.1</b> Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. (1-PS4-1),(1-PS4-2),(1-PS4-3)		
<i>Mathematics –</i>		
<b>MP.5</b> Use appropriate tools strategically. (1-PS4-4)		
<b>1.MD.A.1</b> Order three objects by length; compare the lengths of two objects indirectly by using a third object. (1-PS4-4)		
<b>1.MD.A.2</b> Express the length of an object as a whole number of length units, by layering multiple copies of a shorter object (the length unit) end to end; understand that the length measurement of an object is the number of same-size length units that span it with no gaps or overlaps. (1-PS4-4)		

## L-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 1-LS1-1.** Use materials to design a solution to a human problem by mimicking how plants and/or animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow, and meet their needs.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of human problems that can be solved by mimicking plant or animal solutions could include designing clothing or equipment to protect bicyclists by mimicking turtle shells, acorn shells, and animal scales; stabilizing structures by mimicking animal tails and roots on plants; keeping out intruders by mimicking thorns on branches and animal quills; and, detecting intruders by mimicking eyes and ears.]
- 1-LS1-2.** Read texts and use media to determine patterns in behavior of parents and offspring that help offspring survive. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns of behaviors could include the signals that offspring make (such as crying, cheeping, and other vocalizations) and the responses of the parents (such as feeding, comforting, and protecting the offspring).]

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<p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use materials to design a device that solves a specific problem or a solution to a specific problem. (1-LS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in K–2 builds on prior experiences and uses observations and texts to communicate new information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read grade-appropriate texts and use media to obtain scientific information to determine patterns in the natural world. (1-LS1-2)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b> Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (1-LS1-2)</p>	<p><b>LS1.A: Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All organisms have external parts. Different animals use their body parts in different ways to see, hear, grasp objects, protect themselves, move from place to place, and seek, find, and take in food, water and air. Plants also have different parts (roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits) that help them survive and grow. (1-LS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult plants and animals can have young. In many kinds of animals, parents and the offspring themselves engage in behaviors that help the offspring to survive. (1-LS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS1.D: Information Processing</b></p> <p>Animals have body parts that capture and convey different kinds of information needed for growth and survival. Animals respond to these inputs with behaviors that help them survive. Plants also respond to some external inputs. (1-LS1-1)</p>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence. (1-LS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (1-LS1-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</i></p> <p><b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every human-made product is designed by applying some knowledge of the natural world and is built by using natural materials. (1-LS1-1)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in first grade:* N/A

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:* K.ETS1.A (1-LS1-1); 3.LS2.D (1-LS1-2); 4.LS1.A (1-LS1-1); 4.LS1.D (1-LS1-1); 4.ETS1.A (1-LS1-1)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RI.1.1** Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (1-LS1-2)  
**RI.1.2** Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text. (1-LS1-2)  
**RI.1.10** With prompting and support, read informational texts appropriately complex for grade. (1-LS1-2)  
**W.1.7** Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). (1-LS1-1)

*Mathematics –*

- 1.NBT.B.3** Compare two two-digit numbers based on the meanings of the tens and one digits, recording the results of comparisons with the symbols  $>$ ,  $=$ , and  $<$ . (1-LS1-2)  
**1.NBT.C.4** Add within 100, including adding a two-digit number and a one-digit number, and adding a two-digit number and a multiple of 10, using concrete models or drawings and strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction; relate the strategy to a written method and explain the reasoning used. Understand that in adding two-digit numbers, one adds tens and tens, ones and ones; and sometimes it is necessary to compose a ten. (1-LS1-2)  
**1.NBT.C.5** Given a two-digit number, mentally find 10 more or 10 less than the number, without having to count; explain the reasoning used. (1-LS1-2)  
**1.NBT.C.6** Subtract multiples of 10 in the range 10–90 from multiples of 10 in the range 10–90 (positive or zero differences), using concrete models or drawings and strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction; relate the strategy to a written method and explain the reasoning used. (1-LS1-2)

## 1-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 1-LS3-1. Make observations to construct an evidence-based account that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly like, their parents.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include features plants or animals share.]

[Examples of observations could include leaves from the same kind of plant are the same shape but can differ in size; and, a particular breed of dog looks like its parents but is not exactly the same.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include inheritance or animals that undergo metamorphosis or hybrids.]

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<i>Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A</i>		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 3.LS3.A (1-LS3-1); 3.LS3.B (1-LS3-1)</i>		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i>		
<b>RI.1.1</b> Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (1-LS3-1) <b>W.1.7</b> Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). (1-LS3-1) <b>W.1.8</b> With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (1-LS3-1)		
<i>Mathematics –</i>		
<b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (1-LS3-1) <b>MP.5</b> Use appropriate tools strategically. (1-LS3-1) <b>1.MD.A.1</b> Order three objects by length; compare the lengths of two objects indirectly by using a third object. (1-LS3-1)		

## 1-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**1-ESS1-1. Use observations of the sun, moon, and stars to describe patterns that can be predicted.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include that the sun and moon appear to rise in one part of the sky, move across the sky, and set; and stars other than our sun are visible at night but not during the day.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of star patterns is limited to stars being seen at night and not during the day.]

**1-ESS1-2. Make observations at different times of year to relate the amount of daylight to the time of year.**

[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on relative comparisons of the amount of daylight in the winter to the amount in the spring or fall.]  
[Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to relative amounts of daylight, not quantifying the hours or time of daylight.]

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*Connections to other DCIs in first grade:* N/A

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:* 3.PS2.A (1-ESS1-1); 5.PS2.B (1-ESS1-1),(1-ESS1-2); 5-ESS1.B (1-ESS1-1),(1-ESS1-2)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

**W.1.7** Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). (1-ESS1-1),(1-ESS1-2)

**W.1.8** With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (1-ESS1-1),(1-ESS1-2)

*Mathematics –*

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (1-ESS1-2)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (1-ESS1-2)

**MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (1-ESS1-2)

**1.OA.A.1** Use addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart, and comparing, with unknowns in all positions, e.g., by using objects, drawings, and equations to represent the problem. (1-ESS1-2)

**1.MD.C.4** Organize, represent, and interpret data with up to three categories; ask and answer questions about the total number of data points, how many in each category, and how many more or less are in one category than in another. (1-ESS1-2)

*Connections of PLTW-Light and Sound, Light: Observing the Sun, Moon, and Stars, Animal Adaptations, Animated Storytelling ( 1-ETS1.B, 1-PS4-1, 1-PS4-2, 1-PS4-3, 1-PS4-4, 1-ESS1-1, 1-ESS1-2, 1-LS1-1)*

## **Second Grade**

Students in 2nd Grade develop their understanding of the four disciplinary core ideas in:

- Physical Science
- Life Science
- Earth Science
- Engineering, Technology & Application of Science

Practitioners must apply the science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas and crosscutting concepts to each standard as they are delineated in the foundation boxes on each standard page.

### **Summary of Performance Expectations**

#### ***2-PS1 Matter and Its Interactions***

Students are expected to develop an understanding of observable properties of materials through analysis and classification of different materials. Students will investigate questions such as “How are materials similar and different from one another, and how do the properties of the materials relate to their use?”

#### ***2-LS2 Ecosystems: Energy, Interactions, and Dynamics***

Students are also expected to develop an understanding of what plants need to grow and how plants depend on animals for seed dispersal and pollination. Students will investigate questions such as “What do plants need to grow?”

#### ***2-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity***

In addition, students are also expected to compare the diversity of life in different habitats. They will investigate questions such as “How many types of living things live in a place?”

#### ***2-ESS1 Earth’s Place in the Universe***

Students are able to provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly using information from several resources. They will investigate such questions as “How does Earth’s surface change?”

#### ***2-ESS2 Earth’s Systems***

Students are able to apply their understanding of the idea that wind and water can change the shape of the land by comparing design solutions to slow or prevent such change. Students will investigate questions such as “How can problems caused by wind and water be solved?” Additionally, students are able to use information and models to identify and represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area and where water is found on Earth. They will investigate “What are the different kinds of land and bodies of water and where are they found?”

## 2-PS1 Matter and Its Interactions

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 2-PS1-1.** Plan and conduct an investigation to describe and classify different kinds of materials by their observable properties. [Clarification Statement: Observations could include color, texture, hardness, and flexibility. Patterns could include the similar properties that different materials share.]
- 2-PS1-2.** Analyze data obtained from testing different materials to determine which materials have the properties that are best suited for an intended purpose.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of properties could include, strength, flexibility, hardness, texture, and absorbency.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of quantitative measurements is limited to length.]
- 2-PS1-3.** Make observations to construct an evidence-based account of how an object made of a small set of pieces can be disassembled and made into a new object. [Clarification Statement: Examples of pieces could include blocks, building bricks, or other assorted small objects.]
- 2-PS1-4.** Construct an argument with evidence that some changes caused by heating or cooling can be reversed and some cannot. [Clarification Statement: Examples of reversible changes could include materials such as water and butter at different temperatures. Examples of irreversible changes could include cooking an egg, freezing a plant leaf, and heating paper.]

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<p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question. (2-PS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. (2-PS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena. (2-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to comparing ideas and representations about the natural and designed world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct an argument with evidence to support a claim. (2-PS1-4)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientists search for cause and effect relationships to explain natural events. (2-PS1-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Different kinds of matter exist and many of them can be either solid or liquid, depending on temperature. Matter can be described and classified by its observable properties. (2-PS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Different properties are suited to different purposes. (2-PS1-2),(2-PS1-3)</li> <li>▪ A great variety of objects can be built up from a small set of pieces. (2-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS1.B: Chemical Reactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Heating or cooling a substance may cause changes that can be observed. Sometimes these changes are reversible, and sometimes they are not. (2-PS1-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Patterns in the natural and human designed world can be observed. (2-PS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Events have causes that generate observable patterns. (2-PS1-4)</li> <li>▪ Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes. (2-PS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Objects may break into smaller pieces and be put together into larger pieces, or change shapes. (2-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</i></p> <p><b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Every human-made product is designed by applying some knowledge of the natural world and is built by using natural materials. (2-PS1-2)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in second grade: N/A*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 4.ESS2.A (2-PS1-3); 5.PS1.A (2-PS1-1),(2-PS1-2),(2-PS1-3); 5.PS1.B (2-PS1-4); 5.LS2.A (2-PS1-3)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RI.2.1** Ask and answer such questions as *who, what, where, when, why, and how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (2-PS1-4)  
**RI.2.3** Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. (2-PS1-4)

- RI.2.8** Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. (2-PS1-2),(2-PS1-4)

- W.2.1** Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., *because, and, also*) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section. (2-PS1-4)

- W.2.7** Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-PS1-1),(2-PS1-2),(2-PS1-3)

- W.2.8** Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-PS1-1),(2-PS1-2),(2-PS1-3)

*Mathematics –*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-PS1-2)

- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (2-PS1-1),(2-PS1-2)

- MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-PS1-2)

- 2.MD.D.10** Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in a bar graph. (2-PS1-1),(2-PS1-2)

*Connections to PLTW - Materials Science: Properties of Matter, Materials Science: Form and Function ( 2-PS1-1, 2-PS1-2, 2-PS1-4)*

## 2-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**2-LS2-1.** Plan and conduct an investigation to determine if plants need sunlight and water to grow. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to testing one variable at a time.]

**2-LS2-2.** Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants.\*

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<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) that represent concrete events or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool. (2-LS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question. (2-LS2-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plants depend on water and light to grow. (2-LS2-1)</li> <li>▪ Plants depend on animals for pollination or to move their seeds around. (2-LS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem’s solutions to other people. (<i>secondary to 2-LS2-2</i>)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Events have causes that generate observable patterns. (2-LS2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (2-LS2-2)</li> </ul>
<i>Connections to other DCIs in second grade: N/A</i>		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K.LS1.C (2-LS2-1); K-ESS3.A (2-LS2-1); K.ETS1.A (2-LS2-2); 5.LS1.C (2-LS2-1); 5.LS2.A (2-LS2-2)</i>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p> <p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p> <p><b>W.2.7</b> Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-LS2-1)</p> <p><b>W.2.8</b> Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-LS2-1)</p> <p><b>SL.2.5</b> Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (2-LS2-2)</p> <p><i>Mathematics –</i></p> <p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-LS2-1)</p> <p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (2-LS2-1), (2-LS2-2)</p> <p><b>MP.5</b> Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-LS2-1)</p> <p><b>2.MD.D.10</b> Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems. (2-LS2-2)</p>		

## 2-LS4 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy and Dynamics

- 2-LS4-1.** Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the diversity of living things in each of a variety of different habitats.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific animal and plant names in specific habitats.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data which can be used to make comparisons. (2-LS4-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <i>Connections to Nature of Science</i>  <b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (2-LS4-1)</li> </ul>	<b>LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There are many different kinds of living things in any area, and they exist in different places on land and in water. (2-LS4-1)</li> </ul>	
<i>Connections to other DCIs in second grade:</i> N/A		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> 3.LS4.C (2-LS4-1); 3.LS4.D (2-LS4-1); 5.LS2.A (2-LS4-1)		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i> <i>ELA/Literacy –</i> <b>W.2.7</b> Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-LS4-1) <b>W.2.8</b> Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-LS4-1) <i>Mathematics –</i> <b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-LS4-1) <b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (2-LS4-1) <b>2.MD.D.10</b> Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems. (2-LS4-1)		

## 2-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**2-ESS1-1. Use observations from several sources to provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly.**

[Clarification Statement: Examples of events and timescales could include volcanic explosions and earthquakes, which happen quickly and erosion of rocks, which occurs slowly.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative measurements of timescales.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena. (2-ESS1-1)</li> </ul>	<b>ESS1.C: The History of Planet Earth</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Some events happen very quickly; others occur very slowly, over a time period much longer than one can observe. (2-ESS1-1)</li> </ul>	<b>Stability and Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Things may change slowly or rapidly. (2-ESS1-1)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in second grade:* N/A

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:* 3.LS2.C (2-ESS1-1); 4.ESS1.C (2-ESS1-1); 4.ESS2.A (2-ESS1-1)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

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| <b>RI.2.1</b><br><b>RI.2.3</b><br><b>W.2.6</b><br><b>W.2.7</b><br><b>W.2.8</b><br><b>SL.2.2</b> | Ask and answer such questions as <i>who, what, where, when, why, and how</i> to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (2-ESS1-1)<br>Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. (2-ESS1-1)<br>With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. (2-ESS1-1)<br>Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-ESS1-1)<br>Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-ESS1-1)<br>Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. (2-ESS1-1) |
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*Mathematics –*

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| <b>MP.2</b><br><b>MP.4</b><br><b>2.NBT.A</b> | Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-ESS1-1)<br>Model with mathematics. (2-ESS1-1)<br>Understand place value. (2-ESS1-1) |
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## 2-ESS2 Earth's Systems

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 2-ESS2-1.** Compare multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of solutions could include different designs of dikes and windbreaks to hold back wind and water, and different designs for using shrubs, grass, and trees to hold back the land.]
- 2-ESS2-2.** Develop a model to represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative scaling in models.]
- 2-ESS2-3.** Obtain information to identify where water is found on Earth and that it can be solid or liquid.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) that represent concrete events or design solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a model to represent patterns in the natural world. (2-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Compare multiple solutions to a problem. (2-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in K–2 builds on prior experiences and uses observations and texts to communicate new information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Obtain information using various texts, text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons), and other media that will be useful in answering a scientific question. (2-ESS2-3)</li> </ul>	<b>ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wind and water can change the shape of the land. (2-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <b>ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maps show where things are located. One can map the shapes and kinds of land and water in any area. (2-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <b>ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Water is found in the ocean, rivers, lakes, and ponds. Water exists as solid ice and in liquid form. (2-ESS2-3)</li> </ul> <b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs. (<i>secondary to 2-ESS2-1</i>)</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Patterns in the natural world can be observed. (2-ESS2-2),(2-ESS2-3)</li> </ul> <b>Stability and Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Things may change slowly or rapidly. (2-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</i></p> <b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Developing and using technology has impacts on the natural world. (2-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <b>Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientists study the natural and material world. (2-ESS2-1)</li> </ul>
<i>Connections to other DCIs in second grade: 2.PS1.A (2-ESS2-3)</i>		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K.ETS1.A (2-ESS2-1); 4.ESS2.A (2-ESS2-1); 4.ESS2.B (2-ESS2-2); 4.ETS1.A (2-ESS2-1); 4.ETS1.B (2-ESS2-1); 4.ETS1.C (2-ESS2-1); 5.ESS2.A (2-ESS2-1); 5.ESS2.C (2-ESS2-2),(2-ESS2-3)</i>		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i> <b>ELA/Literacy –</b> <b>RI.2.3</b> Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. (2-ESS2-1) <b>RI.2.9</b> Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic. (2-ESS2-1) <b>W.2.6</b> With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. (2-ESS2-3) <b>W.2.8</b> Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-ESS2-3) <b>SL.2.5</b> Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (2-ESS2-2)  <b>Mathematics –</b> <b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-ESS2-1),(2-ESS2-2) <b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (2-ESS2-1),(2-ESS2-2) <b>MP.5</b> Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-ESS2-1) <b>2.NBT.A.3</b> Read and write numbers to 1000 using base-ten numerals, number names, and expanded form. (2-ESS2-2) <b>2.MD.B.5</b> Use addition and subtraction within 100 to solve word problems involving lengths that are given in the same units, e.g., by using drawings (such as drawings of rulers) and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem. (2-ESS2-1)		

## K-2-ETS1 Engineering Design

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- K-2-ETS1-1.** Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.
- K-2-ETS1-2.** Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.
- K-2-ETS1-3.** Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s). (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) that represent concrete events or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. (K-2-ETS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems. (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem. (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem’s solutions to other people. (K-2-ETS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs. (K-2-ETS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (K-2-ETS1-2)</li> </ul>

*Connections to K-2-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include:*

**Kindergarten:** K-PS2-2, K-ESS3-2

*Connections to K-2-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Problems include:*

**Kindergarten:** K-ESS3-3, **First Grade:** 1-PS4-4, **Second Grade:** 2-LS2-2

*Connections to K-2-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include:*

**Second Grade:** 2-ESS2-1

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 3-5.ETS1.A (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-2),(K-2-ETS1-3); 3-5.ETS1.B (K-2-ETS1-2); 3-5.ETS1.C (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-2),(K-2-ETS1-3)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

**RI.2.1** Ask and answer such questions as *who, what, where, when, why, and how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (2-ESS1-1)

**W.2.6** With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

**W.2.8** Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

**SL.2.5** Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (K-2-ETS1-2)

*Mathematics –*

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

**MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

**2.MD.D.10** Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in a bar graph. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

*Connection to PLTW: Materials Science: Properties of Matter, Materials Science: Form and Function, The Changing Earth, Grids and Games (2.ETS1.1, 2.ETS1.2, 2ETS1.3, 2.ESS2.1, 2.ESS1.1, 2.ESS2.2, 2.ESS2.3)*

# **Third Grade**

Students in 3rd Grade develop their understanding of the four disciplinary core ideas in:

- Physical Science
- Life Science
- Earth Science
- Engineering, Technology & Application of Science

Practitioners must apply the science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas and crosscutting concepts to each standard as they are delineated in the foundation boxes on each standard page.

## **Summary of Performance Expectations**

### ***3-PS2 Motions and Stability: Forces and Interactions***

Students are able to determine the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object and the cause and effect relationships of electric or magnetic interactions between two objects not in contact with each other. They are then able to apply their understanding of magnetic interactions to define a simple design problem that can be solved with magnets. Students will answer questions such as “How do equal and unequal forces on an object affect the object?” and “How can magnets be used?”

### ***3-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes***

Students are expected to develop an understanding of the similarities and differences of organisms’ life cycles. They will investigate questions such as “What are the life cycles of plants and animals?”

### ***3-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics***

Students will be able to construct an argument that animals form groups to help members survive by investigating the question “How does living in a group help animals survive?”

### ***3-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits***

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding that organisms have different inherited traits, and that the environment can affect the traits that an organism develops. In addition, students are able to construct an explanation using evidence for how the variations in characteristics among individuals of the same species may provide advantages in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing. Students will investigate questions such as “How do organisms vary in their traits?”

### ***3-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity***

Students are expected to develop an understanding of the types of organisms that lived long ago and also about the nature of their environments. Third graders are expected to develop an understanding of the idea that when the environment changes some organisms survive and reproduce, some move to new locations, some move into the transformed environment, and some die. Students will investigate questions such as “How are plants, animals, and environments of the past similar or different from current plants, animals, and environments?” and “What happens to organisms when their environment changes?”

### ***3-ESS2 Earth’s Systems***

Students are able to organize and use data to describe typical weather conditions expected during a particular season. Students will investigate questions such as “What is typical weather in different parts of the world and during different times of the year?”

### ***3-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity***

By applying their understanding of weather-related hazards, students are able to make a claim about the merit of a design solution that reduces the impacts of such hazards. Students will answer questions such as “How can the impact of weather-related hazards be reduced?”

### 3-PS2 Motion and Stability: forces and Interactions

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 3-PS2-1.** Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence of the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object. [Clarification Statement: Examples could include an unbalanced force on one side of a ball can make it start moving; and, balanced forces pushing on a box from both sides will not produce any motion at all.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to one variable at a time: number, size, or direction of forces. Assessment does not include quantitative force size, only qualitative and relative. Assessment is limited to gravity being addressed as a force that pulls objects down.]
- 3-PS2-2.** Make observations and/or measurements of an object's motion to provide evidence that a pattern can be used to predict future motion. [Clarification Statement: Examples of motion with a predictable pattern could include a child swinging in a swing, a ball rolling back and forth in a bowl, and two children on a see-saw.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include technical terms such as period and frequency.]
- 3-PS2-3.** Ask questions to determine cause and effect relationships of electric or magnetic interactions between two objects not in contact with each other. [Clarification Statement: Examples of an electric force could include the force on hair from an electrically charged balloon and the electrical forces between a charged rod and pieces of paper; examples of a magnetic force could include the force between two permanent magnets, the force between an electromagnet and steel paperclips, and the force exerted by one magnet versus the force exerted by two magnets. Examples of cause and effect relationships could include how the distance between objects affects strength of the force and how the orientation of magnets affects the direction of the magnetic force.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to forces produced by objects that can be manipulated by students, and electrical interactions are limited to static electricity.]
- 3-PS2-4.** Define a simple design problem that can be solved by applying scientific ideas about magnets.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of problems could include constructing a latch to keep a door shut and creating a device to keep two moving objects from touching each other.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in grades 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask questions that can be investigated based on patterns such as cause and effect relationships. (3-PS2-3)</li> <li>Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. (3-PS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered. (3-PS2-1)</li> <li>Make observations and/or measurements to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence for an explanation of a phenomenon or test a design solution. (3-PS2-2)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Science Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science findings are based on recognizing patterns. (3-PS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science investigations use a variety of methods, tools, and techniques. (3-PS2-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS2.A: Forces and Motion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each force acts on one particular object and has both strength and a direction. An object at rest typically has multiple forces acting on it, but they add to give zero net force on the object. Forces that do not sum to zero can cause changes in the object's speed or direction of motion. (Boundary: Qualitative and conceptual, but not quantitative addition of forces are used at this level.) (3-PS2-1)</li> <li>The patterns of an object's motion in various situations can be observed and measured; when that past motion exhibits a regular pattern, future motion can be predicted from it. (Boundary: Technical terms, such as magnitude, velocity, momentum, and vector quantity, are not introduced at this level, but the concept that some quantities need both size and direction to be described is developed.) (3-PS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS2.B: Types of Interactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objects in contact exert forces on each other. (3-PS2-1)</li> <li>Electric and magnetic forces between a pair of objects do not require that the objects be in contact. The sizes of the forces in each situation depend on the properties of the objects and their distances apart and, for forces between two magnets, on their orientation relative to each other. (3-PS2-3),(3-PS2-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patterns of change can be used to make predictions. (3-PS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified. (3-PS2-1)</li> <li>Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain change. (3-PS2-3)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</i></p> <p><b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientific discoveries about the natural world can often lead to new and improved technologies, which are developed through the engineering design process. (3-PS2-4)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in third grade: N/A*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:* **K.PS2.A** (3-PS2-1); **K.PS2.B** (3-PS2-1); **K.PS3.C** (3-PS2-1); **K.ETS1.A** (3-PS2-4); **1.ESS1.A** (3-PS2-2); **4.PS4.A** (3-PS2-2); **4.ETS1.A** (3-PS2-4); **5.PS2.B** (3-PS2-1); **MS.PS2.A** (3-PS2-1),(3-PS2-2); **MS.PS2.B** (3-PS2-3),(3-PS2-4); **MS.ESS1.B** (3-PS2-1),(3-PS2-2); **MS.ESS2.C** (3-PS2-1)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RI.3.1** Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. (3-PS2-1),(3-PS2-3)
- RI.3.3** Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect. (3-PS2-3)
- RI.3.8** Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence). (3-PS2-3)
- W.3.7** Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic. (3-PS2-1),(3-PS2-2)
- W.3.8** Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories. (3-PS2-1),(3-PS2-2)
- SL.3.3** Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail. (3-PS2-3)

*Mathematics –*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-PS2-1)
- MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (3-PS2-1)
- 3.MD.A.2** Measure and estimate liquid volumes and masses of objects using standard units of grams (g), kilograms (kg), and liters (l). Add, subtract, multiply, or divide to solve one-step word problems involving masses or volumes that are given in the same units, e.g., by using drawings (such as a beaker with a measurement scale) to represent the problem. (3-PS2-1)

*Connections to PLTW: Stability and Motion: Science of Flight, Stability and Motion: Forces and Interactions, Variations of Traits (3.PS2.1, 3.PS2.2, 3.PS2.3, 3.PS2.4)*

L-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes		
<p>Students who demonstrate understanding can:</p> <p><b>3-LS1-1.</b> Develop models to describe that organisms have unique and diverse life cycles but all have in common birth, growth, reproduction, and death. [Clarification Statement: Changes organisms go through during their life form a pattern.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of plant life cycles is limited to those of flowering plants. Assessment does not include details of human reproduction.]</p>		
<p>The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document <i>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</i>:</p>		
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to building and revising simple models and using models to represent events and design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop models to describe phenomena. (3-LS1-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science findings are based on recognizing patterns. (3-LS1-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reproduction is essential to the continued existence of every kind of organism. Plants and animals have unique and diverse life cycles. (3-LS1-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Patterns of change can be used to make predictions. (3-LS1-1)</li> </ul>
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in third grade:</i> N/A</p>		
<p><i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.LS1.B</b> (3-LS1-1)</p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p> <p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p> <p><b>RI.3.7</b> Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur). (3-LS1-1)</p> <p><b>SL.3.5</b> Create engaging audio recordings of stories or poems that demonstrate fluid reading at an understandable pace; add visual displays when appropriate to emphasize or enhance certain facts or details. (3-LS1-1)</p> <p><i>Mathematics –</i></p> <p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (3-LS1-1)</p> <p><b>3.NBT</b> Number and Operations in Base Ten (3-LS1-1)</p> <p><b>3.NF</b> Number and Operations—Fractions (3-LS1-1)</p>		

3-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics		
Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
3-LS2-1. Construct an argument that some animals form groups that help members survive.		
The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document <i>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</i> :		
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct an argument with evidence, data, and/or a model. (3-LS2-1)</li> </ul>	<b>LS2.D: Social Interactions and Group Behavior</b> Being part of a group helps animals obtain food, defend themselves, and cope with changes. Groups may serve different functions and vary dramatically in size ( <i>Note: Moved from K–2</i> ). (3-LS2-1)	<b>Cause and Effect</b> Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change. (3-LS2-1)
<i>Connections to other DCIs in third grade:</i> N/A		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>1.LS1.B</b> (3-LS2-1); <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (3-LS2-1)		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i> <i>ELA/Literacy –</i> <p><b>RI.3.1</b> Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. (3-LS2-1)</p> <p><b>RI.3.3</b> Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect. (3-LS2-1)</p> <p><b>W.3.1</b> Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons. (3-LS2-1)</p> <p><b>W.3.9</b> Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories. (3-LS4-1)</p> <i>Mathematics –</i> <p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (3-LS2-1)</p> <p><b>3.NBT</b> Number and Operations in Base Ten (3-LS2-1)</p>		

### 3-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 3-LS3-1.** Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence that plants and animals have traits inherited from parents and that variation of these traits exists in a group of similar organisms. [Clarification Statement: Patterns are the similarities and differences in traits shared between offspring and their parents, or among siblings. Emphasis is on organisms other than humans.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include genetic mechanisms of inheritance and prediction of traits. Assessment is limited to non-human examples.]
- 3-LS3-2.** Use evidence to support the explanation that traits can be influenced by the environment. [Clarification Statement: Examples of the environment affecting a trait could include normally tall plants grown with insufficient water are stunted; and, a pet dog that is given too much food and little exercise may become overweight.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to introducing quantitative approaches to collecting data and conducting multiple trials of qualitative observations. When possible and feasible, digital tools should be used. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze and interpret data to make sense of phenomena using logical reasoning. (3-LS3-1)</li> </ul> <b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use evidence (e.g., observations, patterns) to support an explanation. (3-LS3-2)</li> </ul>	<b>LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Many characteristics of organisms are inherited from their parents. (3-LS3-1)</li> <li>▪ Other characteristics result from individuals' interactions with the environment, which can range from diet to learning. Many characteristics involve both inheritance and environment. (3-LS3-2)</li> </ul> <b>LS3.B: Variation of Traits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Different organisms vary in how they look and function because they have different inherited information. (3-LS3-1)</li> <li>▪ The environment also affects the traits that an organism develops. (3-LS3-2)</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Similarities and differences in patterns can be used to sort and classify natural phenomena. (3-LS3-1)</li> </ul> <b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change. (3-LS3-2)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in third grade:* N/A

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:* **1.LS3.A** (3-LS3-1); **1.LS3.B** (3-LS3-1); **MS.LS1.B** (3-LS3-2); **MS.LS3.A** (3-LS3-1); **MS.LS3.B** (3-LS3-1)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RI.3.1** Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. (3-LS3-1),(3-LS3-2)
- RI.3.2** Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea. (3-LS3-1),(3-LS3-2)
- RI.3.3** Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect. (3-LS3-1),(3-LS3-2)
- W.3.2** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. (3-LS3-1),(3-LS3-2)
- SL.3.4** Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace. (3-LS3-1),(3-LS3-2)

*Mathematics –*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-LS3-1),(3-LS3-2)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (3-LS3-1),(3-LS3-2)
- 3.MD.B.4** Generate measurement data by measuring lengths using rulers marked with halves and fourths of an inch. Show the data by making a line plot, where the horizontal scale is marked off in appropriate units—whole numbers, halves, or quarters. (3-LS3-1),(3-LS3-2)

*Connections to PLTW: Variations of Traits (3.LS3.1, 3.LS3.2)*

### 3-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 3-LS4-1. Analyze and interpret data from fossils to provide evidence of the organisms and the environments in which they lived long ago.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of data could include type, size, and distributions of fossil organisms. Examples of fossils and environments could include marine fossils found on dry land, tropical plant fossils found in Arctic areas, and fossils of extinct organisms.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include identification of specific fossils or present plants and animals. Assessment is limited to major fossil types and relative ages.]
- 3-LS4-2. Use evidence to construct an explanation for how the variations in characteristics among individuals of the same species may provide advantages in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of cause and effect relationships could be plants that have larger thorns than other plants may be less likely to be eaten by predators; and, animals that have better camouflage coloration than other animals may be more likely to survive and therefore more likely to leave offspring.]
- 3-LS4-3. Construct an argument with evidence that in a particular habitat some organisms can survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence could include needs and characteristics of the organisms and habitats involved. The organisms and their habitat make up a system in which the parts depend on each other.]
- 3-LS4-4. Make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem caused when the environment changes and the types of plants and animals that live there may change.\*** [Clarification Statement: Examples of environmental changes could include changes in land characteristics, water distribution, temperature, food, and other organisms.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to a single environmental change. Assessment does not include the greenhouse effect or climate change.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to introducing quantitative approaches to collecting data and conducting multiple trials of qualitative observations. When possible and feasible, digital tools should be used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze and interpret data to make sense of phenomena using logical reasoning. (3-LS4-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use evidence (e.g., observations, patterns) to construct an explanation. (3-LS4-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct an argument with evidence. (3-LS4-3)</li> <li>Make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem by citing relevant evidence about how it meets the criteria and constraints of the problem. (3-LS4-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When the environment changes in ways that affect a place's physical characteristics, temperature, or availability of resources, some organisms survive and reproduce, others move to new locations, yet others move into the transformed environment, and some die. (<i>secondary to 3-LS4-4</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.A: Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some kinds of plants and animals that once lived on Earth are no longer found anywhere. (<i>Note: moved from K-2</i>) (3-LS4-1)</li> <li>Fossils provide evidence about the types of organisms that lived long ago and also about the nature of their environments. (3-LS4-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.B: Natural Selection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sometimes the differences in characteristics between individuals of the same species provide advantages in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing. (3-LS4-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.C: Adaptation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For any particular environment, some kinds of organisms survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all. (3-LS4-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Populations live in a variety of habitats, and change in those habitats affects the organisms living there. (3-LS4-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change. (3-LS4-2),(3-LS4-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observable phenomena exist from very short to very long time periods. (3-LS4-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A system can be described in terms of its components and their interactions. (3-LS4-4)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge of relevant scientific concepts and research findings is important in engineering. (3-LS4-3)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science assumes consistent patterns in natural systems. (3-LS4-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Science is a Human Endeavor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most scientists and engineers work in teams. (3-LS4-3)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in third grade: 3.ESS2.D (3-LS4-3); 3.ESS3.B (3-LS4-4)*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K.ESS3.A (3-LS4-3)(3-LS4-4); K.ETS1.A (3-LS4-4); 2.LS2.A (3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4); 2.LS4.D (3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4); 4.ESS1.C (3-LS4-1); 4.ESS3.B (3-LS4-4); 4.ETS1.A (3-LS4-4); MS.LS2.A (3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-2),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4); MS.LS2.C (3-LS4-4); MS.LS3.B (3-LS4-2); MS.LS4.A (3-LS4-1); MS.LS4.B (3-LS4-2),(3-LS4-3); MS.LS4.C (3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4); MS.ESS1.C (3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4); MS.ESS2.B (3-LS4-1); MS.ESS3.C (3-LS4-4)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RI.3.1** Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. (3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-2),(3-LS4-3)

(3-LS4-4)	
<b>RI.3.2</b>	Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea. (3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-2),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)
<b>RI.3.3</b>	Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect. (3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-2),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)
<b>W.3.1</b>	Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons. (3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)
<b>W.3.2</b>	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. (3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-2),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)
<b>W.3.8</b>	Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories. (3-LS4-1)
<b>SL.3.4</b>	Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace. (3-LS4-2),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)
<i>Mathematics –</i>	
<b>MP.2</b>	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-2),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)
<b>MP.4</b>	Model with mathematics. (3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-2),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)
<b>MP.5</b>	Use appropriate tools strategically. (3-LS4-1)
<b>3.MD.B.3</b>	Draw a scaled picture graph and a scaled bar graph to represent a data set with several categories. Solve one- and two-step “how many more” and “how many less” problems using information presented in scaled bar graphs. For example, draw a bar graph in which each square in the bar graph might represent 5 pets. (3-LS4-2),(3-LS4-3)
<b>3.MD.B.4</b>	Generate measurement data by measuring lengths using rulers marked with halves and fourths of an inch. Show the data by making a line plot, where the horizontal scale is marked off in appropriate units—whole numbers, halves, or quarters. (3-LS4-1)

### 3-ESS2 Earth's Systems

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**3-ESS2-1. Represent data in tables and graphical displays to describe typical weather conditions expected during a particular season.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of data at this grade level could include average temperature, precipitation, and wind direction.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of graphical displays is limited to pictographs and bar graphs. Assessment does not include climate change.]

**3-ESS2-2. Obtain and combine information to describe climates in different regions of the world.**

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to introducing quantitative approaches to collecting data and conducting multiple trials of qualitative observations. When possible and feasible, digital tools should be used. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Represent data in tables and various graphical displays (bar graphs, pictographs and/or pie charts) to reveal patterns that indicate relationships. (3-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to evaluating the merit and accuracy of ideas and methods. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Obtain and combine information from books and other reliable media to explain phenomena. (3-ESS2-2)</li> </ul>	<b>ESS2.D: Weather and Climate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientists record patterns of the weather across different times and areas so that they can make predictions about what kind of weather might happen next. (3-ESS2-1)</li> <li>▪ Climate describes a range of an area's typical weather conditions and the extent to which those conditions vary over years. (3-ESS2-2)</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Patterns of change can be used to make predictions. (3-ESS2-1),(3-ESS2-2)</li> </ul>
<i>Connections to other DCIs in third grade:</i> N/A <i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>K.ESS2.D</b> (3-ESS2-1); <b>4.ESS2.A</b> (3-ESS2-1); <b>5.ESS2.A</b> (3-ESS2-1); <b>MS.ESS2.C</b> (3-ESS2-1),(3-ESS2-2); <b>MS.ESS2.D</b> (3-ESS2-1),(3-ESS2-2)		

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

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| <b>RI.3.1</b><br><b>RI.3.9</b><br><b>W.3.8</b> | Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. (3-ESS2-2)<br>Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic. (3-ESS2-2)<br>Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories. (3-ESS2-2) |
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*Mathematics –*

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| <b>MP.2</b><br><b>MP.4</b><br><b>MP.5</b><br><b>3.MD.A.2</b><br><b>3.MD.B.3</b> | Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-ESS2-1),(3-ESS2-2)<br>Model with mathematics. (3-ESS2-1),(3-ESS2-2)<br>Use appropriate tools strategically. (3-ESS2-1)<br>Measure and estimate liquid volumes and masses of objects using standard units of grams (g), kilograms (kg), and liters (l). Add, subtract, multiply, or divide to solve one-step word problems involving masses or volumes that are given in the same units, e.g., by using drawings (such as a beaker with a measurement scale) to represent the problem. (3-ESS2-1)<br>Draw a scaled picture graph and a scaled bar graph to represent a data set with several categories. Solve one- and two-step “how many more” and “how many less” problems using information presented in bar graphs. (3-ESS2-1) |
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### 3-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**3-ESS3-1. Make a claim about the merit of a design solution that reduces the impacts of a weather-related hazard.\***

[Clarification Statement: Examples of design solutions to weather-related hazards could include barriers to prevent flooding, wind resistant roofs, and lighting rods.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem by citing relevant evidence about how it meets the criteria and constraints of the problem. (3-ESS3-1)</li> </ul>	<b>ESS3.B: Natural Hazards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A variety of natural hazards result from natural processes. Humans cannot eliminate natural hazards but can take steps to reduce their impacts. (3-ESS3-1) <i>(Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by 4-ESS3-2.)</i></li> </ul>	<b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain change. (3-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</i></p> <b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones to increase their benefits (e.g., better artificial limbs), decrease known risks (e.g., seatbelts in cars), and meet societal demands (e.g., cell phones). (3-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <b>Science is a Human Endeavor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science affects everyday life. (3-ESS3-1)</li> </ul>
<i>Connections to other DCIs in third grade: N/A</i>		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K.ESS3.B (3-ESS3-1); K.ETS1.A (3-ESS3-1); 4.ESS3.B (3-ESS3-1); 4.ETS1.A (3-ESS3-1); MS.ESS3.B (3-ESS3-1)</i>		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i> <i>ELA/Literacy –</i> <b>W.3.1</b> Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons. (3-ESS3-1) <b>W.3.7</b> Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic. (3-ESS3-1) <i>Mathematics –</i> <b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-ESS3-1) <b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (3-ESS3-1)		

\* This performance expectation integrates traditional science content with engineering through a Practice or Disciplinary Core Idea.

## 3-5-ETS1 Engineering Design

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 3-5-ETS1-1.** Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
- 3-5-ETS1-2.** Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
- 3-5-ETS1-3.** Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Define a simple design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process, or system and includes several criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost. (3-5-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered. (3-5-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design problem. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account. (3-5-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> <li>▪ At whatever stage, communicating with peers about proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> <li>▪ Tests are often designed to identify failure points or difficulties, which suggest the elements of the design that need to be improved. (3-5-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints. (3-5-ETS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People's needs and wants change over time, as do their demands for new and improved technologies. (3-5-ETS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones to increase their benefits, decrease known risks, and meet societal demands. (3-5-ETS-2)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:*

*Connections to 3-5-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include: Fourth Grade: 4-PS3-4*

*Connections to 3-5-ETS1.B: Designing Solutions to Engineering Problems include: Fourth Grade: 4-ESS3-2*

*Connections to 3-5-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include: Fourth Grade: 4-PS4-3*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K-2.ETS1.A (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); K-2.ETS1.B (3-5-ETS1-2); K-2.ETS1.C (3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); MS.ETS1.A (3-5-ETS1-1); MS.ETS1.B (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); MS.ETS1.C (3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RI.5.1** Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (3-5-ETS-2)
- RI.5.7** Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently. (3-5-ETS2)
- RI.5.9** Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (3-5-ETS-2)
- W.5.7** Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3)
- W.5.8** Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3)
- W.5.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3)

*Mathematics –*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)
- MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)
- 3-5.OA** Operations and Algebraic Thinking (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2)

*W: Energy: Collisions, Energy Conversions, Input/Out: Computer Systems, Input/Output: Human Brain (3.ETS1.1, 3.ETS1.2, 3.ETS1.3)*

## **Fourth Grade**

Students in 4th Grade develop their understanding of the four disciplinary core ideas in:

- Physical Science
- Life Science
- Earth Science
- Engineering, Technology & Application of Science

Practitioners must apply the science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas and crosscutting concepts to each standard as they are delineated in the foundation boxes on each standard page.

### **Summary of Performance Expectations**

#### ***4-PS3 Energy***

Students are able to use evidence to construct an explanation of the relationship between the speed of an object and the energy of that object. Students are expected to develop an understanding that energy can be transferred from place to place by sound, light, heat, and electric currents or from object to object through collisions. Students will investigate questions such as “What is energy and how is it related to motion?” and “How is energy transferred?”

#### ***4-PS4 Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer***

Students are able to use a model of waves to describe patterns of waves in terms of amplitude and wavelength, and that waves can cause objects to move. By developing a model, they describe that an object can be seen when light reflected from its surface enters the eye. They will investigate questions such as “What are waves and what are some things they can do?”

#### ***4-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes***

Students are expected to develop an understanding that plants and animals have internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, behavior, and reproduction. Students will investigate questions such as “How do internal and external structures support the survival, growth, behavior, and reproduction of plants and animals?”

#### ***4-ESS1 Earth’s Place in the Universe***

Students will identify evidence from rock formations and fossils that can explain changes in a landscape over time. They will investigate questions such as “What clues tell us that the Earth’s surface changes?”

#### ***4-ESS2 Earth’s Systems***

Students are expected to develop an understanding of the effects of weathering or the rate of erosion by water, ice, wind, or vegetation. In order to describe patterns of Earth’s features, students analyze and interpret data from maps. Students will investigate questions such as “How can water, ice, wind and vegetation change the land?” and “What patterns of Earth’s features can be determined with the use of maps?”

#### ***4-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity***

Students apply their knowledge of natural Earth processes to generate and compare multiple solutions to reduce the impacts of natural earth processes on humans. They will ask how the impact of natural hazards (earthquakes and volcanic eruptions) be reduced. They will also investigate how energy and fuels are derived from natural resources and how their uses affect the environment.

## 4-PS3 Energy

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 4-PS3-1.** Use evidence to construct an explanation relating the speed of an object to the energy of that object. [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence relating speed and energy could include change of shape on impact or other results of collisions.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative measures of changes in the speed of an object or on any precise or quantitative definition of energy.]
- 4-PS3-2.** Make observations to provide evidence that energy can be transferred from place to place by sound, light, heat, and electric currents. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative measurements of energy.]
- 4-PS3-3.** Ask questions and predict outcomes about the changes in energy that occur when objects collide. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the change in the energy due to the change in speed, not on the forces, as objects interact.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative measurements of energy.]
- 4-PS3-4.** Apply scientific ideas to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of devices could include electric circuits that convert electrical energy into motion energy of a vehicle, light, or sound; and, a passive solar heater that converts light into heat. Examples of constraints could include the materials, cost, or time to design the device.] [Assessment Boundary: Devices should be limited to those that convert motion energy to electric energy or use stored energy to cause motion or produce light or sound.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in grades 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask questions that can be investigated and predict reasonable outcomes based on patterns such as cause and effect relationships. (4-PS3-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make observations to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence for an explanation of a phenomenon or test a design solution. (4-PS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use evidence (e.g., measurements, observations, patterns) to construct an explanation. (4-PS3-1)</li> <li>Apply scientific ideas to solve design problems. (4-PS3-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS3.A: Definitions of Energy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The faster a given object is moving, the more energy it possesses. (4-PS3-1)</li> <li>Energy can be moved from place to place by moving objects or through sound, light, or electric currents. (4-PS3-2),(4-PS3-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy is present whenever there are moving objects, sound, light, or heat. When objects collide, energy can be transferred from one object to another, thereby changing their motion. In such collisions, some energy is typically also transferred to the surrounding air; as a result, the air gets heated and sound is produced. (4-PS3-2),(4-PS3-3)</li> <li>Light also transfers energy from place to place. (4-PS3-2)</li> <li>Energy can also be transferred from place to place by electric currents, which can then be used locally to produce motion, sound, heat, or light. The currents may have been produced to begin with by transforming the energy of motion into electrical energy. (4-PS3-2),(4-PS3-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When objects collide, the contact forces transfer energy so as to change the objects' motions. (4-PS3-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The expression “produce energy” typically refers to the conversion of stored energy into a desired form for practical use. (4-PS3-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.A: Defining Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account. (secondary to 4-PS3-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy can be transferred in various ways and between objects. (4-PS3-1), (4-PS3-2),(4-PS3-3),(4-PS3-4)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones. (4-PS3-4)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science is a Human Endeavor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most scientists and engineers work in teams. (4-PS3-4)</li> <li>Science affects everyday life. (4-PS3-4)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in fourth grade: N/A*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K.PS2.B (4-PS3-3); K.ETS1.A (4-PS3-4); 2.ETS1.B (4-PS3-4); 3.PS2.A (4-PS3-3); 5.PS3.D (4-PS3-4); 5.LS1.C (4-PS3-4); MS.PS2.A (4-PS3-3); MS.PS2.B (4-PS3-2); MS.PS3.A (4-PS3-1),(4-PS3-2),(4-PS3-3),(4-PS3-4); MS.PS3.B (4-PS3-2),(4-PS3-3),(4-PS3-4); MS.PS3.C (4-PS3-3); MS.PS4.B (4-PS3-2); MS.ETS1.B (4-PS3-4); MS.ETS1.C (4-PS3-4)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

- RI.4.1** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (4-PS3-1)
- RI.4.3** Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text. (4-PS3-1)
- RI.4.9** Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (4-PS3-1)
- W.4.2** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. (4-PS3-1)
- W.4.7** Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. (4-PS3-2),(4-PS3-3),(4-PS3-4)
- W.4.8** Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources. (4-PS3-1),(4-PS3-2),(4-PS3-3),(4-PS3-4)
- W.4.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (4-PS3-1)

*Mathematics –*

- 4.OA.A.3** Solve multistep word problems posed with whole numbers and having whole-number answers using the four operations, including problems in which remainders must be interpreted. Represent these problems using equations with a letter standing for the unknown quantity. Assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies including rounding. (4-PS3-4)

*Connection to PLTW: Energy: Collisions, Energy: Conversions (4.PS3.1, 4.PS3.2, 4.PS3.3, 4.PS3.4)*

## 4-PS4 Waves and their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 4-PS4-1.** Develop a model of waves to describe patterns in terms of amplitude and wavelength and that waves can cause objects to move. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include diagrams, analogies, and physical models using wire to illustrate wavelength and amplitude of waves.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include interference effects, electromagnetic waves, non-periodic waves, or quantitative models of amplitude and wavelength.]
- 4-PS4-2.** Develop a model to describe that light reflecting from objects and entering the eye allows objects to be seen. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include knowledge of specific colors reflected and seen, the cellular mechanisms of vision, or how the retina works.]
- 4-PS4-3.** Generate and compare multiple solutions that use patterns to transfer information.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of solutions could include drums sending coded information through sound waves, using a grid of 1's and 0's representing black and white to send information about a picture, and using Morse code to send text.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to building and revising simple models and using models to represent events and design solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a model using an analogy, example, or abstract representation to describe a scientific principle. (4-PS4-1)</li> <li>▪ Develop a model to describe phenomena. (4-PS4-2)</li> </ul> <b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design solution. (4-PS4-3)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science findings are based on recognizing patterns. (4-PS4-1)</li> </ul>	<b>PS4.A: Wave Properties</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Waves, which are regular patterns of motion, can be made in water by disturbing the surface. When waves move across the surface of deep water, the water goes up and down in place, it does not move in the direction of the wave except when the water meets the beach. (<i>Note: This grade band endpoint was moved from K–2.</i>) (4-PS4-1)</li> <li>▪ Waves of the same type can differ in amplitude (height of the wave) and wavelength (spacing between wave peaks). (4-PS4-1)</li> </ul> <b>PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An object can be seen when light reflected from its surface enters the eyes. (4-PS4-2)</li> </ul> <b>PS4.C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Digitized information transmitted over long distances without significant degradation. High-tech devices, such as computers or cell phones, can receive and decode information—convert it from digitized form to voice—and vice versa. (4-PS4-3)</li> </ul> <b>ETS1.C: Optimizing The Design Solution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints. (<i>secondary to 4-PS4-3</i>)</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Similarities and differences in patterns can be used to sort and classify natural phenomena. (4-PS4-1)</li> <li>▪ Similarities and differences in patterns can be used to sort and classify designed products. (4-PS4-3)</li> </ul> <b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified. (4-PS4-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</i></p> <b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of relevant scientific concepts and research findings is important in engineering. (4-PS4-3)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in fourth grade: 4.PS3.A (4-PS4-1); 4.PS3.B (4-PS4-1); 4.ETS1.A (4-PS4-3)*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K.ETS1.A (4-PS4-3); 1.PS4.B (4-PS4-2); 1.PS4.C (4-PS4-3); 2.ETS1.B (4-PS4-3); 2.ETS1.C (4-PS4-3); 3.PS2.A (4-PS4-3); MS.PS4.A (4-PS4-1); MS.PS4.B (4-PS4-2); MS.PS4.C (4-PS4-3); MS.LS1.D (4-PS4-2); MS.ETS1.B (4-PS4-3)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RI.4.1** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (4-PS4-3)  
**RI.4.9** Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (4-PS4-3)  
**SL.4.5** Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes. (4-PS4-1),(4-PS4-2)

*Mathematics –*

- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (4-PS4-1),(4-PS4-2)  
**4.G.A.1** Draw points, lines, line segments, rays, angles (right, acute, obtuse), and perpendicular and parallel lines. Identify these in two-dimensional figures. (4-PS4-1),(4-PS4-2)

### 4-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 4-LS1-1.** Construct an argument that plants and animals have internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, behavior, and reproduction. [Clarification Statement: Examples of structures could include thorns, stems, roots, colored petals, heart, stomach, lung, brain, and skin. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to macroscopic structures within plant and animal systems.]
- 4-LS1-2.** Use a model to describe that animals receive different types of information through their senses, process the information in their brain, and respond to the information in different ways. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on systems of information transfer.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the mechanisms by which the brain stores and recalls information or the mechanisms of how sensory receptors function.]

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4-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes		
Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
<p><b>4-LS1-1.</b> Construct an argument that plants and animals have internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, behavior, and reproduction. [Clarification Statement: Examples of structures could include thorns, stems, roots, colored petals, heart, stomach, lung, brain, and skin. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to macroscopic structures within plant and animal systems.]</p> <p><b>4-LS1-2.</b> Use a model to describe that animals receive different types of information through their senses, process the information in their brain, and respond to the information in different ways. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on systems of information transfer.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the mechanisms by which the brain stores and recalls information or the mechanisms of how sensory receptors function.]</p>		
The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document <i>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</i> :		
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct an argument with evidence, data, and/or a model. (4-LS1-1)</li> <li>Use a model to test interactions concerning the functioning of a natural system. (4-LS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS1.A: Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plants and animals have both internal and external structures that serve various functions in growth, survival, behavior, and reproduction. (4-LS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS1.D: Information Processing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different sense receptors are specialized for particular kinds of information, which may be then processed by the animal's brain. Animals are able to use their perceptions and memories to guide their actions. (4-LS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A system can be described in terms of its components and their interactions. (4-LS1-1), (4-LS1-2)</li> </ul>
<i>Connections to other DCIs in fourth grade:</i> N/A		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>1.LS1.A</b> (4-LS1-1); <b>1.LS1.D</b> (4-LS1-2); <b>3.LS3.B</b> (4-LS1-1); <b>MS.LS1.A</b> (4-LS1-1),(4-LS1-2); <b>MS.LS1.D</b> (4-LS1-2)		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i>		
<i>ELA/Literacy –</i> <p><b>W.4.1</b> Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. (4-LS1-1)</p> <p><b>SL.4.5</b> Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes. (4-LS1-2)</p>		
<i>Mathematics –</i> <p><b>4.G.A.3</b> Recognize a line of symmetry for a two-dimensional figure as a line across the figure such that the figure can be folded across the line into matching parts. Identify line-symmetric figures and draw lines of symmetry. (4-LS1-1)</p>		
<i>Connections to PLTW: Input/Output: Human Brain</i> (4.LS1.2, 4.LS1.2)		

## 4-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 4-ESS1-1.** Identify evidence from patterns in rock formations and fossils in rock layers to support an explanation for changes in a landscape over time. [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence from patterns could include rock layers with shell fossils above rock layers with plant fossils and no shells, indicating a change from water to land over time; and, a canyon with different rock layers in the walls and a river in the bottom, indicating that over time a river cut through the rock.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific knowledge of the mechanism of rock formation or memorization of specific rock formations and layers. Assessment is limited to relative time.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the evidence that supports particular points in an explanation. (4-ESS1-1)</li> </ul>	<b>ESS1.C: The History of Planet Earth</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local, regional, and global patterns of rock formations reveal changes over time due to earth forces, such as earthquakes. The presence and location of certain fossil types indicate the order in which rock layers were formed. (4-ESS1-1)</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patterns can be used as evidence to support an explanation. (4-ESS1-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Nature of Science</b> <b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science assumes consistent patterns in natural systems. (4-ESS1-1)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in fourth grade:* N/A

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:* **2.ESS1.C** (4-ESS1-1); **3.LS4.A** (4-ESS1-1); **MS.LS4.A** (4-ESS1-1); **MS.ESS1.C** (4-ESS1-1)

**MS.ESS2.A** (4-ESS1-1); **MS.ESS2.B** (4-ESS1-1)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

**W.4.7** Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. (4-ESS1-1)

**W.4.8** Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources. (4-ESS1-1)

**W.4.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (4-ESS1-1)

*Mathematics –*

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (4-ESS1-1)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (4-ESS1-1)

**4.MD.A.1** Know relative sizes of measurement units within one system of units including km, m, cm; kg, g, lb, oz, l, ml, hr, min, sec. Within a single system of measurement, express measurements in a larger unit in terms of a smaller unit. Record measurement equivalents in a two-column table. For example, know that 1 ft. is 12 times as long as 1 in. Express the length of a 4 ft snake as 48 in. Generate a conversion table for feet and inches listing the number pairs (1, 12), (2, 24), (3, 36). (4-ESS1-1)

## 4-ESS2 Earth's Systems

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 4-ESS2-1.** **Make observations and/or measurements to provide evidence of the effects of weathering or the rate of erosion by water, ice, wind, or vegetation.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of variables to test could include angle of slope in the downhill movement of water, amount of vegetation, speed of wind, relative rate of deposition, cycles of freezing and thawing of water, cycles of heating and cooling, and volume of water flow.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to a single form of weathering or erosion.]
- 4-ESS2-2.** **Analyze and interpret data from maps to describe patterns of Earth's features.** [Clarification Statement: Maps can include topographic maps of Earth's land and ocean floor, as well as maps of the locations of mountains, continental boundaries, volcanoes, and earthquakes.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Make observations and/or measurements to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence for an explanation of a phenomenon. (4-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <p>Analyzing and Interpreting Data Analyzing data in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to introducing quantitative approaches to collecting data and conducting multiple trials of qualitative observations. When possible and feasible, digital tools should be used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze and interpret data to make sense of phenomena using logical reasoning. (4-ESS2-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rainfall helps to shape the land and affects the types of living things found in a region. Water, ice, wind, living organisms, and gravity break rocks, soils, and sediments into smaller particles and move them around. (4-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The locations of mountain ranges, deep ocean trenches, ocean floor structures, earthquakes, and volcanoes occur in patterns. Most earthquakes and volcanoes occur in bands that are often along the boundaries between continents and oceans. Major mountain chains form inside continents or near their edges. Maps can help locate the different land and water features areas of Earth. (4-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS2.E: Biogeology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Living things affect the physical characteristics of their regions. (4-ESS2-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Patterns can be used as evidence to support an explanation. (4-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain change. (4-ESS2-1)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in fourth grade: N/A*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 2.ESS1.C (4-ESS2-1); 2.ESS2.A (4-ESS2-1); 2.ESS2.B (4-ESS2-2); 2.ESS2.C (4-ESS2-2); 5.ESS2.A (4-ESS2-1); 5.ESS2.C (4-ESS2-2); MS.ESS1.C (4-ESS2-2); MS.ESS2.A (4-ESS2-2); MS.ESS2.B (4-ESS2-2)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RI.4.7** Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears. (4-ESS2-2)
- W.4.7** Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. (4-ESS2-1)
- W.4.8** Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources. (4-ESS2-1)

*Mathematics –*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (4-ESS2-1)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (4-ESS2-1)
- MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (4-ESS2-1)
- 4.MD.A.1** Know relative sizes of measurement units within one system of units including km, m, cm; kg, g; lb, oz.; l, ml; hr, min, sec. Within a single system of measurement, express measurements in a larger unit in terms of a smaller unit. Record measurement equivalents in a two-column table. *For example, know that 1 ft is 12 times as long as 1 in. Express the length of a 4 ft snake as 48 in. Generate a conversion table for feet and inches listing the number pairs (1, 12), (2, 24), (3, 36)....* (4-ESS2-1)
- 4.MD.A.2** Use the four operations to solve word problems involving distances, intervals of time, liquid volumes, masses of objects, and money, including problems involving simple fractions or decimals, and problems that require expressing measurements given in a larger unit in terms of a smaller unit. Represent measurement quantities using diagrams such as number line diagrams that feature a measurement scale. (4-ESS2-1),(4-ESS2-2)

## 4-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**4-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information to describe that energy and fuels are derived from natural resources and their uses affect the environment.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of renewable energy resources could include wind energy, water behind dams, and sunlight; non-renewable energy resources are fossil fuels and fissile materials. Examples of environmental effects could include loss of habitat due to dams, loss of habitat due to surface mining, and air pollution from burning of fossil fuels.]

**4-ESS3-2. Generate and compare multiple solutions to reduce the impacts of natural Earth processes on humans.\***

[Clarification Statement: Examples of solutions could include designing an earthquake resistant building and improving monitoring of volcanic activity.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, and volcanic eruptions.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to evaluate the merit and accuracy of ideas and methods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Obtain and combine information from books and other reliable media to explain phenomena. (4-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design solution. (4-ESS3-2))</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS3.A: Natural Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Energy and fuels that humans use are derived from natural sources, and their use affects the environment in multiple ways. Some resources are renewable over time, and others are not. (4-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS3.B: Natural Hazards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A variety of hazards result from natural processes (e.g., earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions). Humans cannot eliminate the hazards but can take steps to reduce their impacts. (4-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><i>(Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea can also be found in 3.WC.)</i></p> <p><b>ETS1.B: Designing Solutions to Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (secondary to 4-ESS3-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change. (4-ESS3-1)</li> <li>▪ Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain change. (4-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</i></b></p> <p><b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Knowledge of relevant scientific concepts and research findings is important in engineering. (4-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Over time, people's needs and wants change, as do their demands for new and improved technologies. (4-ESS3-1)</li> <li>• Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones to increase their benefits, to decrease known risks, and to meet societal demands. (4-ESS3-2)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in fourth grade: 4.ETS1.C (4-ESS3-2)*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K.ETS1.A (4-ESS3-2); 2.ETS1.B (4-ESS3-2); 2.ETS1.C (4-ESS3-2); 5.ESS3.C (4-ESS3-1); MS.PS3.D (4-ESS3-1); MS.ESS2.A (4-ESS3-1),(4-ESS3-2); MS.ESS3.A (4-ESS3-1); MS.ESS3.B (4-ESS3-2); MS.ESS3.C (4-ESS3-1); MS.ESS3.D (4-ESS3-1); MS.ETS1.B (4-ESS3-2)*

**Common Core State Standards Connections:**

**ELA/Literacy –**

**RI.4.1** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (4-ESS3-2)

**RI.4.9** Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (4-ESS3-2)

**W.4.7** Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. (4-ESS3-1)

**W.4.8** Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources. (4-ESS3-1)

**W.4.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (4-ESS3-1)

**Mathematics –**

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (4-ESS3-1),(4-ESS3-2)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (4-ESS3-1),(4-ESS3-2)

**4.OA.A.1** Interpret a multiplication equation as a comparison, e.g., interpret  $35 = 5 \times 7$  as a statement that 35 is 5 times as many as 7 and 7 times as many as 5. Represent verbal statements of multiplicative comparisons as multiplication equations. (4-ESS3-1),(4-ESS3-2)

## 3-5-ETS1 Engineering Design

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 3-5-ETS1-1.** Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
- 3-5-ETS1-2.** Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
- 3-5-ETS1-3.** Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Define a simple design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process, or system and includes several criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost. (3-5-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered. (3-5-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design problem. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account. (3-5-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> <li>▪ At whatever stage, communicating with peers about proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> <li>▪ Tests are often designed to identify failure points or difficulties, which suggest the elements of the design that need to be improved. (3-5-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints. (3-5-ETS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People's needs and wants change over time, as do their demands for new and improved technologies. (3-5-ETS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones to increase their benefits, decrease known risks, and meet societal demands. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:*

*Connections to 3-5-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include: Fourth Grade: 4-PS3-4*

*Connections to 3-5-ETS1.B: Designing Solutions to Engineering Problems include: Fourth Grade: 4-ESS3-2*

*Connections to 3-5-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include: Fourth Grade: 4-PS4-3*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K-2.ETS1.A (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); K-2.ETS1.B (3-5-ETS1-2); K-2.ETS1.C (3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); MS.ETS1.A (3-5-ETS1-1); MS.ETS1.B (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); MS.ETS1.C (3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RI.5.1** Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (3-5-ETS-2)
- RI.5.7** Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently. (3-5-ETS2)
- RI.5.9** Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (3-5-ETS-2)
- W.5.7** Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3)
- W.5.8** Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3)
- W.5.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3)

*Mathematics –*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)
- MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)
- 3-5.OA** Operations and Algebraic Thinking (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2)

*Connections to PLTW: Energy: Collisions, Energy Conversions, Input/Out: Computer Systems, Input/Output: Human Brain (3.ETS1.1, 3.ETS1.2, 3.ETS1.3)*

# Fifth Grade

Students in 5th grade develop their understanding of the four disciplinary core ideas in:

- Physical Science
- Life Science
- Earth Science
- Engineering, Technology & Application of Science

Practitioners must apply the science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas and crosscutting concepts to each standard as they are delineated in the foundation boxes on each standard page.

## Summary of Performance Expectations

### **5-PS1 Matter and its Interactions**

Students will develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen. Students develop an understanding of the idea that regardless of the type of change that matter undergoes, the total weight of matter is conserved. Students determine whether the mixing of two or more substances results in new substances. Students will investigate such questions as “When matter changes, does its weight change? How much water can be found in different places on Earth?” and “Can new substances be created by combining other substances?”

### **5-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions**

Students will be able to support an argument that the gravitational force of Earth pulls an object toward Earth.

### **5-PS3 Energy**

Students use models to describe that the energy in food was once energy from the sun. Students will investigate such questions as “Where does the energy in food come from and what is it used for?”

### **5-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes**

Students develop an understanding of the idea that plants get the materials they need for growth chiefly from air and water. Students will investigate such questions as “How does matter cycle through ecosystems?”

### **5-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics**

Using models, students can describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment and that energy in animals’ food was once energy from the sun.

### **5-ESS1 Earth’s Place in the Universe**

Students are expected to represent data to reveal patterns of daily changes in length and direction of shadows, day and night, and the seasonal appearance of some stars in the night sky. Students will investigate such questions as “How do lengths and directions of shadows or relative lengths of day and night change from day to day, and how does the appearance of some stars change in different seasons?”

### **5-ESS2 Earth’s Systems**

Through the development of a model, students are able to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact. They describe and graph data to provide evidence about the distribution of water on Earth.

### **5-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity**

Students are able to obtain information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth’s resources and environment.

## 5-PS1 Matter and its Interactions

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 5-PS1-1.** Develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen. [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence could include adding air to expand a basketball, compressing air in a syringe, dissolving sugar in water, and evaporating salt water.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the atomic-scale mechanism of evaporation and condensation or defining the unseen particles.]
- 5-PS1-2.** Measure and graph quantities to provide evidence that regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances, the total weight of matter is conserved. [Clarification Statement: Examples of reactions or changes could include phase changes, dissolving, and mixing that forms new substances.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include distinguishing mass and weight.]
- 5-PS1-3.** Make observations and measurements to identify materials based on their properties. [Clarification Statement: Examples of materials to be identified could include baking soda and other powders, metals, minerals, and liquids. Examples of properties could include color, hardness, reflectivity, electrical conductivity, thermal conductivity, response to magnetic forces, and solubility; density is not intended as an identifiable property.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include density or distinguishing mass and weight.]
- 5-PS1-4.** Conduct an investigation to determine whether the mixing of two or more substances results in new substances.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to building and revising simple models and using models to represent events and design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a model to describe phenomena. (5-PS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered. (5-PS1-4)</li> <li>• Make observations and measurements to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence for an explanation of a phenomenon. (5-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to extending quantitative measurements to a variety of physical properties and using computation and mathematics to analyze data and compare alternative design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure and graph quantities such as weight to address scientific and engineering questions and problems. (5-PS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matter of any type can be subdivided into particles that are too small to see, but even then the matter still exists and can be detected by other means. A model shows that gases are made from matter particles that are too small to see and are moving freely around in space can explain many observations, including the inflation and shape of a balloon; the effects of air on larger particles or objects. (5-PS1-1)</li> <li>• The amount (weight) of matter is conserved when it changes form, even in transitions in which it seems to vanish. (5-PS1-2)</li> <li>• Measurements of a variety of properties can be used to identify materials. (Boundary: At this grade level, mass and weight are not distinguished, and no attempt is made to define the unseen particles or explain the atomic-scale mechanism of evaporation and condensation.) (5-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS1.B: Chemical Reactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When two or more different substances are mixed, a new substance with different properties may be formed. (5-PS1-4)</li> <li>• No matter what reaction or change in properties occurs, the total weight of the substances does not change. (Boundary: Mass and weight are not distinguished at this grade level.) (5-PS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain change. (5-PS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Natural objects exist from the very small to the immensely large. (5-PS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Standard units are used to measure and describe physical quantities such as weight, time, temperature, and volume. (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science assumes consistent patterns in natural systems. (5-PS1-2)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade:* N/A

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:* **2.PS1.A** (5-PS1-1),(5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3); **2.PS1.B** (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-4); **MS.PS1.A** (5-PS1-1),(5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3),(5-PS1-4); **MS.PS1.B** (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-4)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RI.5.7** Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently. (5-PS1-1)
  - W.5.7** Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3),(5-PS1-4)
  - W.5.8** Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources. (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3),(5-PS1-4)
  - W.5.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3),(5-PS1-4)
- Mathematics –*
- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-PS1-1),(5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3)
  - MP.4** Model with mathematics. (5-PS1-1),(5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3)
  - MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (PS1-2),(PS1-3)
  - 5.NBT.A.1** Explain patterns in the number of zeros of the product when multiplying a number by powers of 10, and explain patterns in the placement of the decimal point when a decimal is multiplied or divided by a power of 10. Use whole-number exponents to denote powers of 10. (5-PS1-1)
  - 5.NF.B.7** Apply and extend previous understandings of division to divide unit fractions by whole numbers and whole numbers by unit fractions. (5-PS1-1)
  - 5.MD.A.1** Convert among different-sized standard measurement units within a given measurement system (e.g., convert 5 cm to 0.05 m), and use these conversions in solving multi-step, real-world problems. (5-PS1-2)
  - 5.MD.C.3** Recognize volume as an attribute of solid figures and understand concepts of volume measurement. (5-PS1-1)
  - 5.MD.C.4** Measure volumes by counting unit cubes, using cubic cm, cubic in, cubic ft, and improvised units. (5-PS1-1)

5-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions		
Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
5-PS2-1 Support an argument that the gravitational force exerted by Earth on objects is directed down. [Clarification Statement: “Down” is a local description of the direction that points toward the center of the spherical Earth.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include mathematical representation of gravitational force.]		
The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document <i>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</i> :		
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support an argument with evidence, data, or a model. (5-PS2-1)</li> </ul>	<b>PS2.B: Types of Interactions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The gravitational force of Earth acting on an object near Earth’s surface pulls that object toward the planet’s center. (5-PS2-1)</li> </ul>	<b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change. (5-PS2-1)</li> </ul>
<i>Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade:</i> N/A		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>3.PS2.A</b> (5-PS2-1); <b>3.PS2.B</b> (5-PS2-1); <b>MS.PS2.B</b> (5-PS2-1); <b>MS.ESS1.B</b> (5-PS2-1); <b>MS.ESS2.C</b> (5-PS2-1)		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i>		
ELA/Literacy –		
<b>RI.5.1</b> Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (5-PS2-1) <b>RI.5.9</b> Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (5-PS2-1) <b>W.5.1</b> Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. (5-PS2-1)		

5-PS3 Energy		
Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
<b>5-PS3-1. Use models to describe that energy in animals' food (used for body repair, growth, motion, and to maintain body warmth) was once energy from the sun.</b> [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include diagrams, and flow charts.]		
The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document <i>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</i> :		
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to building and revising simple models and using models to represent events and design solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use models to describe phenomena. (5-PS3-1)</li> </ul>	<b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The energy released [from] food was once energy from the sun that was captured by plants in the chemical process that forms plant matter (from air and water). (5-PS3-1)</li> </ul> <b>LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food provides animals with the materials they need for body repair, growth, and the energy they need to maintain body warmth and for motion. (<i>secondary to 5-PS3-1</i>)</li> </ul>	<b>Energy and Matter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy can be transferred in various ways and between objects. (5-PS3-1)</li> </ul>
<i>Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade:</i> N/A		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>K.LS1.C</b> (5-PS3-1); <b>2.LS2.A</b> (5-PS3-1); <b>4.PS3.A</b> (5-PS3-1); <b>4.PS3.B</b> (5-PS3-1); <b>4.PS3.D</b> (5-PS3-1); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (5-PS3-1); <b>MS.PS4.B</b> (5-PS3-1); <b>MS.LS1.C</b> (5-PS3-1); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (5-PS3-1)		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i>		
ELA/Literacy –		
<b>RI.5.7</b>	Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently. (5-PS3-1)	
<b>SL.5.5</b>	Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes. (5-PS3-1)	

5-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes		
Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
<b>5-LS1-1 Support an argument that plants get the materials they need for growth chiefly from air and waters.</b> [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that plant matter comes mostly from air and water, not for the soil.]		
The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document <i>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</i> :		
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support an argument with evidence, data, or a model. (5-LS1-1)</li> </ul>	<b>LS1.C: Organizations for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plants acquire their material for growth chiefly from air and water. (5-LS1-1)</li> </ul>	<b>Energy and Matter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matter is transported into, out of, and within systems. (5-LS1-1)</li> </ul>
<i>Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade: 5.PS1.A (5-LS1-1)</i> <i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K.LS1.C (5-LS1-1); 2.LS2.A (5-LS1-1); MS.LS1.C (5-LS1-1)</i>		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i> ELA/Literacy – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>RI.5.1</b> Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (5-LS1-1)</li> <li><b>RI.5.9</b> Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (5-LS1-1)</li> <li><b>W.5.1</b> Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. (5-LS1-1)</li> </ul> Mathematics – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-LS2-1)</li> <li><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (5-LS2-1)</li> <li><b>MP.5</b> Use appropriate tools strategically. (5-LS2-1)</li> <li><b>5.MD.A.1</b> Convert among different-sized standard measurement units within a given measurement system (e.g., convert 5 cm to 0.05 m), and use these conversions in solving multi-step, real world problems. (5-LS1-1)</li> </ul>		

## 5-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 5-LS2-1. Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that matter that is not food (air, water, decomposed materials in soil) is changed by plants into matter that is food. Examples of systems could include organisms, ecosystems, and the Earth.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include molecular explanations.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 3–5 builds on K–2 models and progresses to building and revising simple models and using models to represent events and design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a model to describe phenomena. (5-LS2-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science explanations describe the mechanisms for natural events. (5-LS2-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The food of almost any kind of animal can be traced back to plants. Organisms are related in food webs in which some animals eat plants for food and other animals eat the animals that eat plants. Some organisms, such as fungi and bacteria, break down dead organisms (both plants or plants parts and animals) and therefore operate as “decomposers.” Decomposition eventually restores (recycles) some materials back to the soil. Organisms can survive only in environments in which their particular needs are met. A healthy ecosystem is one in which multiple species of different types are each able to meet their needs in a relatively stable web of life. Newly introduced species can damage the balance of an ecosystem. (5-LS2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matter cycles between the air and soil and among plants, animals, and microbes as these organisms live and die. Organisms obtain gases, and water, from the environment, and release waste matter (gas, liquid, or solid) back into the environment. (5-LS2-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A system can be described in terms of its components and their interactions. (5-LS2-1)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade: 5.ESS2.A (5-LS2-1); 5.PS1.A (5-LS2-1)*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 2.PS1.A (5-LS2-1); 2.LS4.D (5-LS2-1); 4.ESS2.E (5-LS2-1); MS.LS1.C (5-LS2-1); MS.LS2.A (5-LS2-1); MS.LS2.B (5-LS2-1)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

**RI.5.7** Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently. (5-LS2-1)

**SL.5.5** Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes. (5-LS2-1)

*Mathematics –*

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-LS2-1)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (5-LS2-1)

## 5-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 5-ESS1-1.** Support an argument that the apparent brightness of the sun and stars is due to their relative distances from Earth. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to relative distances, not sizes, of stars. Assessment does not include other factors that affect apparent brightness (such as stellar masses, age, stage).]
- 5-ESS1-2.** Represent data in graphical displays to reveal patterns of daily changes in length and direction of shadows, day and night, and the seasonal appearance of some stars in the night sky. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include the position and motion of Earth with respect to the sun and selected stars that are visible only in particular months.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include causes of seasons.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document A Framework for K-12 Science Education:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to introducing quantitative approaches to collecting data and conducting multiple trials of qualitative observations. When possible and feasible, digital tools should be used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Represent data in graphical displays (bar graphs, pictographs and/or pie charts) to reveal patterns that indicate relationships. (5-ESS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support an argument with evidence, data, or a model. (5-ESS1-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS1.A: The Universe and its Stars</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The sun is a star that appears larger and brighter than other stars because it is closer. Stars range greatly in their distance from Earth. (5-ESS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The orbits of Earth around the sun and of the moon around Earth, together with the rotation of Earth about an axis between its North and South poles, cause observable patterns. These include day and night; daily changes in the length and direction of shadows; and different positions of the sun, moon, and stars at different times of the day, month, and year. (5-ESS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similarities and differences in patterns can be used to sort, classify, communicate and analyze simple rates of change for natural phenomena. (5-ESS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural objects exist from the very small to the immensely large. (5-ESS1-1)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade: N/A*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 1.ESS1.A (5-ESS1-2); 1.ESS1.B (5-ESS1-2); 3.PS2.A (5-ESS1-2); MS.ESS1.A (5-ESS1-1),(5-ESS1-2); MS.ESS1.B (5-ESS1-1),(5-ESS1-2);*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

<b>RI.5.1</b>	Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (5-ESS1-1)
<b>RI.5.7</b>	Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently. (5-ESS1-1)
<b>RI.5.8</b>	Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point(s). (5-ESS1-1)
<b>RI.5.9</b>	Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (5-ESS1-1)
<b>W.5.1</b>	Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. (5-ESS1-1)
<b>SL.5.5</b>	Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes. (5-ESS1-2)
<i>Mathematics –</i>	
<b>MP.2</b>	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-ESS1-1),(5-ESS1-2)
<b>MP.4</b>	Model with mathematics. (5-ESS1-1),(5-ESS1-2)
<b>5.NBT.A.1</b>	Explain patterns in the number of zeros of the product when multiplying a number by powers of 10, and explain patterns in the placement of the decimal point when a decimal is multiplied or divided by a power of 10. Use whole-number exponents to denote powers of 10. (5-ESS1-1)
<b>5.G.A.2</b>	Represent real world and mathematical problems by graphing points in the first quadrant of the coordinate plane, and interpret coordinate values of points in the context of the situation. (5-ESS1-2)

## 5-ESS2 Earth's Systems

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 5-ESS2-1.** **Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact.** [Clarification Statement: Examples could include the influence of the ocean on ecosystems, landform shape, and climate; the influence of the atmosphere on landforms and ecosystems through weather and climate; and the influence of mountain ranges on winds and clouds in the atmosphere. The geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere are each a system.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to the interactions of two systems at a time.]
- 5-ESS2-2.** **Describe and graph the amounts and percentages of water and fresh water in various reservoirs to provide evidence about the distribution of water on Earth.** [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to oceans, lakes, rivers, glaciers, ground water, and polar ice caps, and does not include the atmosphere.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document A Framework for K-12 Science Education:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to building and revising simple models and using models to represent events and design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a model using an example to describe a scientific principle. (5-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to extending quantitative measurements to a variety of physical properties and using computation and mathematics to analyze data and compare alternative design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe and graph quantities such as area and volume to address scientific questions. (5-ESS2-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earth’s major systems are the geosphere (solid and molten rock, soil, and sediments), the hydrosphere (water and ice), the atmosphere (air), and the biosphere (living things, including humans). These systems interact in multiple ways to affect Earth’s surface materials and processes. The ocean supports a variety of ecosystems and organisms, shapes landforms, and influences climate. Winds and clouds in the atmosphere interact with the landforms to determine patterns of weather. (5-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth’s Surface Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nearly all of Earth’s available water is in the ocean. Most fresh water is in glaciers or underground; only a tiny fraction is in streams, lakes, wetlands, and the atmosphere. (5-ESS2-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Standard units are used to measure and describe physical quantities such as weight and volume. (5-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A system can be described in terms of its components and their interactions. (5-ESS2-1)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in fourth grade: N/A*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 2.ESS2.A (5-ESS2-1); 2.ESS2.C (5-ESS2-2); 3.ESS2.D (5-ESS2-1); 4.ESS2.A (5-ESS2-1); MS.ESS2.A (5-ESS2-1); MS.ESS2.C (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2); MS.ESS2.D (5-ESS2-1); MS.ESS3.A (5-ESS2-2)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RI.5.7** Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently. (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2)
- W.5.8** Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources. (5-ESS2-2)
- SL.5.5** Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes. (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2)

*Mathematics –*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2)
- 5.G.A.2** Represent real world and mathematical problems by graphing points in the first quadrant of the coordinate plane, and interpret coordinate values of points in the context of the situation. (5-ESS2-1)

5-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity		
Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
5-ESS3-1 Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.		
The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document A Framework for K-12 Science Education:		
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to evaluating the merit and accuracy of ideas and methods. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain and combine information from books and/or other reliable media to explain phenomena or solutions to a design problem. (5-ESS3-1)</li> </ul>	<b>ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human activities in agriculture, industry, and everyday life have had major effects on the land, vegetation, streams, ocean, air, and even outer space. But individuals and communities are doing things to help protect Earth's resources and environments. (5-ESS3-1)</li> </ul>	<b>Systems and System Models</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A system can be described in terms of its components and their interactions. (5-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Nature of Science</b> <b>Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science findings are limited to questions that can be answered with empirical evidence. (5-ESS3-1)</li> </ul>
<i>Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade: N/A</i>		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: MS.ESS3.A (5-ESS3-1); MS.ESS3.C (5-ESS3-1); MS.ESS3.D (5-ESS3-1)</i>		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i>		
<i>ELA/Literacy –</i>		
<b>RI.5.1</b>	Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (5-ESS3-1)	
<b>RI.5.7</b>	Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently. (5-ESS3-1)	
<b>RI.5.9</b>	Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (5-ESS3-1)	
<b>W.5.8</b>	Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources. (5-ESS3-1)	
<b>W.5.9</b>	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (5-ESS3-1)	
<i>Mathematics –</i>		
<b>MP.2</b>	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-ESS3-1)	
<b>MP.4</b>	Model with mathematics. (5-ESS3-1)	
<i>Connection to PLTW: Robotics and Automation: Challenge (5.ESS3.1)</i>		

## 3-5-ETS1 Engineering Design

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 3-5-ETS1-1. Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
- 3-5-ETS1-2. Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
- 3-5-ETS1-3. Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define a simple design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process, or system and includes several criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost. (3-5-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered. (3-5-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design problem. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account. (3-5-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> <li>• At whatever stage, communicating with peers about proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> <li>• Tests are often designed to identify failure points or difficulties, which suggest the elements of the design that need to be improved. (3-5-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints. (3-5-ETS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People's needs and wants change over time, as do their demands for new and improved technologies. (3-5-ETS1-1)</li> <li>• Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones to increase their benefits, decrease known risks, and meet societal demands. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:*

*Connections to 3-5-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include: Fourth Grade: 4-PS3-4*

*Connections to 3-5-ETS1.B: Designing Solutions to Engineering Problems include: Fourth Grade: 4-ESS3-2*

*Connections to 3-5-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include: Fourth Grade: 4-PS4-3*

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K-2.ETS1.A (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); K-2.ETS1.B (3-5-ETS1-2); K-2.ETS1.C (3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); MS.ETS1.A (3-5-ETS1-1); MS.ETS1.B (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); MS.ETS1.C (3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RI.5.1 Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (3-5-ETS2)
  - RI.5.7 Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently. (3-5-ETS2)
  - RI.5.9 Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (3-5-ETS2)
  - W.5.7 Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3)
  - W.5.8 Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3)
  - W.5.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3)
- Mathematics –*
- MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)
  - MP.4 Model with mathematics. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)
  - MP.5 Use appropriate tools strategically. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)
  - 3-5.OA Operations and Algebraic Thinking (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2)

*Connections to PLTW: Robotics and Automation, Robotics and Automation: Challenge, Infection: Detection, Infection: Modeling and Stimulation (5.ETS1.1, 5.ETS1.2, 5.ETS1.3)*

\* Disciplinary This performance expectation integrates traditional science content with engineering through a practice or core idea.

# Middle School Pathway

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade		7 <sup>th</sup> Grade		8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
ESS1.A	MS-ESS1-1	LS1.A	MS-LS1.1	PS1.A	MS-PS1-1
	MS-ESS1-2		MS-LS1.2		MS-PS1-2
ESS1.B	MS-ESS1-3		MS-LS1.3		MS-PS1-3
ESS1.C	MS-ESS1-4	LS1.B	MS-LS1.4		MS-PS1-4
ESS2.A	MS-ESS2-1		MS-LS1.5	PS1.B	MS-PS1-5
	MS-ESS2-2	LS1.C	MS-LS1.6		MS-PS1-6
ESS2.B	MS-ESS2-3		MS-LS1.7	PS2.A	MS-PS2-1
ESS2.C	MS-ESS2-4	LS1.D	MS-LS1.8		MS-PS2-2
	MS-ESS2-5	LS2.A	MS-LS2.1	PS2.B	MS-PS2-3
ESS2.D	MS-ESS2-6		MS-LS2.2		MS-PS2-4
ESS3.A	MS-ESS3-1	LS2.B	MS-LS2.3		MS-PS2-5
ESS3.B	MS-ESS3-2	LS2.C	MS-LS2.4	PS3.A	MS-PS3-1
ESS3.C	MS-ESS3-3		MS-LS2.5		MS-PS3-2
	MS-ESS3-4	LS3.A	MS-LS3-1		MS-PS3-3
ESS3.D	MS-ESS3-5	LS3.B	MS-LS3-2	PS3.B	MS-PS3-4
LS4.A	MS-LS4-1	LS4.A	MS-LS4-1		MS-PS3-5
	MS-LS4-2		MS-LS4-2	PS4.A	MS-PS4-1
ETS1.A	MS-ETS1-1		MS-LS4-3		MS-PS4-2
ETS1.B	MS-ETS1-2	LS4.B	MS-LS4-4	PS4.C	MS-PS4-3
ETS1.C	MS-ETS1-3		MS-LS4-5	ETS1.A	MS-ETS1-1
	MS-ETS1-4	LS4.C	MS-LS4-6	ETS1.B	MS-ETS1-2
		ETS1.A	MS-ETS1-1	ETS1.C	MS-ETS1-3
		ETS1.B	MS-ETS1-2		MS-ETS1-4
		ETS1.C	MS-ETS1-3		
			MS-ETS1-4		

*Shaded standards are covered in more than one course*

## **Sixth Grade**

### **Middle School Earth and Space**

Sciences Students in middle school continue to develop their understanding of the three disciplinary core ideas in the Earth and Space Sciences. The middle school performance expectations in Earth Space Science build on the elementary school ideas and skills and allow middle school students to explain more in-depth phenomena central not only to the earth and space sciences, but to life and physical sciences as well. These performance expectations blend the core ideas with scientific and engineering practices and crosscutting concepts to support students in developing useable knowledge to explain ideas across the science disciplines. While the performance expectations shown in middle school Earth and Space Science couple particular practices with specific disciplinary core ideas, instructional decisions should include use of many practices that lead to the performance expectations.

The performance expectations in **ESS1: Earth's Place in the Universe**, help students formulate an answer to questions such as: "What is Earth's place in the Universe, What makes up our solar system and how can the motion of Earth explain seasons and eclipses, and how do people figure out that the Earth and life on Earth have changed through time?" The ESS1 Disciplinary Core Idea from the NRC Framework is broken down into three sub-ideas: the universe and its stars, Earth and the solar system and the history of planet Earth. Students examine the Earth's place in relation to the solar system, Milky Way galaxy, and universe. There is a strong emphasis on a systems approach, using models of the solar system to explain astronomical and other observations of the cyclic patterns of eclipses, tides, and seasons. There is also a strong connection to engineering through the instruments and technologies that have allowed us to explore the objects in our solar system and obtain the data that support the theories that explain the formation and evolution of the universe. Students examine geoscience data in order to understand the processes and events in Earth's history. The crosscutting concepts of patterns, scale, proportion, and quantity, and systems and systems modeling are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the ESS1 performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models, analyzing data, and constructing explanations and designing solutions; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in **ESS2: Earth's Systems**, help students formulate an answer to questions such as: "How do the materials in and on Earth's crust change over time, How does the movement of tectonic plates impact the surface of Earth, How does water influence weather, circulate in the oceans, and shape Earth's surface, What factors interact and influence weather, and How have living organisms changed the Earth and how have Earth's changing conditions impacted living organisms?" The ESS2 Disciplinary Core Idea from the NRC Framework is broken down into five sub-ideas: Earth materials and systems, plate tectonics and large-scale system interactions, the roles of water in Earth's surface processes, weather and climate, and biogeology. Students understand how Earth's geosystems operate by modeling the flow of energy and cycling of matter within and among different systems. Students investigate the controlling properties of important materials and construct explanations based on the analysis of real geoscience data. Of special importance in both topics are the ways that geoscience processes provide resources needed by society but also cause natural hazards that present risks to society; both involve technological challenges, for the identification and development of resources. Students develop understanding of the factors that control weather. A systems approach is also important here, examining the feedbacks between systems as energy from the sun is transferred between systems and circulates through the ocean and atmosphere. The crosscutting concepts of patterns, cause and effect, scale proportion and quantity, systems and system models, energy and matter, and stability and change are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the ESS2 performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, and constructing explanations; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in **ESS3: Earth and Human Activity** help students formulate an answer to questions such as: “How is the availability of needed natural resources related to naturally occurring processes, How can natural hazards be predicted, How do human activities affect Earth systems, How do we know our global climate is changing?” The ESS3 Disciplinary Core Idea from the NRC Framework is broken down into four sub-ideas: natural resources, natural hazards, human impact on Earth systems, and global climate change. Students understand the ways that human activities impact Earth’s other systems. Students use many different practices to understand the significant and complex issues surrounding human uses of land, energy, mineral, and water resources and the resulting impacts of their development. The crosscutting concepts of patterns, cause and effect, and stability and change are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the ESS3 performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in asking questions, developing and using models, analyzing and interpreting data, constructing explanations and designing solutions, and engaging in argument; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

## MS-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- MS-ESS1-1. Develop and use a model of the Earth-sun-moon system to describe the cyclic patterns of lunar phases, eclipses of the sun and moon, and seasons.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of models can be physical, graphical, or conceptual.]
- MS-ESS1-2. Develop and use a model to describe the role of gravity in the motions within galaxies and the solar system.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis for the model is on gravity as the force that holds together the solar system and Milky Way galaxy and controls orbital motions within them. Examples of models can be physical (such as the analogy of distance along a football field or computer visualizations of elliptical orbits) or conceptual (such as mathematical proportions relative to the size of familiar objects such as students' school or state).] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Kepler's Laws of orbital motion or the apparent retrograde motion of the planets as viewed from Earth.]
- MS-ESS1-3. Analyze and interpret data to determine scale properties of objects in the solar system.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the analysis of data from Earth-based instruments, space-based telescopes, and spacecraft to determine similarities and differences among solar system objects. Examples of scale properties include the sizes of an object's layers (such as crust and atmosphere), surface features (such as volcanoes), and orbital radius. Examples of data include statistical information, drawings and photographs, and models.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include recalling facts about properties of the planets and other solar system bodies.]
- MS-ESS1-4. Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence from rock strata for how the geologic time scale is used to organize Earth's 4.6-billion-year-old history.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on how analyses of rock formations and the fossils they contain are used to establish relative ages of major events in Earth's history. Examples of Earth's major events could range from being very recent (such as the last Ice Age or the earliest fossils of homo sapiens) to very old (such as the formation of Earth or the earliest evidence of life). Examples can include the formation of mountain chains and ocean basins, the evolution or extinction of particular living organisms, or significant volcanic eruptions.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include recalling the names of specific periods or epochs and events within them.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to developing, using, and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and use a model to describe phenomena. (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze and interpret data to determine similarities and differences in findings. (MS-ESS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include constructing explanations and designing solutions supported by multiple sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a scientific explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from sources (including the students' own experiments) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (MS-ESS1-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS1.A: The Universe and Its Starts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patterns of the apparent motion of the sun, the moon, and stars in the sky can be observed, described, predicted, and explained with models.(MS-ESS1-1)</li> <li>Earth and its solar system are part of the Milky Way galaxy, which is one of many galaxies in the universe. (MS-ESS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The solar system consists of the sun and a collection of objects, including planets, their moons, and asteroids that are held in orbit around the sun by its gravitational pull on them. (MS-ESS1-2),(MS-ESS1-3)</li> <li>This model of the solar system can explain eclipses of the sun and the moon. Earth's spin axis is fixed in direction over the short-term but tilted relative to its orbit around the sun. The seasons are a result of that tilt and are caused by the differential intensity of sunlight on different areas of Earth across the year. (MS-ESS1-a)</li> <li>The solar system appears to have formed from a disk of dust and gas, drawn together by gravity. (MS-ESS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS1.C: The History of the Planet Earth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The geologic time scale interpreted from rock strata provides a way to organize Earth's history. Analyses of rock strata and fossil record provide only relative dates, not an absolute scale. (MS-ESS1-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patterns can be used to identify, cause-and-effect relationships. (MS-ESS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scale, Proportions, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time, space, and energy phenomena can be observed at various scales using models to study systems that are too large or too small. (MS-ESS1-3),(MS-ESS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Models can be used to represent systems and their interactions. (MS-ESS1-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, And Applications of Science</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineering advances have led to important discoveries in virtually every field of science and scientific discoveries have led to the development of entire industries and engineered systems. (MS-ESS1-3)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Connections to Natural Science</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science assumes that objects and events in natural systems occur in consistent patterns that are understandable through measurement and observation. (MS-ESS1-1), (MS-ESS1-2)</li> </ul>

<p>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: <b>MS.PS2.A</b> (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2); <b>MS.PS2.B</b> (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2); <b>MS.LS4.A</b> (MS-ESS1-4); <b>MS.LS4.C</b> (MS-ESS1-4); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (MS-ESS1-3)</p> <p>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: <b>3.PS2.A</b> (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2); <b>3.LS4.A</b> (MS-ESS1-4); <b>3.LS4.C</b> (MS-ESS1-4); <b>4.ESS1.C</b> (MS-ESS1-4); <b>5.PS2.B</b> (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2); <b>5.ESS1.A</b> (MS-ESS1-2); <b>5.ESS1.B</b> (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2),(5-ESS1-3); <b>HS.PS1.C</b> (MS-ESS1-4); <b>HS.PS2.A</b> (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2); <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2); <b>HS.LS4.A</b> (MS-ESS1-4); <b>HS.LS4.C</b> (MS-ESS1-4); <b>HS.ESS1.A</b> (MS-ESS1-2); <b>HS.ESS1.B</b> (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2),(MS-ESS1-3); <b>HS.ESS1.C</b> (MS-ESS1-4); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (MS-ESS1-3),(MS-ESS1-4)</p>
<i>Connections to PLTW: Flight and Space MS-ESS1-2</i>
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i>
<i>ELA/Literacy –</i>
<b>RST.6-8.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-ESS1-3),(MS-ESS1-4)
<b>RST.6-8.7</b> Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flow-chart, diagram, model, graph, or table). (MS-ESS1-3)
<b>WHST.6-9.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis or relevant content. (MS-ESS1-4)
<b>SL.8.5</b> Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points. <i>(MS-ESS1-1),(MS- ESS1-2)Mathematics –</i>
<b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-ESS1-3)
<b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2)
<b>6.RP.A.1</b> Understand the concept of a ratio and use ratio language to describe a ratio relationship between two quantities(MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2),(MS-ESS1-3)
<b>7.RP.A.2</b> Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities. (MS-ESS1-1), (MS-ESS1-2),(MS-ESS1-3)
<b>6.EE.B.6</b> Use variables to represent quantities in real-world or mathematical problem, and construct simple equations and inequities to solve problems by reasoning about the quantities. (MS-ESS1-2),(MS-ESS1-4)
<b>&amp;EE.B.4</b> Use variables to represent quantities in a real-world or mathematical problem, and construct simple equations and inequalities to solve problems by reasoning about the quantities. (MS-ESS1-2),(MS-ESS1-4)

## MS-ESS2 Earth's Systems

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**MS-ESS2-1. Develop a model to describe the cycling of Earth's materials and the flow of energy that drives this process.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the processes of melting, crystallization, weathering, deformation, and sedimentation, which act together to form minerals and rocks through the cycling of Earth's materials.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the identification and naming of minerals.]

**MS-ESS2-2. Construct an explanation based on evidence for how geoscience processes have changed Earth's surface at varying time and spatial scales.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on how processes change Earth's surface at time and spatial scales that can be large (such as slow plate motions or the uplift of large mountain ranges) or small (such as rapid landslides or microscopic geochemical reactions), and how many geoscience processes (such as earthquakes, volcanoes, and meteor impacts) usually behave gradually but are punctuated by catastrophic events. Examples of geoscience processes include surface weathering and deposition by the movements of water, ice, and wind. Emphasis is on geoscience processes that shape local geographic features, where appropriate.]

**MS-ESS2-3. Analyze and interpret data on the distribution of fossils and rocks, continental shapes, and seafloor structures to provide evidence of the past plate motions.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of data include similarities of rock and fossil types on different continents, the shapes of the continents (including continental shelves), and the locations of ocean structures (such as ridges, fracture zones, and trenches).] [Assessment Boundary: Paleomagnetic anomalies in oceanic and continental crust are not assessed.]

**MS-ESS2-4. Develop a model to describe the cycling of water through Earth's systems driven by energy from the sun and the force of gravity.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the ways water changes its state as it moves through the multiple pathways of the hydrologic cycle. Examples of models can be conceptual or physical.] [Assessment Boundary: A quantitative understanding of the latent heats of vaporization and fusion is not assessed.]

**MS-ESS2-5. Collect data to provide evidence for how the motions and complex interactions of air masses results in changes in weather conditions.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on how air masses flow from regions of high pressure to low pressure, causing weather (defined by temperature, pressure, humidity, precipitation, and wind) at a fixed location to change over time, and how sudden changes in weather can result when different air masses collide. Emphasis is on how weather can be predicted within probabilistic ranges. Examples of data can be provided to students (such as weather maps, diagrams, and visualizations) or obtained through laboratory experiments (such as with condensation).] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include recalling the names of cloud types or weather symbols used on weather maps or the reported diagrams from weather stations.]

**MS-ESS2-6. Develop and use a model to describe how unequal heating and rotation of the Earth cause patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine regional climates.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on how patterns vary by latitude, altitude, and geographic land distribution. Emphasis of atmospheric circulation is on the sunlight-driven latitudinal banding, the Coriolis effect, and resulting prevailing winds; emphasis of ocean circulation is on the transfer of heat by the global ocean convection cycle, which is constrained by the Coriolis effect and the outlines of continents. Examples of models can be diagrams, maps and globes, or digital representations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the dynamics of the Coriolis effect.]

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to developing, using, and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and use a model to describe phenomena. (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2)</li> <li>Develop a model to describe unobservable mechanisms. (MS-ESS2-4)</li> </ul>	<b>ESS1.C: The History of the Planet Earth</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tectonic processes continually generate new ocean sea floor at ridges and destroy old sea floor at trenches. (<i>HE-ESS1-C. GBE</i>) (secondary to MS-ESS2-3)</li> </ul> <b>ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Earth processes are the result of energy flowing and matter cycling within and among the planet's systems. This energy is derived from the sun and Earth's hot interior. The energy that flows and matter that cycles produce chemical and physical changes in Earth's materials and living organisms. (MS-ESS2-1)</li> <li>The planet's systems interact over scales that range from microscopic to global in size, and they operate over fractions of a second to billions of years. These interactions have shaped Earth's history and will determine its future. (MS-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <b>ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maps of ancient land and water patterns, based on investigations of rocks and fossils, make clear how Earth's plates have moved great distances, collided, and</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patterns in rates of change and other numerical relationships can provide information about natural and human designed systems. (MS-ESS2-3)</li> </ul> <b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cause and effect relationship can be used to predict phenomena in natural or designed systems. (MS-ESS2-5)</li> </ul> <b>Scale Proportion and Quantity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time, space, and energy phenomena can be observed at</li> </ul>
<b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include investigations that use explanations or solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect data to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer scientific questions or test design solutions under a range of conditions. (MS-ESS2-5)</li> </ul>		
<b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5		

<p>experiences and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for phenomena. (MS-ESS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 6-8 builds on K-5 experiences and progresses to include constructing explanations and designing solutions supported by multiple sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a scientific explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from sources (including the students' own experiments) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe nature operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (MS-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Scientific Knowledge is Open to Revision in Light of New Evidence</b>3</li> <li>Science findings are frequently revised and/or reinterpreted based on new evidence. (MS-ESS2-3)</li> </ul>	<p>spread apart. (MS-ESS2-3)</p> <p><b>ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water continually cycles among land, ocean, and atmosphere via transpiration, evaporation, condensation and crystallization, and precipitation, as well as downhill flows on land. (MS-ESS2-3)</li> <li>The complex patterns of the changes and the movement of water in the atmosphere, determined by winds, landforms, and ocean temperatures and currents, are major determinants of local weather patterns. (MS-ESS2-5)</li> <li>Global movements of water and its changes in form are propelled by sunlight and gravity. (MS-ESS2-4)</li> <li>Variations in density due to variations in temperature and salinity drive a global pattern of interconnected ocean currents. (MS-ESS2-6)</li> <li>Water movements-both on the land and underground-cause weathering and erosion, which change the land's surface features and create underground formations. (MS-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS2.D: Weather and Climate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weather and climate are influenced by interactions involving sunlight, the ocean, the atmosphere, ice, landforms, and living things. These interactions vary with latitude, altitude, and local and regional geography, all of which can affect oceanic and atmospheric flow patterns. (MS-ESS2-6)</li> <li>Because these patterns are so complex, weather can only be predicted probabilistically. (MS-ESS2-5)</li> <li>The ocean exerts a major influence on weather and climate by absorbing energy from the sun, releasing it over time, and globally redistributing it through ocean currents. (MS-ESS2-6)</li> </ul>	<p>various scales using models to study systems that are too large or too small. (MS-ESS2-2)</p> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Models can be used to represent systems and their interactions-such as inputs, processes and outputs-and energy, matter, and information flows within systems. (MS-ESS2-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within a natural or designed system, the transfer of energy drives the motion and/or cycling of matter. (MS-ESS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explanations of stability and change in natural or designed systems can be constructed by examining the changes over time and processes at different scales, including the atomic scale. (MS-ESS2-1)</li> </ul>
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-4),(MS-ESS2-5); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-2); <b>MS.PS2.A</b> (MS-ESS2-5),(MS-ESS2-6); <b>MS.PS2.B</b> (MS-ESS2-4); <b>MS.PS3.A</b> (MS-ESS2-4),(MS-ESS2-5); <b>MS.PS3.B</b> (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-5),(MS-ESS2-6); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (MS-ESS2-4); <b>MS.PS4.B</b> (MS-ESS2-6); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (MSESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-2); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (MS-ESS2-1); <b>MS.LS4.A</b> (MS-ESS2-3); <b>MS.ESS1.B</b> (MS-ESS2-1); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (MS-ESS2-1)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>3.PS2.A</b> (MS-ESS2-4),(MS-ESS2-6); <b>3.LS4.A</b> (MS-ESS2-3); <b>3.ESS2.D</b> (MS-ESS2-5),(MS-ESS2-6); <b>3.ESS3.B</b> (MS-ESS2-3); <b>4.PS3.B</b> (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-4); <b>4.ESS1.C</b> (MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3); <b>4.ESS2.A</b> (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-2); <b>4.ESS2.B</b> (MS-ESS2-3); <b>4.ESS2.E</b> (MS-ESS2-2); <b>4.ESS3.B</b> (MS-ESS2-3); <b>5.PS2.B</b> (MSESS2-4); <b>5.ESS2.A</b> (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-5),(MS-ESS2-6); <b>5.ESS2.C</b> (MS-ESS2-4); <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (MS-ESS2-1); <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (MS-ESS2-4),(MS-ESS2-6); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-4),(MS-ESS2-6); <b>HS.PS3.D</b> (MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-6); <b>HS.PS4.B</b> (MS-ESS2-4); <b>HS.LS1.C</b> (MS-ESS2-1); <b>HS.LS2.B</b> (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-2); <b>HS.LS4.A</b> (MS-ESS2-3); <b>HS.LS4.C</b> (MS-ESS2-3); <b>HS.ESS1.B</b> (MS-ESS2-6); <b>HS.ESS1.C</b> (MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3),(MS-ESS2-4),(MS-ESS2-6); <b>HS.ESS2.B</b> (MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3); <b>HS.ESS2.C</b> (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-4),(MS-ESS2-5); <b>HS.ESS2.D</b> (MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-4),(MS-ESS2-5),(MS-ESS2-6); <b>HS.ESS2.E</b> (MS-ESS2- 1),(MS-ESS2-2); <b>HS.ESS3.D</b> (MS-ESS2-2)</p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p> <p><b>ELA/Literacy –</b></p> <p><b>RST.6-8.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3)</p> <p><b>RST.6-8.7</b> Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table). (MS-ESS2-3)</p> <p><b>RST.6-8.9</b> Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic. (MS-ESS2-3)</p> <p><b>WHST.6-8.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. (MS-ESS2-2)</p> <p><b>WHST.6-8.8</b> Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (MS-ESS2-5)</p> <p><b>SL.8.5</b> Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points. (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-2) <b>Mathematics –</b></p> <p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3)</p>		

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| <b>6.NS.C.5</b> | Understand that positive and negative numbers are used both together to describe quantities having opposite directions or values (e.g., temperature above/below zero, elevation above/below sea level, credits/debits, positive/negative electric charge); use positive and negative numbers to represent quantities in real-world contexts, explaining the meaning of ) in each situation (MS-ESS2-5) |
| <b>6.EE.B.6</b> | Use variables to represent numbers and write expressions when solving a real-world or mathematical problem; understand that a variable can represent an unknown number, or, depending on the purpose at hand, any number in a specified set. ((MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3)  |
| <b>7.EE.B.4</b> | Use variables to represent quantities in a real-world or mathematical problem, and construct simple equations and inequalities to solve problems by reasoning about the quantities. (MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3)  |

## MS-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- MS-ESS3-1. Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how the uneven distributions of Earth's mineral, energy, and groundwater resources are the result of past and current geoscience processes.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on how these resources are limited and typically non-renewable, and how their distributions are significantly changing as a result of removal by humans. Examples of uneven distributions of resources as a result of past processes include but are not limited to petroleum (locations of the burial of organic marine sediments and subsequent geologic traps), metal ores (locations of past volcanic and hydrothermal activity associated with subduction zones), and soil (locations of active weathering and/or deposition of rock).]
- MS-ESS3-2. Analyze and interpret data on natural hazards to forecast future catastrophic events and inform the development of technologies to mitigate their effects.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on how some natural hazards, such as volcanic eruptions and severe weather, are preceded by phenomena that allow for reliable predictions, but others, such as earthquakes, occur suddenly and with no notice, and thus are not yet predictable. Examples of natural hazards can be taken from interior processes (such as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions), surface processes (such as mass wasting and tsunamis), or severe weather events (such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods). Examples of data can include the locations, magnitudes, and frequencies of the natural hazards. Examples of technologies can be global (such as satellite systems to monitor hurricanes or forest fires) or local (such as building basements in tornado-prone regions or reservoirs to mitigate droughts).]
- MS-ESS3-3. Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment.\*** [Clarification Statement: Examples of the design process include examining human environmental impacts, assessing the kinds of solutions that are feasible, and designing and evaluating solutions that could reduce that impact. Examples of human impacts can include water usage (such as the withdrawal of water from streams and aquifers or the construction of dams and levees), land usage (such as urban development, agriculture, or the removal of wetlands), and pollution (such as of the air, water, or land).]
- MS-ESS3-4. Construct an argument supported by evidence for how increases in human population and per-capita consumption of natural resources impact Earth's systems.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence include grade-appropriate databases on human populations and the rates of consumption of food and natural resources (such as freshwater, mineral, and energy). Examples of impacts can include changes to the appearance, composition, and structure of Earth's systems as well as the rates at which they change. The consequences of increases in human populations and consumption of natural resources are described by science, but science does not make the decisions for the actions society takes.]
- MS-ESS3-5. Ask questions to clarify evidence of the factors that have caused the rise in global temperatures over the past century.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of factors include human activities (such as fossil fuel combustion, cement production, and agricultural activity) and natural processes (such as changes in incoming solar radiation or volcanic activity). Examples of evidence can include tables, graphs, and maps of global and regional temperatures, atmospheric levels of gases such as carbon dioxide and methane, and the rates of human activities. Emphasis is on the major role that human activities play in causing the rise in global temperatures.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in grades 6–8 builds on grades K–5 experiences and progresses to specifying relationships between variables, and clarifying arguments and models. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask questions to identify and clarify evidence of an argument. (MS-ESS3-5)</li> </ul> <b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5 and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze and interpret data to determine similarities and differences in findings. (MS-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include constructing explanations and designing solutions supported by multiple sources of evidence	<b>ESS3.A: Natural Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humans depend on Earth's land, ocean, atmosphere, and biosphere for many different resources. Minerals, fresh water, and biosphere resources are limited, and many are not renewable or replaceable over human lifetimes. These resources are distributed unevenly around the planet as a result of past geologic processes. (MS-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <b>ESS3.B: Natural Hazards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mapping the history of natural hazards in a region, combined with an understanding of related geologic forces can help forecast the locations and likelihoods of future events. (MS-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <b>ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human activities have significantly altered the biosphere, sometimes damaging or destroying natural habitats and causing the extinction of</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graphs, charts, and images can be used to identify patterns in data. (MS-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relationships can be classified as causal or correlational, and correlation does not necessarily imply causation. (MS-ESS3-3)</li> <li>Cause and effect relationships may be used to predict phenomena in natural or designed systems. (MS-ESS3-1), (MS-ESS3-4)</li> </ul> <b>Stability and Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stability might be disturbed either by sudden events or gradual changes that accumulate over time. (MS-ESS3-5)</li> </ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b>  <b>Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All human activity draws on natural</li> </ul>

<p>consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a scientific explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from sources (including the students' own experiments) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (MS-ESS3-1)</li> <li>Apply specific principles to design an object, tool, process or system. (MS-ESS3-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>Engaging in argument from evidence in 6-8 builds on K-5 experiences and progresses to constructing a convincing argument that supports or refutes claims for either explanations or solutions about the natural and designed world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct an oral and written argument supported by empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to support or refute an explanation or a model for a phenomenon or a solution to a problem. (MS-ESS3-4)</li> </ul>	<p>other species. But changes to Earth's environments can have different impacts (negative and positive) for different living things. (MS-ESS3-3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically as human populations and per-capita consumption of natural resources increase, so do the negative impacts on Earth unless the activities and technologies involved are engineered otherwise. (MS-ESS303), (MS-ESS3-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS3.D Global Climate Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human activities, such as the release of greenhouse gases from burning fossil fuels, are major factors in the current rise in Earth's mean surface temperature (global warming). Reducing the level of climate change and reducing human vulnerability to whatever climate changes do occur depend on the understanding of climate science, engineering capabilities, and other kinds of knowledge, such as understanding of human behavior and on applying that knowledge wisely in decisions and activities. (MS-ESS3-5)</li> </ul>	<p>resources and has both short and long-term consequences, positive as well as negative, for the health of people and the natural environment. (MS-ESS3-1), (MSESS3-4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The uses of technologies and any limitations on their use are driven by individual or societal needs, desires, and values; by the findings of scientific research; and by differences in such factors as climate, natural resources, and economic conditions. Thus technology use varies from region to region and over time. (MS-ESS3-2),(MS-ESS3-3)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientific knowledge can describe the consequences of actions but does not necessarily prescribe the decisions that society takes. (MS-ESS3-4)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</b> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (MS-ESS3-1); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (MS-ESS3-1); <b>MS.PS3.A</b> (MS-ESS3-5); <b>MS.PS3.C</b> (MS-ESS3-2); <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); <b>MS.LS4.D</b> (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); <b>MS.ESS2.D</b> (MS-ESS3-1)</p>		
<p><b>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</b> Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: <b>3.LS2.C</b> (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); <b>3.LS4.D</b> (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); <b>3.ESS3.B</b> (MS-ESS3-2); <b>4.PS3.D</b> (MS-ESS3-1); <b>4.ESS3.A</b> (MS-ESS3-1); <b>4.ESS3.B</b> (MS-ESS3-2); <b>5.ESS3.C</b> (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (MS-ESS3-1),(MS-ESS3-5); <b>HS.PS4.B</b> (MS-ESS3-5); <b>HS.LS1.C</b> (MS-ESS3-1); <b>HS.LS2.A</b> (MS-ESS3-4); <b>HS.LS2.C</b> (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); <b>HS.LS4.C</b> (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); <b>HS.LS4.D</b> (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (MS-ESS3-1),(MS-ESS3-5); <b>HS.ESS2.B</b> (MS-ESS3-1),(MS-ESS3-2); <b>HS.ESS2.C</b> (MS-ESS3-1),(MS-ESS3-3); <b>HS.ESS2.D</b> (MS-ESS3-2),(MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-5); <b>HS.ESS2.E</b> (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (MS-ESS3-1),(MS-ESS3-4); <b>HS.ESS3.B</b> (MS-ESS3-2); <b>HS.ESS3.C</b> (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4),(MS-ESS3-5); <b>HS.ESS3.D</b> (MS-ESS3-2);(MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>Connection to PLTW: Energy and the Environment</b> (MS-ESS3-3), (MS-ESS3-4), (MS-ESS3-5), <b>Green Architecture</b> (MS-ESS3-2), (MS-ESS3-3), (MS-ESS3-4), (MS-ESS3-5), <b>Science of Technology</b> (MS-ESS3-3), <b>Introduction to Computer Science</b> (MS-ESS3-4), (MS-ESS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>Common Core State Standards Connections:</b></p>		
<p><b>ELA/Literacy –</b></p>		
<p><b>RST.6-8.1</b>Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-ESS3-1),(MS-ESS3-2)(MS-ESS3-4), (MS-ESS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>RST.6-8.7</b>Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table). (MS-ESS3-2)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.6-8.1</b> Write arguments focused on discipline content. (MS-ESS3-4)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.6-8.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. (MS-ESS3-1)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.6-8.7</b> Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (MS-ESS3-3)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.6-8.8</b> Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (MS-ESS3-3)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.6-8.9</b> Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (MS-ESS3-1)</p>		
<p><b>Mathematics –</b></p>		
<p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-ESS3-2)</p>		
<p><b>6.RP.A.1</b> Understand the concept of a ratio and use ratio language to describe a ratio relationship between two quantities. (MS-ESS3-3), (MS-ESS3-4)</p>		
<p><b>7.RP.A.2</b> Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities. (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4)</p>		
<p><b>6.EE.B.6</b> Use variables to represent numbers and write expressions when solving a real-world or mathematical problem; understand that a variable can represent an unknown number, or, depending on the purpose at hand, any number in a specified set. (MS-ESS3-1),(MS-ESS3-2)</p>		
<p><b>7.EE.B.4</b> Use variables to represent quantities in a real-world or mathematical problem, and construct simple equations and inequalities to solve problems by reasoning about the quantities. (MS-ESS3-1),(MS-ESS3-2)</p>		

## MS-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- MS-LS4-1.** Analyze and interpret data for patterns in the fossil record that document the existence, diversity, extinction, and change of life forms throughout the history of life on Earth under the assumption that natural laws operate today as in the past.  
**[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on finding patterns of change in the level of complexity of anatomical structures in organisms and the chronological order of fossil appearance in the rock layers.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the names of individual species or geological eras in the fossil record.]**
- MS-LS4-2.** Apply scientific ideas to construct an explanation for the anatomical similarities and differences amount modern organisms and between modern and fossil organisms to infer evolutionary relationships. **[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on explanations of the evolutionary relationships among organisms in terms of similarity or differences of the gross appearance of anatomical structures.]**

Clarification statements were created by the writers of NGSS to supply examples or additional clarification to the performance expectations and assessment boundary statements:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b>  Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze and interpret data to determine similarities and differences in findings. (MS-LS4-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b>  Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include constructing explanations and designing solutions supported by multiple sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply scientific ideas to construct an explanation for real-world phenomena, examples, or events. (MS-LS4-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science knowledge is based upon logical and conceptual connections between evidence and explanations. (MS-LS4-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS4.A: Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The collection of fossils and their placement in chronological order (e.g., through the location of the sedimentary layers in which they are found or through radioactive dating) is known as the fossil record. It documents the existence, diversity, extinction, and change of many life forms throughout the history of life on Earth. (MS-LS4-1)</li> <li>Anatomical similarities and differences between various organisms living today and between them and organisms in the fossil record, enable the reconstruction of evolutionary history and the inference of lines of evolutionary descent. (MS-LS4-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patterns can be used to identify cause and effect relationships. (MS-LS4-2)</li> <li>Graphs, charts, and images can be used to identify patterns in data. (MS-LS4-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science assumes that objects and events in natural systems occur in consistent patterns that are understandable through measurement and observation. (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2) Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World</li> </ul>
<p><b>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</b> <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (MS-LS4-6); <b>MS.LS3.A</b> (MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-4); <b>MS.LSco3.B</b> (MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-4),(MSLS4-6); <b>MS.ESS1.C</b> (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-6); <b>MS.ESS2.B</b> (MS-LS4-1)</p> <p><b>Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands:</b> <b>3.LS3.B</b> (MS-LS4-4); <b>3.LS4.A</b> (MS-LS4-1), (MS-LS4-2); <b>3. LS4.B</b> (MS-LS4-4); <b>3.LS4.C</b> (MS-LS4-6); <b>HS.LS2.A</b> (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6); <b>HS.LS2.C</b> (MS-LS4-6); <b>HS.LS3.B</b> (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-5),(MS-LS4-6); <b>HS.LS4.A</b> (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-3); <b>HS.LS4.B</b> (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6); <b>HS.LS4.C</b> (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-5),(MS-LS4-6); <b>HS.ESS1.C</b> (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2)</p> <p><b>Connection to PLTW: Introduction to Computer Science</b> (MS-LS4-4), (MS-LS4-6)</p>		
<p><b>Common Core State Standards Connections:</b></p> <p><b>ELA/Literacy –</b></p> <p><b>RST.6-8.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2)</p> <p><b>RST.6-8.7</b> Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table). (MS-LS4-1)</p> <p><b>WHST.6-8.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. (MS-LS4-2)</p> <p><b>WHST.6-8.9</b> Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (MS-LS4-2)</p> <p><b>SL.8.1</b> Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. (MS-LS4-2)</p> <p><b>SL.8.4</b> Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. (MS-LS4-2)</p> <p><b>Mathematics –</b></p> <p><b>6.EE.B.6</b> Use variables to represent numbers and write expressions when solving a real-world or mathematical problem; understand that a variable can represent an unknown number, or depending on the purpose at hand, any number in a specified set. (MS-LS4-2), (MS-LS4-2)</p>		

MS-ETS1 Engineering Design		
Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
<p><b>MS-ETS1-1.</b> Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.</p> <p><b>MS-ETS1-2.</b> Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.</p> <p><b>MS-ETS1-3.</b> Analyze data from tests to determine similarities and differences among several design solutions to identify the best characteristics of each that can be combined into a new solution to better meet the criteria for success.</p> <p><b>MS-ETS1-4.</b> Develop a model to generate data for iterative testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.</p>		
The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document <i>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</i> :		
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in grades 6–8 builds on grades K–5 experiences and progresses to specifying relationships between variables, clarify arguments and models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define a design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process or system and includes multiple criteria and constraints, including scientific knowledge that may limit possible solutions. (MS-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to developing, using, and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a model to generate data to test ideas about designed systems, including those representing inputs and outputs. (MS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze and interpret data to determine similarities and differences in findings. (MS-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to constructing a convincing argument that supports or refutes claims for either explanations or solutions about the natural and designed world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate competing design solutions based on jointly developed and agreed-upon design criteria.(MS-ETS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The more precisely a design task's criteria and constraints can be defined, the more likely it is that the designed solution will be successful. Specification of constraints includes consideration of scientific principles and other relevant knowledge that are likely to limit possible solutions. (MS-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A solution needs to be tested, and then modified on the basis of the test results, in order to improve it. (MS-ETS1-4)</li> <li>There are systematic processes for evaluating solutions with respect to how well they meet the criteria and constraints of a problem. (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3)</li> <li>Sometimes parts of different solutions can be combined to create a solution that is better than any of its predecessors. (MS-ETS1-3)</li> <li>Models of all kinds are important for testing solutions. (MS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although one design may not perform the best across all tests, identifying the characteristics of the design that performed the best in each test can provide useful information for the redesign process—that is, some of those characteristics may be incorporated into the new design. (MS-ETS1-3)</li> <li>The iterative process of testing the most promising solutions and modifying what is proposed on the basis of the test results leads to greater refinement and ultimately to an optimal solution. (MS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All human activity draws on natural resources and has both short and long-term consequences, positive as well as negative, for the health of people and the natural environment. (MS-ETS1-1)</li> <li>The uses of technologies and limitations on their use are driven by individual or societal needs, desires, and values; by the findings of scientific research; and by differences in such factors as climate, natural resources, and economic conditions. (MS-ETS1-1)</li> </ul>
<p><i>Connections to MS-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include:</i></p> <p><b>Physical Science:</b> MS-PS3-3</p> <p><i>Connections to MS-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Problems include:</i></p> <p><b>Physical Science:</b> MS-PS1-6, MS-PS3-3, <b>Life Science:</b> MS-LS2-5</p> <p><i>Connections to MS-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include:</i></p> <p><b>Physical Science:</b> MS-PS1-6</p> <p><i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>3-5.ETS1.A</b> (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3); <b>3-5.ETS1.B</b> (MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4); <b>3-5.ETS1.C</b> (MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4); <b>HS.ETS1.A</b> (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2); <b>HS.ETS1.B</b> (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4); <b>HS.ETS1.C</b> (MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4)</p>		

*Connection to PLTW: Design and Modeling (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Energy and the Environment (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Flight and Space (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Green Architecture (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Magic of Electrons (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Science of Technology (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Introduction to Computer Science (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

<b>RST.6-8.1</b>	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3)
<b>RST.6-8.7</b>	Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table). (MS-ETS1-3)
<b>RST.6-8.9</b>	Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic. (MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3)
<b>WHST.6-8.7</b>	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-1)
<b>WHST.6-8.8</b>	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (MS-ETS1-1)
<b>WHST.6-8.9</b>	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (MS-ETS1-2)
<b>SL.8.5</b>	Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points. (MS-ETS1-4) <i>Mathematics –</i>
<b>MP.2</b>	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4)
<b>7.EE.3</b>	Solve multi-step real-life and mathematical problems posed with positive and negative rational numbers in any form (whole numbers, fractions, and decimals), using tools strategically. Apply properties of operations to calculate with numbers in any form; convert between forms as appropriate; and assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3)
<b>7.SP</b>	Develop a probability model and use it to find probabilities of events. Compare probabilities from a model to observed frequencies; if the agreement is not good, explain possible sources of the discrepancy. (MS-ETS1-4)

## Seventh Grade Middle School Life Science

Students in middle school develop understanding of key concepts to help them make sense of life science. The ideas build upon students' science understanding from earlier grades and from the disciplinary core ideas, science and engineering practices, and crosscutting concepts of other experiences with physical and earth sciences. There are four life science disciplinary core ideas in middle school: 1) From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes, 2) Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics, 3) Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits, 4) Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity. The performance expectations in middle school blend the core ideas with scientific and engineering practices and crosscutting concepts to support students in developing useable knowledge across the science disciplines. While the performance expectations in middle school life science couple particular practices with specific disciplinary core ideas, instructional decisions should include use of many science and engineering practices integrated in the performance expectations.

The performance expectations in **LS1: From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes** help students formulate an answer to the question, "How can one explain the ways cells contribute to the function of living organisms." The LS1 Disciplinary Core Idea from the NRC Framework is organized into four sub-ideas: Structure and Function, Growth and Development of Organisms, Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms, and Information Processing. Students can gather information and use this information to support explanations of the structure and function relationship of cells. They can communicate understanding of cell theory. They have a basic understanding of the role of cells in body systems and how those systems work to support the life functions of the organism. The understanding of cells provides a context for the plant process of photosynthesis and the movement of matter and energy needed for the cell. Students can construct an explanation for how environmental and genetic factors affect growth of organisms. They can connect this to the role of animal behaviors in reproduction of animals as well as the dependence of some plants on animal behaviors for their reproduction. Crosscutting concepts of cause and effect, structure and function, and matter and energy are called out as organizing concepts for the core ideas about processes of living organisms.

The performance expectations in **LS2: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics Relationships in Ecosystems** help students formulate an answer to the question, "How does a system of living and non-living things operate to meet the needs of the organisms in an ecosystem?" The LS2 Disciplinary Core Idea is divided into three sub-ideas: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems, Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems, and Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience. Students can analyze and interpret data, develop models, and construct arguments and demonstrate a deeper understanding of resources and the cycling of matter and the flow of energy in ecosystems. They can also study patterns of the interactions among organisms within an ecosystem. They consider biotic and abiotic factors in an ecosystem and the effects these factors have on population. They evaluate competing design solutions for maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services.

The performance expectations in **LS3: Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits** help students formulate an answer to the question, "How do living organisms pass traits from one generation to the next?" The LS3 Disciplinary Core Idea from the NRC Framework includes two sub-ideas: Inheritance of

Traits, and Variation of Traits. Students can use models to describe ways gene mutations and sexual reproduction contribute to genetic variation. Crosscutting concepts of cause and effect and structure and function provide students with a deeper understanding of how gene structure determines differences in the functioning of organisms.

The performance expectations in **LS4: Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity** help students formulate an answer to the question, “How do organisms change over time in response to changes in the environment?” The LS4 Disciplinary Core Idea is divided into four sub-ideas: Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity, Natural Selection, Adaptation, and Biodiversity and Humans. Students can construct explanations based on evidence to support fundamental understandings of natural selection and evolution. They can use ideas of genetic variation in a population to make sense of organisms surviving and reproducing, hence passing on the traits of the species. They are able to use fossil records and anatomical similarities of the relationships among organisms and species to support their understanding. Crosscutting concepts of patterns and structure and function contribute to the evidence students can use to describe biological evolution.

## MS-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- MS-LS1-1.** **Conduct an investigation to provide evidence that living things are made of cells; either one cell or many different numbers and types of cells.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on developing evidence that living things are made of cells, distinguishing between living and non-living things, and understanding that living things may be made of one cell or many and varied cells.]
- MS-LS1-2.** **Develop and use a model to describe the function of a cell as a whole and ways parts of cells contribute to the function.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the cell functioning as a whole system and the primary role of identified parts of the cell, specifically the nucleus, chloroplasts, mitochondria, cell membrane, and cell wall.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of organelle structure/function relationships is limited to the cell wall and cell membrane. Assessment of the function of the other organelles is limited to their relationship to the whole cell. Assessment does not include the biochemical function of cells or cell parts.]
- MS-LS1-3.** **Use argument supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the conceptual understanding that cells form tissues and tissues form organs specialized for particular body functions. Examples could include the interaction of subsystems within a system and the normal functioning of those systems.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the mechanism of one body system independent of others. Assessment is limited to the circulatory, excretory, digestive, respiratory, muscular, and nervous systems.]
- MS-LS1-4.** **Use argument based on empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to support an explanation for how characteristic animal behaviors and specialized plant structures affect the probability of successful reproduction of animals and plants respectively.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of behaviors that affect the probability of animal reproduction could include nest building to protect young from cold, herding of animals to protect young from predators, and vocalization of animals and colorful plumage to attract mates for breeding. Examples of animal behaviors that affect the probability of plant reproduction could include transferring pollen or seeds; and, creating conditions for seed germination and growth. Examples of plant structures could include bright flowers attracting butterflies that transfer pollen, flower nectar and odors that attract insects that transfer pollen, and hard shells on nuts that squirrels bury.]
- MS-LS1-5.** **Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of local environmental conditions could include availability of food, light, space, and water. Examples of genetic factors could include large breed cattle and species of grass affecting growth of organisms. Examples of evidence could include drought decreasing plant growth, fertilizer increasing plant growth, different varieties of plant seeds growing at different rates in different conditions, and fish growing larger in large ponds than they do in small ponds.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include genetic mechanisms, gene regulation, or biochemical processes.]
- MS-LS1-6.** **Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for the role of photosynthesis in the cycling of matter and flow of energy into and out of organisms.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on tracing movement of matter and flow of energy.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the biochemical mechanisms of photosynthesis.]
- MS-LS1-7.** **Develop a model to describe how food is rearranged through chemical reactions forming new molecules that support growth and/or release energy as this matter moves through an organism.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on describing that molecules are broken apart and put back together and that in this process, energy is released.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include details of the chemical reactions for photosynthesis or respiration.]
- MS-LS1-8.** **Gather and synthesize information that sensory receptors respond to stimuli by sending messages to the brain for immediate behavior or storage as memories.** [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include mechanisms for the transmission of this information.]

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to developing, using, and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop and use a model to describe phenomena. (MS-LS1-2)</li> <li>▪ Develop a model to describe unobservable mechanisms. (MS-LS1-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include investigations that use <u>multiple variables</u> and provide evidence to support explanations or solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conduct an investigation to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence that meet the goals of an investigation. (MS-LS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include constructing explanations and designing solutions supported by multiple sources of evidence consistent with</p>	<p><b>LS1.A: Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All living things are made up of cells, which is the smallest unit that can be said to be alive. An organism may consist of one single cell (unicellular) or many different numbers and types of cells (multicellular). (MS-LS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Within cells, special structures are responsible for particular functions, and the cell membrane forms the boundary that controls what enters and leaves the cell. (MS-LS1-2)</li> <li>▪ In multicellular organisms, the body is a system of multiple interacting subsystems. These subsystems are groups of cells that work together to form tissues and organs that are specialized for particular body functions. (MS-LS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Animals engage in characteristic behaviors that increase the odds of reproduction. (MS-LS1-4)</li> <li>▪ Plants reproduce in a variety of ways, sometimes depending on animal behavior and specialized features for reproduction. (MS-LS1-4)</li> <li>▪ Genetic factors as well as local conditions affect the growth of the adult plant. (MS-LS1-5)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cause and effect relationships may be used to predict phenomena in natural systems. (MS-LS1-8)</li> <li>▪ Phenomena may have more than one cause, and some cause and effect relationships in systems can only be described using probability. (MS-LS1-4), (MS-LS1-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Phenomena that can be observed at one scale may not be observable at another scale. (MS-LS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Systems may interact with other systems; they may have sub-systems and be a part of larger complex systems. (MS-LS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Matter is conserved because atoms are conserved in physical and chemical processes. (MS-LS1-7)</li> </ul>

<p>scientific knowledge, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a scientific explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from sources (including the students' own experiments) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (MS-LS1-5), (MS-LS1-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>Engaging in argument from evidence in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to constructing a convincing argument that supports or refutes claims for either explanations or solutions about the natural and designed world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use an oral and written argument supported by evidence to support or refute an explanation or a model for a phenomenon. (MS-LS1-3)</li> <li>Use an oral and written argument supported by empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to support or refute an explanation or a model for a phenomenon or a solution to a problem. (MS-LS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <p>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to evaluating the merit and validity of ideas and methods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather, read, and synthesize information from multiple appropriate sources and assess the credibility, accuracy, and possible bias of each publication and methods used, and describe how they are supported or not supported by evidence. (MS-LS1-8)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science knowledge is based upon logical connections between evidence and explanations. (MS-LS1-6)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plants, algae (including phytoplankton), and many microorganisms use the energy from light to make sugars (food) from carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and water through the process of photosynthesis, which also releases oxygen. These sugars can be used immediately or stored for growth or later use. (MS-LS1-6)</li> <li>Wherein individual organisms, food moves through a series of chemical reactions in which it is broken down and rearranged to form new molecules, to support growth, or to release energy. (MS-LS1-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS1.D: Information Processing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each sense receptor responds to different inputs (electromagnetic, mechanical, chemical), transmitting them as signals that travel along nerve cells to the brain. The signals are then processed in the brain, resulting in immediate behaviors or memories. (MS-LS1-8)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The chemical reaction by which plants produce complex food molecules (sugars) requires an energy input (i.e., from sunlight) to occur. In this reaction, carbon dioxide and water combine to form carbon-based organic molecules and release oxygen. (secondary to MS-LS1-6)</li> <li>Cellular respiration in plants and animals involve chemical reactions with oxygen that release stored energy. In these processes, complex molecules containing carbon react with oxygen to produce carbon dioxide and other materials. (secondary to MS-LS1-7)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within a natural system, the transfer of energy drives the motion and/or cycling of matter. (MS-LS1-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complex and microscopic structures and systems can be visualized, modeled, and used to describe how their function depends on the relationships among its parts; therefore, complex natural and designed structures/systems can be analyzed to determine how they function. (MS-LS1-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <p><b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineering advances have led to important discoveries in virtually every field of science, and scientific discoveries have led to the development of entire industries and engineered systems. (MS-LS1-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science is a Human Endeavor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientists and engineers are guided by habits of mind such as intellectual honesty, tolerance of ambiguity, skepticism, and openness to new ideas. (MS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>
<i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: MS.PS1.B (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7); MS.LS2.A (MS-LS1-4),(MS-LS1-5); MS.LS3.A (MS-LS1-2); MS.ESS2.A (MS-LS1-6)</i>		
<i>Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands: 3.LS1.B (MS-LS1-4),(MS-LS1-5); 3.LS3.A (MS-LS1-5); 4.LS1.A (MS-LS1-2); 4.LS1.D (MS-LS1-8); 5.PS3.D (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7); 5.LS1.C (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7); 5.LS2.A (MS-LS1-6); 5.LS2.B (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7); HS.PS1.B (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7); HS.LS1.A (MS-LS1-1),(MS-LS1-2),(MS-LS1-3),(MS-LS1-8); HS.LS1.C (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7); HS.LS2.A (MS-LS1-4),(MS-LS1-5); HS.LS2.B (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7); HS.LS2.D (MS-LS1-4); HS.ESS2.D (MS-LS1-6)</i>		
<i>Connections to PLTW: Medical Detectives (MS-LS1-3), (MS-LS1-5), (MS-LS1-8)</i>		
<p><b>Common Core State Standards Connections:</b></p> <p><b>ELA/Literacy –</b></p> <p><b>RST.6-8.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-LS1-3),(MS-LS1-4),(MS-LS1-5)</p> <p><b>RST.6-8.2</b> Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (MS-LS1-5)</p> <p><b>RI.6.8</b> Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not. (MS-LS1-3),(MS-LS1-4)</p> <p><b>WHST.6-8.1</b> Write arguments focused on discipline content. (MS-LS1-3),(MS-LS1-4)</p> <p><b>WHST.6-8.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. (MS-LS1-5)</p> <p><b>WHST.6-8.7</b> Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (MS-LS1-1)</p> <p><b>WHST.6-8.8</b> Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (MS-LS1-8)</p> <p><b>WHST.6-8.9</b> Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (MS-LS1-5)</p> <p><b>SL.8.5</b> Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest. (MS-LS1-2)</p> <p><b>Mathematics –</b></p> <p><b>6.EE.C.9</b> Use variables to represent two quantities in a real-world problem that change in relationship to one another; write an equation to express one quantity, thought of as the dependent variable, in terms of the other quantity, thought of as the independent variable. Analyze the relationship between the dependent and independent variables using graphs and tables, and relate these to the equation. (MS-LS1-1),(MS-LS1-2),(MS-LS1-3)</p> <p><b>6.SP.A.2</b> Understand that a set of data collected to answer a statistical question has a distribution which can be described by its center, spread, and overall shape. (MS-LS1-4),(MS-LS1-5)</p> <p><b>6.SP.B.4</b> Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context. (MS-LS1-4),(MS-LS1-5)</p>		

## MS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- MS-LS2-1.** Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for the effects of resource availability on organisms and populations of organisms in an ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on cause and effect relationships between resources and growth of individual organisms and the numbers of organisms in ecosystems during periods of abundant and scarce resources.]
- MS-LS2-2.** Construct an explanation that predicts patterns of interactions among organisms across multiple ecosystems. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on predicting consistent patterns of interactions in different ecosystems in terms of the relationships among and between organisms and abiotic components of ecosystems. Examples of types of interactions could include competitive, predatory, and mutually beneficial.]
- MS-LS2-3.** Develop a model to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy among living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on describing the conservation of matter and flow of energy into and out of various ecosystems, and on defining the boundaries of the system.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the use of chemical reactions to describe the processes.]
- MS-LS2-4.** Construct an argument supported by empirical evidence that changes to physical or biological components of an ecosystem affect populations. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on recognizing patterns in data and making warranted inferences about changes in populations, and on evaluating empirical evidence supporting arguments about changes to ecosystems.]
- MS-LS2-5.** Evaluate competing design solutions for maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of ecosystem services could include water purification, nutrient recycling, and prevention of soil erosion. Examples of design solution constraints could include scientific, economic, and social considerations.]

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<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to developing, using, and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a model to describe phenomena. (MS-LS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for phenomena. (MS-LS2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include constructing explanations and designing solutions supported by multiple sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct an explanation that includes qualitative or quantitative relationships between variables that predict phenomena. (MS-LS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to constructing a convincing argument that supports or refutes claims for either explanations or solutions about the natural and designed world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct an oral and written argument supported by empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to support or refute an explanation or a model for a phenomenon or a solution to a problem. (MS-LS2-4)</li> <li>▪ Evaluate competing design solutions based on jointly developed and agreed-upon design criteria. (MS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science disciplines share common rules of obtaining and evaluating empirical evidence. (MS-LS2-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Organisms, and populations of organisms, are dependent on their environmental interactions both with other living things and with nonliving factors. (MS-LS2-1)</li> <li>▪ In any ecosystem, organisms and populations with similar requirements for food, water, oxygen, or other resources may compete with each other for limited resources, access to which consequently constrains their growth and reproduction. (MS-LS2-1)</li> <li>▪ Growth of organisms and population increases are limited by access to resources. (MS-LS2-1)</li> <li>▪ Similarly, predatory interactions may reduce the number of organisms or eliminate whole populations of organisms. Mutually beneficial interactions, in contrast, may become so interdependent that each organism requires the other for survival. Although the species involved in these competitive, predatory, and mutually beneficial interactions vary across ecosystems, the patterns of interactions of organisms with their environments, both living and nonliving, are shared. (MS-LS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.B: Cycle of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Food webs are models that demonstrate how matter and energy is transferred between producers, consumers, and decomposers as the three groups interact within an ecosystem. Transfers of matter into and out of the physical environment occur at every level. Decomposers recycle nutrients from dead plant or animal matter back to the soil in terrestrial environments or to the water in aquatic environments. The atoms that make up the organisms in an ecosystem are cycled repeatedly between the living and nonliving parts of the ecosystem. (MS-LS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ecosystems are dynamic in nature; their characteristics can vary over time. Disruptions to any physical or biological component of an ecosystem can lead to shifts in all its populations. (MS-LS2-4)</li> <li>▪ Biodiversity describes the variety of species found in Earth's terrestrial and oceanic ecosystems. The completeness or integrity of an ecosystem's biodiversity is often used as a measure of its health. (MS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Changes in biodiversity can influence humans' resources, such as food, energy, and medicines, as well as ecosystem services that humans rely on—for example, water purification and recycling. (secondary to MS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There are systematic processes for evaluating solutions with respect to how well they meet the criteria and constraints of a problem. (secondary to MS-LS2-5)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Patterns can be used to identify cause and effect relationships. (MS-LS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cause and effect relationships may be used to predict phenomena in natural or designed systems. (MS-LS2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The transfer of energy can be tracked as energy flows through a natural system. (MS-LS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Small changes in one part of a system might cause large changes in another part. (MS-LS2-4),(MS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</i></p> <p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The use of technologies and any limitations on their use are driven by individual or societal needs, desires, and values; by the findings of scientific research; and by differences in such factors as climate, natural resources, and economic conditions. Thus technology use varies from region to region and over time. (MS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science assumes that objects and events in natural systems occur in consistent patterns that are understandable through measurement and observation. (MS-LS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientific knowledge can describe the consequences of actions but does not necessarily prescribe the decisions that society takes. (MS-LS2-5)</li> </ul>

<p>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (MS-LS2-3); <b>MS.LS1.B</b> (MS-LS2-2); <b>MS.LS4.C</b> (MS-LS2-4); <b>MS.LS4.D</b> (MS-LS2-4); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (MS-LS2-3),(MS-LS2-4); <b>MS.ESS3.A</b> (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-4); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-4),(MS-LS2-5)</p> <p>Articulation across grade-bands: <b>1.LS1.B</b> (MS-LS2-2); <b>3.LS2.C</b> (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-4); <b>3.LS4.D</b> (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-4); <b>5.LS2.A</b> (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-3); <b>5.LS2.B</b> (MS-LS2-3); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (MS-LS2-3); <b>HS.LS1.C</b> (MS-LS2-3); <b>HS.LS2.A</b> (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-2),(MS-LS2-5); <b>HS.LS2.B</b> (MS-LS2-2),(MS-LS2-3); <b>HS.LS2.C</b> (MS-LS2-4),(MS-LS2-5); <b>HS.LS2.D</b> (MSLS2-2); <b>HS.LS4.C</b> (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-4); <b>HS.LS4.D</b> (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-4),(MS-LS2-5); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (MS-LS2-3); <b>HS.ESS2.E</b> (MS-LS2-4); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-5);</p>
Common Core State Standards Connections:
ELA/Literacy –
<p><b>RST.6-8.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-LS1-3),(MS-LS1-4),(MS-LS1-5)</p> <p><b>RST.6-8.7</b> Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table). (MS-LS2-1)Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (MS- LS1-5)</p> <p><b>RST.6-8.8</b> Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. (MS-LS2-5)</p> <p><b>RI.8.8</b> Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims. (MS- LS4),(MS-LS2-5)</p> <p><b>WHST.6-8.1</b> Write arguments focused on discipline content. (MS-LS1-3),(MS-LS1-4)</p> <p><b>WHST.6-8.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content (MS-LS1-5)</p> <p><b>WHST.6-8.9</b> Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (MS-LS2-2),(MS-LS2-4)</p>
<p><b>SL.8.1</b> Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. (MS-LS2-2)</p> <p><b>SL.8.4</b> Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. (MS-LS2-2)</p> <p><b>SL.8.5</b> Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest. (MS-LS1-2)</p>
Mathematics –
<p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (MS-LS2-5)</p> <p><b>6.RP.A.3</b> Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems. (MS-LS2-5)</p> <p><b>6.EE.C.9</b> Use variables to represent two quantities in a real-world problem that change in relationship to one another; write an equation to express one quantity, thought of as the dependent variable, in terms of the other quantity, thought of as the independent variable. Analyze the relationship between the dependent and independent variables using graphs and tables, and relate these to the equation. (MS-LS2-3)</p> <p><b>6.SP.B.5</b> Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context. (MS-LS2-2)</p>

## MS-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- MS-LS3-1.** Develop and use a model to describe why structural changes to genes (mutations) located on chromosomes may affect p and may result in harmful, beneficial, or neutral effects to the structure and function of the organism.[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on conceptual understanding that changes in genetic material may result in making different proteins.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific changes at the molecular level, mechanisms for protein synthesis, or specific types of mutations.]
- MS-LS3-2.** Develop and use a model to describe why asexual reproduction results in offspring with identical genetic information and sexual reproduction results in offspring with genetic variation. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using models such as Punnett squares, diagrams, and simulations to describe the cause and effect relationship of gene transmission from parent to offspring and resulting genetic variation.]

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<b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to developing, using, and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop and use a model to describe phenomena. (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Organisms reproduce either sexually or asexually, and transfer their genetic information to their offspring. (<i>secondary to MS-LS3-2</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Genes are located in the chromosomes of cells, with each chromosome pair containing two variants of each of many distinct genes. Each distinct gene chiefly controls the production of specific proteins, which in turn affects the traits of the individual. Changes (mutations) to genes can result in changes to proteins, which can affect the structures and functions of the organism and thereby change traits. (MS-LS3-1)</li> <li>▪ Variations of inherited traits between parent and offspring arise from genetic differences that result from the subset of chromosomes (and therefore genes) inherited. (MS-LS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS3.B: Variation of Traits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In sexually reproducing organisms, each parent contributes half of the genes acquired (at random) by the offspring. Individuals have two of each chromosome and hence two alleles of each gene, one acquired from each parent. These versions may be identical or may differ for each other. (MS-LS3-2)</li> <li>▪ In addition to variations that arise from sexual reproduction, genetic information can be altered because of mutations. Though rare, mutations may result in changes to the structure and function of proteins. Some changes to the structure and function of proteins. Some changes are beneficial, others harmful, and some neutral to the organism. (MS-LS3-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cause and effect relationships may be used to predict phenomena in natural systems. (MS-LS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complex and microscopic structures and systems can be visualized, modeled, and used to describe how their function depends on the shapes, composition, and relationships among its parts, therefore complex natural structures/systems can be analyzed to determine how they function. (MS-LS3-1)</li> </ul>
Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: <b>MS.LS1.A</b> (MS-LS3-1); <b>MS.LS4.A</b> (MS-LS3-1)		
Articulation across grade-bands: <b>3.LS3.A</b> (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2); <b>3.LS3.B</b> (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2); <b>HS.LS1.A</b> (MS-LS3-1); <b>HS.LS1.B</b> (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2); <b>HS.LS3.A</b> (MS-LS3- 1),(MS-LS3-2); <b>HS.LS3.B</b> (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2)		
Connection to PLTW: Medical Detectives (MS-LS3-1)		
Common-Core-State-Standards-Connections: <b>ELA/Literacy –</b> <b>RST.6-8.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-LS3-1), (MS-LS3-2) <b>RST.6-8.4</b> Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6-8 texts and topics. (MS-LS3-1), (MS-LS3-2) <b>RST.6-8.7</b> Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g. in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph or table). (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2) <b>SL.8.5</b> Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points. (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2)		
<b>Mathematics –</b> <b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (MS-LS3-2) <b>6.SP.B.5</b> Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context. (MS-LS3-2)		

## MS-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- MS-LS4-1.** Analyze and interpret data for patterns in the fossil record that document the existence, diversity, extinction, and change of life forms throughout the history of life on Earth under the assumption that natural laws operate today as in the past. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on finding patterns of change in the level of complexity of anatomical structures in organisms and the chronological order of fossil appearance in the rock layers.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the names of individual species or geological eras in the fossil record.]
- MS-LS4-2.** Apply scientific ideas to construct an explanation for the anatomical similarities and differences among modern organisms and between modern and fossil organisms to infer evolutionary relationships. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on explanations of the evolutionary relationships among organisms in terms of similarity or differences of the gross appearance of anatomical structures.]
- MS-LS4-3.** Analyze displays of pictorial data to compare patterns of similarities in the embryological development across multiple species to identify relationships not evident in the fully formed anatomy. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on inferring general patterns of relatedness among embryos of different organisms by comparing the macroscopic appearance of diagrams or pictures.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of comparisons is limited to gross appearance of anatomical structures in embryological development.]
- MS-LS4-4.** Construct an explanation based on evidence that describes how genetic variations of traits in a population increase some individuals' probability of surviving and reproducing in a specific environment. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using simple probability statements and proportional reasoning to construct explanations.]
- MS-LS4-5.** Gather and synthesize information about the technologies that have changed the way humans influence the inheritance of desired traits in organisms. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on synthesizing information from reliable sources about the influence of humans on genetic outcomes in artificial selection (such as genetic modification, animal husbandry, gene therapy); and, on the impacts these technologies have on society as well as the technologies leading to these scientific discoveries.]
- MS-LS4-6.** Use mathematical representations to support explanations of how natural selection may lead to increases and decreases of specific traits in populations over time. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using mathematical models, probability statements, and proportional reasoning to support explanations of trends in changes to populations over time.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Hardy Weinberg calculations.]

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<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze displays of data to identify linear and nonlinear relationships. (MS-LS4-3)</li> <li>▪ Analyze and interpret data to determine similarities and differences in findings. (MS-LS4-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to identifying patterns in large data sets and using mathematical concepts to support explanations and arguments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use mathematical representations to support scientific conclusions and design solutions. (MS-LS4-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include constructing explanations and designing solutions supported by multiple sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply scientific ideas to construct an explanation for real-world phenomena, examples, or events. (MS-LS4-2)</li> <li>▪ Construct an explanation that includes qualitative or quantitative relationships between variables that describe phenomena. (MS-LS4-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to evaluating the merit and validity of ideas and methods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gather, read, and synthesize information from multiple appropriate sources and assess the credibility, accuracy, and possible bias of each publication and methods used, and describe how they are supported or not supported by evidence. (MS-LS4-5)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science Scientific</i></p>	<p><b>LS4.A: Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The collection of fossils and their placement in chronological order (e.g., through the location of the sedimentary layers in which they are found or through radioactive dating) is known as the fossil record. It documents the existence, diversity, extinction, and change of many life forms throughout the history of life on Earth. (MS-LS4-1)</li> <li>▪ Anatomical similarities and differences between various organisms living today and between them and organisms in the fossil record, enable the reconstruction of evolutionary history and the inference of lines of evolutionary descent. (MS-LS4-2)</li> <li>▪ Comparison of the embryological development of different species also reveals similarities that show relationships not evident in the fully-formed anatomy. (MS-LS4-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.B: Natural Selection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Natural selection leads to the predominance of certain traits in a population, and the suppression of others. (MS-LS4-4)</li> <li>▪ In <i>artificial</i> selection, humans have the capacity to influence certain characteristics of organisms by selective breeding. One can choose desired parental traits determined by genes, which are then passed on to offspring. (MS-LS4-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.C: Adaptation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adaptation by natural selection acting over generations is one important process by which species change over time in response to changes in environmental conditions. Traits that support successful survival and reproduction in the new environment become more common; those that do not become less common. Thus, the distribution</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Patterns can be used to identify cause and effect relationships. (MS-LS4-2)</li> <li>▪ Graphs, charts, and images can be used to identify patterns in data. (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Phenomena may have more than one cause, and some cause and effect relationships in systems can only be described using probability. (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-5),(MS-LS4-6)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</i></p> <p><b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Engineering advances have led to important discoveries in virtually every field of science, and scientific discoveries have led to the development of entire industries and engineered systems. (MS-LS4-5)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science assumes that objects and events in natural systems occur in consistent patterns that are understandable through measurement and observation. (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2) <b>Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientific knowledge can describe the</li> </ul>

<b>Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Science knowledge is based upon logical and conceptual connections between evidence and explanations. (MS-LS4-1)</li></ul>	of traits in a population changes. (MS-LS4-6)	consequences of actions but does not necessarily prescribe the decisions that society takes (MS-LS4-5)
<i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (MS-LS4-6); <b>MS.LS3.A</b> (MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-4); <b>MS.LS3.B</b> (MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-4),(MSLS4-6); <b>MS.ESS1.C</b> (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-6); <b>MS.ESS2.B</b> (MS-LS4-1)		
<i>Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>3.LS3.B</b> (MS-LS4-4); <b>3.LS4.A</b> (MS-LS4-1), (MS-LS4-2); <b>3. LS4.B</b> (MS-LS4-4); <b>3.LS4.C</b> (MS-LS4-6); <b>HS.LS2.A</b> (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6); <b>HS.LS2.C</b> (MS-LS4-6); <b>HS.LS3.B</b> (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-5),(MS-LS4-6); <b>HS.LS4.A</b> (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-3); <b>HS.LS4.B</b> (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6); <b>HS.LS4.C</b> (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-5),(MS-LS4-6); <b>HS.ESS1.C</b> (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2)		
<i>Connection to PLTW: Medical Detectives (MS-LS4-5), Introduction to Computer Science (MS-LS-4-4) (MS-LS4-6)</i>		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i>		
<i>ELA/Literacy –</i>		
<b>RST.6-8.1</b>	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-LS1-3),(MS-LS1-4),(MS-LS1-5)	
<b>RST.6-8.7</b>	Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table). (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-3)	
<b>RI.6.8</b>	Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not. (MS-LS1-3),(MS-LS1-4)	
<b>RST.6-8.9</b>	Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic.(MS-LS4-3),(MS-LS4-4)	
<b>WHST.6-8.2</b>	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. (MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-4)	
<b>WHST.6-8.8</b>	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (MS-LS4-5)	
<b>WHST.6-8.9</b>	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (MS-LS1-5)	
<b>SL.8.1</b>	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. (MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-4)	
<b>SL.8.4</b>	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. (MS-LS2-2)	
<i>Mathematics –</i>		
<b>MP.4</b>	Model with mathematics. (MS-LS4-6)	
<b>6.RP.A.1</b>	Understand the concept of a ratio and use ratio language to describe a ratio relationship between two quantities. (MS-LS4-4), (MS-LS4-6)	
<b>6.SP.B.5</b>	Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context. (MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-4)	
<b>6.EE.B.6</b>	Use variables to represent numbers and write expressions when solving a real-world or mathematical problem; understand that a variable can represent an unknown number, or, depending on the purpose at hand, any number is a specified set. (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2)	
<b>7.RP.A.2</b>	Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities. (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6)	

## MS-ETS1 Engineering Design

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- MS-ETS1-1.** Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.
- MS-ETS1-2.** Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
- MS-ETS1-3.** Analyze data from tests to determine similarities and differences among several design solutions to identify the best characteristics of each that can be combined into a new solution to better meet the criteria for success.
- MS-ETS1-4.** Develop a model to generate data for iterative testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Asking questions and defining problems in grades 6–8 builds on grades K–5 experiences and progresses to specifying relationships between variables, clarify arguments and models.</li> <li>▪ Define a design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process or system and includes multiple criteria and constraints, including scientific knowledge that may limit possible solutions. (MS-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <p>Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to developing, using, and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a model to generate data to test ideas about designed systems, including those representing inputs and outputs. (MS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze and interpret data to determine similarities and differences in findings. (MS-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>Engaging in argument from evidence in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to constructing a convincing argument that supports or refutes claims for either explanations or solutions about the natural and designed world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluate competing design solutions based on jointly developed and agreed-upon design criteria. (MS-ETS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The more precisely a design task's criteria and constraints can be defined, the more likely it is that the designed solution will be successful. Specification of constraints includes consideration of scientific principles and other relevant knowledge that are likely to limit possible solutions. (MS-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A solution needs to be tested, and then modified on the basis of the test results, in order to improve it. (MS-ETS1-4)</li> <li>▪ There are systematic processes for evaluating solutions with respect to how well they meet the criteria and constraints of a problem. (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3)</li> <li>▪ Sometimes parts of different solutions can be combined to create a solution that is better than any of its predecessors. (MS-ETS1-3)</li> <li>▪ Models of all kinds are important for testing solutions. (MS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Although one design may not perform the best across all tests, identifying the characteristics of the design that performed the best in each test can provide useful information for the redesign process—that is, some of those characteristics may be incorporated into the new design. (MS-ETS1-3)</li> <li>▪ The iterative process of testing the most promising solutions and modifying what is proposed on the basis of the test results leads to greater refinement and ultimately to an optimal solution. (MS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All human activity draws on natural resources and has both short and long-term consequences, positive as well as negative, for the health of people and the natural environment. (MS-ETS1-1)</li> <li>▪ The uses of technologies and limitations on their use are driven by individual or societal needs, desires, and values; by the findings of scientific research; and by differences in such factors as climate, natural resources, and economic conditions. (MS-ETS1-1)</li> </ul>

*Connections to MS-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include:*

**Physical Science:** MS-PS3-3

*Connections to MS-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Problems include:*

**Physical Science:** MS-PS1-6, MS-PS3-3, **Life Science:** MS-LS2-5

*Connections to MS-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include:*

**Physical Science:** MS-PS1-6

<p><i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 3-5.ETS1.A (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3); 3-5.ETS1.B (MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4); 3-5.ETS1.C (MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4); HS.ETS1.A (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2); HS.ETS1.B (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4); HS.ETS1.C (MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4)</i></p>	
<p><i>Connection to PLTW: Automation and Robotics (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4) Design and Modeling (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Energy and the Environment (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Flight and Space (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Green Architecture (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Magic of Electrons (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Science of Technology (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Introduction to Computer Science (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4)</i></p>	
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p>	
<p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p>	
<b>RST.6-8.1</b>	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3)
<b>RST.6-8.7</b>	Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table). (MS-ETS1-3)
<b>RST.6-8.9</b>	Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic. (MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3)
<b>WHST.6-8.7</b>	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-1)
<b>WHST.6-8.8</b>	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (MS-ETS1-1)
<b>WHST.6-8.9</b>	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (MS-ETS1-2)
<b>SL.8.5</b>	Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points. (MS-ETS1-4)
<p><i>Mathematics –</i></p>	
<b>MP.2</b>	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4)
<b>7.EE.3</b>	Solve multi-step real-life and mathematical problems posed with positive and negative rational numbers in any form (whole numbers, fractions, and decimals), using tools strategically. Apply properties of operations to calculate with numbers in any form; convert between forms as appropriate; and assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3)
<b>7.SP.</b>	Develop a probability model and use it to find probabilities of events. Compare probabilities from a model to observed frequencies; if the agreement is not good, explain possible sources of the discrepancy. (MS-ETS1-4)

## **Eighth Grade** **Middle School Physical Science**

Students in middle school continue to develop understanding of four core ideas in the physical sciences. The middle school performance expectations in the Physical Sciences build on the K – 5 ideas and capabilities to allow learners to explain phenomena central to the physical sciences but also to the life sciences and earth and space science. The performance expectations in physical science blend the core ideas with scientific and engineering practices and crosscutting concepts to support students in developing useable knowledge to explain real world phenomena in the physical, biological, and earth and space sciences. In the physical sciences, performance expectations at the middle school level focus on students developing understanding of several scientific practices. These include developing and using models, planning and conducting investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, using mathematical and computational thinking, and constructing explanations; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas. Students are also expected to demonstrate understanding of several of engineering practices including design and evaluation.

The performance expectations in **PS1: Matter and its Interactions** help students to formulate an answer to the question, “How do atomic and molecular interactions explain the properties of matter that we see and feel?” by building understanding of what occurs at the atomic and molecular scale. In middle school, the PS1 Disciplinary Core Idea from the NRC Framework is broken down into two sub-ideas: the structure and properties of matter, and chemical reactions. By the end of middle school, students will be able to apply understanding that pure substances have characteristic physical and chemical properties and are made from a single type of atom or molecule. They will be able to provide molecular level accounts to explain states of matters and changes between states, that chemical reactions involve regrouping of atoms to form new substances, and that atoms rearrange during chemical reactions. Students are also able to apply an understanding of the design and the process of optimization in engineering to chemical reaction systems. The crosscutting concepts of patterns; cause and effect; scale, proportion and quantity; energy and matter; structure and function; interdependence of science, engineering, and technology; and influence of science, engineering and technology on society and the natural world are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the PS1 performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models, analyzing and interpreting data, designing solutions, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Students use these scientific and engineering practices to demonstrate understanding of the disciplinary core ideas.

The performance expectations in **PS2: Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions** focuses on helping students understand ideas related to why some objects will keep moving, why objects fall to the ground and why some materials are attracted to each other while others are not. Students answer the question, “How can one describe physical interactions between objects and within systems of objects?” At the middle school level, the PS2 Disciplinary Core Idea from the NRC Framework is broken down into two sub-ideas: Forces and Motion and Types of interactions. By the end of middle school, students will be able to apply Newton’s Third Law of Motion to relate forces to explain the motion of objects. Students also apply ideas about gravitational, electrical, and magnetic forces to explain a variety of phenomena including beginning ideas about why some materials attract

each other while others repel. In particular, students will develop understanding that gravitational interactions are always attractive but that electrical and magnetic forces can be both attractive and negative. Students also develop ideas that objects can exert forces on each other even though the objects are not in contact, through fields. Students are also able to apply an engineering practice and concept to solve a problem caused when objects collide. The crosscutting concepts of cause and effect; system and system models; stability and change; and the influence of science, engineering, and technology on society and the natural world serve as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the PS2 performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in asking questions, planning and carrying out investigations, and designing solutions, and engaging in argument; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in **PS3: Energy** help students formulate an answer to the question, “How can energy be transferred from one object or system to another?” At the middle school level, the PS3 Disciplinary Core Idea from the NRC Framework is broken down into four sub-core ideas: Definitions of Energy, Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer, the Relationship between Energy and Forces, and Energy in Chemical Process and Everyday Life. Students develop their understanding of important qualitative ideas about energy including that the interactions of objects can be explained and predicted using the concept of transfer of energy from one object or system of objects to another, and the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system. Students understand that objects that are moving have kinetic energy and that objects may also contain stored (potential) energy, depending on their relative positions. Students will also come to know the difference between energy and temperature, and begin to develop an understanding of the relationship between force and energy. Students are also able to apply an understanding of design to the process of energy transfer. The crosscutting concepts of scale, proportion, and quantity; systems and system models; and energy are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. The performance expectations in PS3 expect students to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models, planning investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, and designing solutions, and engaging in argument from evidence; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas in PS3.

The performance expectations in **PS4: Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer** help students formulate an answer to the question, “What are the characteristic properties of waves and how can they be used?” At the middle school level, the PS4 Disciplinary Core Idea from the NRC Framework is broken down into Wave Properties, Electromagnetic Radiation, and Information Technologies and Instrumentation. Students are able to describe and predict characteristic properties and behaviors of waves when the waves interact with matter. Students can apply an understanding of waves as a means to send digital information. The crosscutting concepts of patterns and structure and function are used as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. The performance expectations in PS4 focus on students demonstrating proficiency in developing and using models, using mathematical thinking, and obtaining, evaluating and communicating information; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

## MS-PS1 Matter and Its Interactions

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**MS-PS1-1. Develop models to describe the atomic composition of simple molecules and extended structures.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on developing models of molecules that vary in complexity. Examples of simple molecules could include ammonia and methanol. Examples of extended structures could include sodium chloride or diamonds. Examples of molecular-level models could include drawings, 3D ball and stick structures, or computer representations showing different molecules with different types of atoms.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include valence electrons and bonding energy, discussing the ionic nature of subunits of complex structures, or a complete description of all individual atoms in a complex molecule or extended structure is not required.]

- MS-PS1-2. Analyze and interpret data on the properties of substances before and after the substances interact to determine if a chemical reaction has occurred.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of reactions could include burning sugar or steel wool, fat reacting with sodium hydroxide, and mixing zinc with hydrogen chloride.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to analysis of the following properties: density, melting point, boiling point, solubility, flammability, and odor.]
- MS-PS1-3. Gather and make sense of information to describe that synthetic materials come from natural resources and impact society.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on natural resources that undergo a chemical process to form the synthetic material. Examples of new materials could include new medicine, foods, and alternative fuels.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to qualitative information.]

- MS-PS1-4. Develop a model that predicts and describes changes in particle motion, temperature, and state of a pure substance when thermal energy is added or removed.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on qualitative molecular-level models of solids, liquids, and gases to show that adding or removing thermal energy increases or decreases kinetic energy of the particles until a change of state occurs. Examples of models could include drawings and diagrams. Examples of particles could include molecules or inert atoms. Examples of pure substances could include water, carbon dioxide, and helium.]
- MS-PS1-5. Develop and use a model to describe how the total number of atoms does not change in a chemical reaction and thus mass is conserved.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on law of conservation of matter and on physical models or drawings, including digital forms that represent atoms.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the use of atomic masses, balancing symbolic equations, or intermolecular forces.]
- MS-PS1-6. Undertake a design project to construct, test, and modify a device that either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes.\*** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the design, controlling the transfer of energy to the environment, and modification of a device using factors such as type and concentration of a substance. Examples of designs could involve chemical reactions such as dissolving ammonium chloride or calcium chloride.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to the criteria of amount, time, and temperature of substance in testing the device.]

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<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 and progresses to developing, using and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a model to predict and/or describe phenomena. (MS-PS1-1),(MS-PS1-4)</li> <li>▪ Develop a model to describe unobservable mechanisms. (MS-PS1-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5 and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze and interpret data to determine similarities and differences in findings. (MS-PS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include constructing explanations and designing solutions supported by multiple sources of evidence consistent with scientific knowledge, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Undertake a design project, engaging in the design cycle, to construct</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Substances are made from different types of atoms, which combine with one another in various ways. Atoms form molecules that range in size from two to thousands of atoms. (MS-PS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Each pure substance has characteristic physical and chemical properties (for any bulk quantity under given conditions) that can be used to identify it. (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-3)</li> <li>▪ Gases and liquids are made of molecules or inert atoms that are moving about relative to each other. (MS-PS1-4)</li> <li>▪ In a liquid, the molecules are constantly in contact with others; in a gas, they are widely spaced except when they happen to collide. In a solid, atoms are closely spaced and may vibrate in position but do not change relative locations. (MS-PS1-4)</li> <li>▪ Solids may be formed from molecules, or they may be extended structures with repeating subunits (e.g., crystals). (MS-PS1-1)</li> <li>▪ The changes of state that occur with variations in temperature or pressure can be described and predicted using these models of matter. (MS-PS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS1.B: Chemical Reactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Substances react chemically in characteristic ways. In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules, and these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants. (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-3),(MS-PS1-5)</li> <li>▪ The total number of each type of atom is conserved, and thus the mass does not change. (MS-PS1-5)</li> <li>▪ Some chemical reactions release energy, others store energy. (MS-PS1-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.A: Definitions of Energy</b></p>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Macroscopic patterns are related to the nature of microscopic and atomic-level structure. (MS-PS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cause and effect relationships may be used to predict phenomena in natural or designed systems. (MS-PS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Time, space, and energy phenomena can be observed at various scales using models to study systems that are too large or too small. (MS-PS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Matter is conserved because atoms are conserved in physical and chemical processes. (MS-PS1-5)</li> <li>▪ The transfer of energy can be tracked as energy flows through a designed or natural system. (MS-PS1-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Structures can be designed to serve particular functions by taking into account properties of different materials, and how materials can be shaped and used. (MS-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <p><b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b></p>

<p>and/or implement a solution that meets specific design criteria and constraints. (MS-PS1-6)</p> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <p>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 6–8 builds on K–5 and progresses to evaluating the merit and validity of ideas and methods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather, read, and synthesize information from multiple appropriate sources and assess the credibility, accuracy, and possible bias of each publication and methods used, and describe how they are supported or not supported by evidence. (MS-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science knowledge is based upon logical and conceptual connections between evidence and explanations. (MS-PS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laws are regularities or mathematical descriptions of natural phenomena. (MS-PS1-5)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The term “heat” as used in everyday language refers both to thermal energy (the motion of atoms or molecules within a substance) and the transfer of that thermal energy from one object to another. In science, heat is used only for this second meaning; it refers to the energy transferred due to the temperature difference between two objects. (secondary to MS-PS1-4)</li> <li>The temperature of a system is proportional to the average internal kinetic energy and potential energy per atom or molecule (whichever is the appropriate building block for the system’s material). The details of that relationship depend on the type of atom or molecule and the interactions among the atoms in the material. Temperature is not a direct measure of a system’s total thermal energy. The total thermal energy (sometimes called the total internal energy) of a system depends jointly on the temperature, the total number of atoms in the system, and the state of the material. (secondary to MS-PS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A solution needs to be tested, and then modified on the basis of the test results, in order to improve it. (secondary to MS-PS1-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although one design may not perform the best across all tests, identifying the characteristics of the design that performed the best in each test can provide useful information for the redesign process—that is, some of the characteristics may be incorporated into the new design. (secondary to MS-PS1-6)</li> <li>The iterative process of testing the most promising solutions and modifying what is proposed on the basis of the test results leads to greater refinement and ultimately to an optimal solution. (secondary to MS-PS1-6)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineering advances have led to important discoveries in virtually every field of science, and scientific discoveries have led to the development of entire industries and engineered systems. (MS-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The uses of technologies and any limitations on their use are driven by individual or societal needs, desires, and values; by the findings of scientific research; and by differences in such factors as climate, natural resources, and economic conditions. Thus technology use varies from region to region and over time. (MS-PS1-3)</li> </ul>
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-6); <b>MS.LS1.C</b> (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-5); <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (MS-PS1-3); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (MS-PS1-5); <b>MS.LS4.D</b> (MS-PS1-3); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-5); <b>MS.ESS2.C</b> (MS-PS1-1),(MS-PS1-4); <b>MS.ESS3.A</b> (MS-PS1-3); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (MS-PS1-3)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation across grade-bands:</i> <b>5.PS1.A</b> (MS-PS1-1); <b>5.PS1.B</b> (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-5); <b>HS.PS1.A</b> (MS-PS1-1),(MS-PS1-3),(MS-PS1-4),(MS-PS1-6); <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-4),(MS-PS1-5),(MS-PS1-6); <b>HS.PS3.A</b> (MS-PS1-4),(MS-PS1-6); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (MS-PS1-6); <b>HS.PS3.D</b> (MS-PS1-6); <b>HS.LS2.A</b> (MS-PS1-3); <b>HS.LS4.D</b> (MS-PS1-3); <b>HS.ESS1.A</b> (MS-PS1-1); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (MS-PS1-3)</p>		
<p><i>Connection to PLTW: Energy and the Environment (MS-PS1-4), Magic of Electrons (MS-PS1-1), Science of Technology (MS-PS1-6)</i></p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p>		
<p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p>		
<p><b>RST.6-8.1</b></p>		Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-3)
<p><b>RST.6-8.3</b></p>		Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks. (MS-PS1-6)
<p><b>RST.6-8.7</b></p>		Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table). (MS-PS1-1),(MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-4),(MS-PS1-5)
<p><b>WHST.6-8.7</b></p>		Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (MS-PS1-6)
<p><b>WHST.6-8.8</b></p>		Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (MS-PS1-3)
<p><i>Mathematics –</i></p>		
<p><b>MP.2</b></p>		Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-PS1-1),(MS-PS1-2), (MS-PS1-5)
<p><b>MP.4</b></p>		Model with mathematics. (MS-PS1-1), (MS-PS1-5)
<p><b>6.RP.A.3</b></p>		Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real world and mathematical problems. (MS-PS1-1),(MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-5)
<p><b>6.NS.C.5</b></p>		Understand that positive and negative numbers are used together to describe quantities having opposite directions or values (e.g., temperature above/below zero, elevation above/below sea level, credits/debits, positive/negative electric charge); use positive and negative numbers to represent quantities in real-world contexts, explaining the meaning of 0 in each situation. (MS-PS1-4)
<p><b>8.EE.A.3</b></p>		Use numbers expressed in the form of a single digit times an integer power of 10 to estimate very large or very small quantities, and to express how many times as much one is than the other. (MS-PS1-2)
<p><b>6.SP.B.4</b></p>		Display numerical data in plots on a number line, including dot plots, histograms, and box plots. (MS-PS1-2)
<p><b>6.SP.B.5</b></p>		Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context (MS-PS1-2)

## MS-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- MS-PS2-1. Apply Newton's Third Law to design a solution to a problem involving the motion of two colliding objects.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of practical problems could include the impact of collisions between two cars, between a car and stationary objects, and between a meteor and a space vehicle.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to vertical or horizontal interactions in one dimension.]
- MS-PS2-2. Plan an investigation to provide evidence that the change in an object's motion depends on the sum of the forces on the object and the mass of the object. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on balanced (Newton's First Law) and unbalanced forces in a system, qualitative comparisons of forces, mass and changes in motion (Newton's Second Law), frame of reference, and specification of units.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to forces and changes in motion in one-dimension in an inertial reference frame and to change in one variable at a time. Assessment does not include the use of trigonometry.]
- MS-PS2-3. Ask questions about data to determine the factors that affect the strength of electric and magnetic forces. [Clarification Statement: Examples of devices that use electric and magnetic forces could include electromagnets, electric motors, or generators. Examples of data could include the effect of the number of turns of wire on the strength of an electromagnet, or the effect of increasing the number or strength of magnets on the speed of an electric motor.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment about questions that require quantitative answers is limited to proportional reasoning and algebraic thinking.]
- MS-PS2-4. Construct and present arguments using evidence to support the claim that gravitational interactions are attractive and depend on the masses of interacting objects. [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence for arguments could include data generated from simulations or digital tools; and charts displaying mass, strength of interaction, distance from the Sun, and orbital periods of objects within the solar system.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Newton's Law of Gravitation or Kepler's Laws.]
- MS-PS2-5. Conduct an investigation and evaluate the experimental design to provide evidence that fields exist between objects exerting forces on each other even though the objects are not in contact. [Clarification Statement: Examples of this phenomenon could include the interactions of magnets, electrically-charged strips of tape, and electrically-charged pith balls. Examples of investigations could include first-hand experiences or simulations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to electric and magnetic fields, and limited to qualitative evidence for the existence of fields.]

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<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in grades 6–8 builds from grades K–5 experiences and progresses to specifying relationships between variables, and clarifying arguments and models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask questions that can be investigated within the scope of the classroom, outdoor environment, and museums and other public facilities with available resources and, when appropriate, frame a hypothesis based on observations and scientific principles (MS-PS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include investigations that use multiple variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan an investigation individually and collaboratively, and in the design: identify independent and dependent variables and controls, what tools are needed to do the gathering, how measurements will be recorded, and how many data are needed to support a claim. (MS-PS2-2)</li> <li>Conduct an investigation and evaluate the experimental design to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence that can meet the goals of the investigation. (MS-PS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include constructing explanations and designing solutions supported by multiple sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply scientific ideas or principles to design an</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS2.A: Forces and Motion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For any pair of interacting objects, the force exerted by the first object on the second object is equal in strength to the force that the second object exerts on the first, but in the opposite direction (Newton's third law). (MS-PS2-1)</li> <li>The motion of an object is determined by the sum of the forces acting on it; if the total force on the object is not zero, its motion will change. The greater the mass of the object, the greater the force needed to achieve the same change in motion. For any given object, a larger force causes a larger change in motion. (MS-PS2-2)</li> <li>All positions of objects and the directions of forces and motions must be described in a arbitrarily chosen reference frame and arbitrarily chosen units of size. In order to share with other people, these choices must also be shared. (MS-PS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS2.B: Types of Interactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrical and magnetic (electromagnetic) forces can be attractive or repulsive, and their sizes depend on the magnitudes of the charges, currents, or magnetic strengths involved and on the distances between the interacting objects. (MS-PS2-3)</li> <li>Gravitational forces are always attractive. There is a gravitational force between any two masses, but it is very small except when one or both of the objects have large mass—e.g., Earth and the sun. (MS-PS2-4)</li> <li>Forces that act at a distance (electric, magnetic, and gravitational) can be explained by fields that extend through space and can be mapped by their effect on a test object (a charged object, or a ball, respectively). (MS-PS2-5)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cause and effect relationships may be used to predict phenomena in natural or designed systems. (MS-PS2-3),(MS-PS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Models can be used to represent systems and their interactions—such as inputs, processes and outputs—and energy and matter flows within systems. (MS-PS2-1),(MS-PS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explanations of stability and change in natural or designed systems can be constructed by examining the changes over time and forces at different scales. (MS-PS2-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The uses of technologies and any limitations on their use are driven by individual or societal needs, desires, and values; by the findings of scientific research; and by differences in such factors as climate, natural</li> </ul>

<p>object, tool, process or system. (MS-PS2-1)</p> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>Engaging in argument from evidence in 6-8 builds from K-5 experiences and progresses to constructing a convincing argument that supports or refutes claims for either explanations or solutions about the natural and designed world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct and present oral and written arguments supported by empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to support or refute an explanation or a model for a phenomenon or a solution to a problem. (MS-PS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science knowledge is based upon logical and conceptual connections between evidence and explanations. (MS-PS-2),(MS-PS2-4)</li> </ul>		<p>resources, and economic conditions. Thus technology use varies from region to region and over time. (MS-PS2-1)</p>
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> MS.PS3.A (MS-PS2-2); MS.PS3.B (MS-PS2-2); MS.PS3.C (MS-PS2-1); MS.ESS1.A (MS-PS2-4); MS.ESS1.B (MS-PS2-4); MS.ESS2.C (MS-PS2-2),(MS-PS2-4)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation across grade-bands:</i> 3.PS2.A (MS-PS2-1),(MS-PS2-2); 3.PS2.B (MS-PS2-3),(MS-PS2-5); 5.PS2.B (MS-PS2-4); HS.PS2.A (MS-PS2-1),(MS-PS2-2); HS.PS2.B (MS-PS2- 3),(MS-PS2-4),(MS-PS2-5); HS.PS3.A (MS-PS2-5); HS.PS3.B (MS-PS2-2),(MS-PS2-5); HS.PS3.C (MS-PS2-5); HS.ESS1.B (MS-PS2-2),(MS-PS2-4)</p>		
<p><i>Connection to PLTW: Flight and Space (MS-PS2-1), (MS-PS2-2), (MS-PS2-4); Magic of Electrons (MS-PS2-3), (MS-PS2-5); Science of Technology (MS-PS2-1), (MS-PS2-2); Introduction to Computer Science (MS-PS2-5)</i></p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p>		
<p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p>		
<p><b>RST.6-8.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-3)</p>		
<p><b>RST.6-8.3</b> Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks. (MS-PS1-6)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.6-8.1</b> Write arguments focused on <i>discipline-specific content</i>. (MS-PS204)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.6-8.7</b> Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (MS-PS1-6)</p>		
<p><i>Mathematics –</i></p>		
<p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-PS1-1),(MS-PS1-2), (MS-PS1-5)</p>		
<p><b>6.NS.C.5</b> Understand that positive and negative numbers are used together to describe quantities having opposite directions or values (e.g., temperature above/below zero, elevation above/below sea level, credits/debits, positive/negative electric charge); use positive and negative numbers to represent quantities in real-world contexts, explaining the meaning of 0 in each situation. (MS-PS1-4)</p>		
<p><b>6.EE.A.2</b> Write, read, and evaluate expressions in which letters stand for numbers. (MS-PS2-1),(MS-PS2-2)</p>		
<p><b>7.EE.B.3</b> Solve multi-step real-life and mathematical problems posed with positive and negative rational numbers in any form, using tools strategically. Apply properties of operations to calculate with numbers in any form; convert between forms as appropriate; and assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies. (MS-PS2-1),(MS-PS2-2)</p>		
<p><b>7.EE.B.4</b> Use variables to represent quantities in a real world or mathematical problem, and construct simple equations and inequalities to solve problems by reasoning about the quantities. MS-PS2-1), (MS-PS2-2)</p>		

## MS-PS3 Energy

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- MS-PS3-1.** Construct and interpret graphical displays of data to describe the relationships of kinetic energy to the mass of an object and to the speed of an object. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on descriptive relationships between kinetic energy and mass separately from kinetic energy and speed. Examples could include riding a bicycle at different speeds, rolling different sizes of rocks downhill, and getting hit by a whiffle ball versus a tennis ball.]
- MS-PS3-2.** Develop a model to describe that when the arrangement of objects interacting at a distance changes, different amounts of potential energy are stored in the system. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on relative amounts of potential energy, not on calculations of potential energy. Examples of objects within systems interacting at varying distances could include: the Earth and either a roller coaster cart at varying positions on a hill or objects at varying heights on shelves, changing the direction/orientation of a magnet, and a balloon with static electrical charge being brought closer to a classmate's hair. Examples of models could include representations, diagrams, pictures, and written descriptions of systems.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to two objects and electric, magnetic, and gravitational interactions.]
- MS-PS3-3.** Apply scientific principles to design, construct, and test a device that either minimizes or maximizes thermal energy transfer.\*[Clarification Statement: Examples of devices could include an insulated box, a solar cooker, and a Styrofoam cup.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include calculating the total amount of thermal energy transferred.]
- MS-PS3-4.** Plan an investigation to determine the relationships among the energy transferred, the type of matter, the mass, and the change in the average kinetic energy of the particles as measured by the temperature of the sample. [Clarification Statement: Examples of experiments could include comparing final water temperatures after different masses of ice melted in the same volume of water with the same initial temperature, the temperature change of samples of different materials with the same mass as they cool or heat in the environment, or the same material with different masses when a specific amount of energy is added.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include calculating the total amount of thermal energy transferred.]
- MS-PS3-5.** Construct, use, and present arguments to support the claim that when the kinetic energy of an object changes, energy is transferred to or from the object. [Clarification Statement: Examples of empirical evidence used in arguments could include an inventory or other representation of the energy before and after the transfer in the form of temperature changes or motion of object.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include calculations of energy.]

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<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 and progresses to developing, using and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a model to describe unobservable mechanisms. (MS-PS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include investigations that use multiple variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan an investigation individually and collaboratively, and in the design: identify independent and dependent variables and controls, what tools are needed to do the gathering, how measurements will be recorded, and how many data are needed to support a claim. (MS-PS3-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5 and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct and interpret graphical displays of data to identify linear and nonlinear relationships. . (MS-PS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include constructing explanations and designing solutions supported by multiple sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply scientific ideas or principles to design, construct, and test a design of an object, tool, process</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS3.A: Definitions of Energy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Motion Energy is properly called kinetic energy; it is proportional to the mass of the moving object and grows with the square of its speed. (MS-PS3-1)</li> <li>▪ A system of objects may also contain stored (potential) energy, depending on their relative positions. (MS-PS3-2)</li> <li>▪ Temperature is a measure of the average kinetic energy of particles of matter. The relationship between the temperature and the total energy of a system depends on the types, states, and amounts of matter present. (MS-PS3-3), (MS-PS3-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When the motion energy of an object changes, there is inevitably some other change in energy at the same time. (MS-PS3-5)</li> <li>▪ The amount of energy transfer needed to change the temperature of a matter sample by a given amount depends on the nature of the matter, the size of the sample, and the environment. (MS-PS3-4)</li> <li>▪ Each is spontaneously transferred out of hotter regions or objects and into colder ones. (MS-PS3-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When two objects interact, each one exerts a force on the other that can cause energy to be transferred to or from the object. (MS-PS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting an Engineering Problem</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The more precisely a design task's criteria and constraints can be defined, the more likely it is that the designed solution will be successful. Specification of constraints includes consideration</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proportional relationships (e.g. speed as the ratio of distance traveled to the time taken) among different types of quantities provide information about the magnitude of properties and processes. (MS-PS3-1), (MS-PS3-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Models can be used of represent systems and their interactions – such as inputs, processes, and outputs – and energy and matter flows within systems. (MS-PS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Energy may take different forms (e.g. energy in fields, thermal energy, and energy of motion). (MS-PS3-5)</li> <li>▪ The transfer of energy can be tracked as energy flows through a designed or natural system. (MS-PS3-3)</li> </ul>

<p>or system. (MS-PS3-3)</p> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>Engaging in argument from evidence in 6-8 builds from K-5 experiences and progresses to constructing a convincing argument that supports or refutes claims for either explanations or solutions about the natural and designed world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct and present oral and written arguments supported by empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to support or refute an explanation or a model for a phenomenon or a solution to a problem. (MS-PS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science knowledge is based upon logical and conceptual connections between evidence and explanations. (MS-PS3-4), (MS-PS3-5)</li> </ul>	<p>of scientific principles and other relevant knowledge that is likely to limit possible solutions. (secondary to MS-PS3-3)</p> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A solution needs to be tested, and then modified on the basis of the test results in order to improve it. There are systematic processes for evaluating solutions with respect to how well they meet criteria and constraints of a problem. (secondary to MS-PS3-3)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</b> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (MS-PS3-4); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (MS-PS3-3); <b>MS.PS2.A</b> (MS-PS3-1),(MS-PS3-4),(MS-PS3-5); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (MS-PS3-3); <b>MS.ESS2.C</b> (MS-PS3-3),(MS-PS3-4); <b>MS.ESS2.D</b> (MS-PS3-3),(MS-PS3-4); <b>MS.ESS3.D</b> (MS-PS3-4)</p>		
<p><b>Articulation across grade-bands:</b> <b>4.PS3.B</b> (MS-PS3-1),(MS-PS3-3); <b>4.PS3.C</b> (MS-PS3-4),(MS-PS3-5); <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (MS-PS3-4); <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (MS-PS3-2); <b>HS.PS3.A</b> (MS-PS3-1),(MS-PS3- 4),(MS-PS3-5); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (MS-PS3-1),(MS-PS3-2),(MS-PS3-3),(MS-PS3-4),(MS-PS3-5); <b>HS.PS3.C</b> (MS-PS3-2)</p>		
<p><b>Connection to PLTW: Automation and Robotics</b> (MS-PS3-1), (MS-PS3-2), (MS-PS3-4), (MS-PS3-5); <b>Energy and the Environment</b> (MS-PS3-1), (MS-PS3-3), (MS-PS3-4), (MS-PS3-5); <b>Flight and Space</b> (MS-PS3-4), (MS-PS3-5); <b>Medical Detectives</b> (MS-PS3-4)</p>		
<p><b>Common Core State Standards Connections:</b></p>		
<p><b>ELA/Literacy –</b></p>		
<p><b>RST.6-8.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions (MS-PS3-1),(MS-PS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>RST.6-8.3</b> Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks. (MS-PS3-3), (MS-PS3-4)</p>		
<p><b>RST.6-8.7</b> Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table). (MS-PS3-1)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.6-8.1</b> Write arguments focused on discipline content. (MS-PS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.6-8.7</b> Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (MS-PS3-3),(MS-PS3-4)</p>		
<p><b>Mathematics –</b></p>		
<p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-PS3-1),(MS-PS3-4), (MS-PS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>6.RP.A.1</b> Understand the concept of ratio and use ratio language to describe a ration relationship between two quantities. (MS-PS3-1),(MS-PS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>6.RP.A.2</b> Understand the concept of a unit rate a/b associated with a ration a:b with b ≠ 0, and use rate language in the context of a ratio relationship. (MS-PS3-1)</p>		
<p><b>7.RP.A.2</b> Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities. (MS=PS3-1),(MS-PS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>8.EE.A.1</b> Know and apply the properties of integer exponents to generate equivalent numerical expressions. (MS-PS3-1)</p>		
<p><b>8.EE.A.2</b> Use square root and cube root symbols to represent solutions to equations of the form <math>x^2 = p</math> and <math>x^3 = p</math>, where p is a positive rational number. Evaluate square roots of small perfect squares and cube roots of small perfect cubes. Know that <math>\sqrt{2}</math> is irrational. (MS-PS3-1)</p>		
<p><b>8.F.A.3</b> Interpret the equation <math>y = mx + b</math> as defining a linear function, whose graph is a straight line; give examples of functions that are not linear. (MS-PS3-1), (MS-PS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>6.SP.B.5</b> Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context (MS-PS3-4)</p>		

## MS-PS4 Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- MS-PS4-1.** Use mathematical representations to describe a simple model for waves that includes how the amplitude of a wave is related to the energy in a wave. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on describing waves with both qualitative and quantitative thinking.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include electromagnetic waves and is limited to standard repeating waves.]
- MS-PS4-2.** Develop and use a model to describe that waves are reflected, absorbed, or transmitted through various materials. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on both light and mechanical waves. Examples of models could include drawings, simulations, and written descriptions.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to qualitative applications pertaining to light and mechanical waves.]
- MS-PS4-3.** Integrate qualitative scientific and technical information to support the claim that digitized signals are a more reliable way to encode and transmit information than analog signals. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on a basic understanding that waves can be used for communication purposes. Examples could include using fiber optic cable to transmit light pulses, radio wave pulses in wifi devices, and conversion of stored binary patterns to make sound or text on a computer screen.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include binary counting. Assessment does not include the specific mechanism of any given device.]

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<b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 and progresses to developing, using and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems. ▪ Develop and use a model to describe phenomena. (MS-PS4-2),(MS-PS1-4)	<b>PS4.A: Wave Properties</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ A simple wave has a repeating pattern with a specific wavelength, frequency, and amplitude. (MS-PS4-1)</li><li>▪ A sound wave needs a medium through which it is transmitted. (MS-PS4-2)</li></ul> <b>PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ When light shines on an object, it is reflected, absorbed, or transmitted through the object, depending on the object's material and the frequency (color) of the light. (MS-PS4-2)</li><li>▪ The path that light travels can be traced as straight lines, except at surfaces between different transparent materials (e.g., air and water, air and glass) where the light path bends. (MS-PS4-2)</li><li>▪ A wave model of light is useful for explaining brightness, color, and frequency-dependent bending of light at a surface between media. (MS-PS4-2)</li><li>▪ However, because light can travel through space, it cannot be a matter wave, like sound or water waves. (MS-PS4-2)</li></ul> <b>PS4.C: Information, Technologies and Instrumentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Digitized signals sent as wave pulses) are a more reliable way to encode and transmit information. (MS-PS4-3)</li></ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Graphs and charts can be used to identify patterns in data. (MS-PS4-1)</li></ul> <b>Structure and Function</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Structures can be designed to serve particular functions by taking into account properties of different materials, and how materials can be shaped and used. (MS-PS4-2)</li><li>▪ Structures can be designed to serve particular functions. (MS-PS4-3)</li></ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b>
<b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking at the 6–8 level builds on K–5 and progresses to identifying patterns in large data sets and using mathematical concepts to support explanations and arguments.. ▪ Use mathematical representations to describe and/or support scientific, conclusions and design solutions. (MS-PS4-1)		<b>Influence of Science, Engineering and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Technologies extend the measurement, exploration, modeling, and computational capacity of scientific investigations. (MS-PS4-3)</li></ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Nature of Science</b>
<b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 6–8 builds on K–5 and progresses to evaluating the merit and validity of ideas and methods. ▪ Integrate qualitative scientific and technical information in written text with that contained in media and visual displays to clarify claims and findings. (MS-PS4-3)		<b>Science is a human endeavor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Advances in technology influence the progress of science and science has influenced advances in technology. (MS-PS4-3)</li></ul>
<b>Connections to Nature of Science</b>		
<b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Science knowledge is based upon logical and conceptual connections between evidence and explanations. (MS-PS4-1)</li></ul>		

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: MS.LS1.D (MS-PS4-2)*

*Articulation across grade-bands: 4.PS3.A (MS-PS4-1); 4.PS3.B (MS-PS4-1); 4.PS4.A (MS-PS4-1); 4.PS4.B (MS-PS4-2); 4.PS4.C (MS-PS4-3); HS.PS4.A (MS-PS4-1),(MS-PS4-2),(MS-PS4-3); HS.PS4.B (MS-PS4-1),(MS-PS4-2); HS.PS4.C (MS-PS4-3); HS.ESS1.A (MS-PS4-2); HS.ESS2.A (MS-PS4-2); HS.ESS2.C (MS-PS4-2); HS.ESS2.D (MS-PS4-2)*

*Connection to PLTW: Magic of Electrons (MS-PS4-2), (MS-PS4-3); Introduction to Computer Science (MS-PS4-3)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

**RST.6-8.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-3)

<b>RST.6-8.2</b>	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (MS-PS4-3)
<b>RST.6-8.9</b>	Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic. (MS-PS4-3)
<b>WHST.6-8.9</b>	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (MS-PS4-3)
<b>SL.8.5</b>	Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest. (MS-PS4-1),(MS-PS4-2)
<i>Mathematics –</i>	
<b>MP.2</b>	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-PS4-1)
<b>MP.4</b>	Model with mathematics. (MS-PS4-1)
<b>6.RP.A.1</b>	Understand the concept of a ratio and use ratio language to describe a ratio relationship between two quantities. (MS-PS4-1)
<b>6.RP.A.3</b>	Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real world and mathematical problems. (MS-PS4-1)
<b>7.RP.A.2</b>	Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities. (MS-PS4-1)
<b>8.F.A.3</b>	Interpret the equation $y = mx + b$ as defining a linear function, whose graph is a straight line; give examples of functions that are not linear. (MS-PS4-1)

MS-ETS1 Engineering Design		
Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
<p><b>MS-ETS1-1.</b> Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.</p> <p><b>MS-ETS1-2.</b> Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.</p> <p><b>MS-ETS1-3.</b> Analyze data from tests to determine similarities and differences among several design solutions to identify the best characteristics of each that can be combined into a new solution to better meet the criteria for success.</p> <p><b>MS-ETS1-4.</b> Develop a model to generate data for iterative testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.</p>		
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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking questions and defining problems in grades 6–8 builds on grades K–5 experiences and progresses to specifying relationships between variables, clarify arguments and models.</li> <li>Define a design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process or system and includes multiple criteria and constraints, including scientific knowledge that may limit possible solutions. (MS-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <p>Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to developing, using, and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a model to generate data to test ideas about designed systems, including those representing inputs and outputs. (MS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze and interpret data to determine similarities and differences in findings. (MS-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>Engaging in argument from evidence in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to constructing a convincing argument that supports or refutes claims for either explanations or solutions about the natural and designed world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate competing design solutions based on jointly developed and agreed-upon design criteria. (MS-ETS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The more precisely a design task's criteria and constraints can be defined, the more likely it is that the designed solution will be successful. Specification of constraints includes consideration of scientific principles and other relevant knowledge that are likely to limit possible solutions. (MS-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A solution needs to be tested, and then modified on the basis of the test results, in order to improve it. (MS-ETS1-4)</li> <li>There are systematic processes for evaluating solutions with respect to how well they meet the criteria and constraints of a problem. (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3)</li> <li>Sometimes parts of different solutions can be combined to create a solution that is better than any of its predecessors. (MS-ETS1-3)</li> <li>Models of all kinds are important for testing solutions. (MS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although one design may not perform the best across all tests, identifying the characteristics of the design that performed the best in each test can provide useful information for the redesign process—that is, some of those characteristics may be incorporated into the new design. (MS-ETS1-3)</li> <li>The iterative process of testing the most promising solutions and modifying what is proposed on the basis of the test results leads to greater refinement and ultimately to an optimal solution. (MS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All human activity draws on natural resources and has both short and long-term consequences, positive as well as negative, for the health of people and the natural environment. (MS-ETS1-1)</li> <li>The uses of technologies and limitations on their use are driven by individual or societal needs, desires, and values; by the findings of scientific research; and by differences in such factors as climate, natural resources, and economic conditions. (MS-ETS1-1)</li> </ul>

<i>Connections to MS-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include:</i>
<b>Physical Science:</b> MS-PS3-3
<i>Connections to MS-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Problems include:</i>
<b>Physical Science:</b> MS-PS1-6, MS-PS3-3, <b>Life Science:</b> MS-LS2-5
<i>Connections to MS-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include:</i>
<b>Physical Science:</b> MS-PS1-6
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: <b>3-5.ETS1.A</b> (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3); <b>3-5.ETS1.B</b> (MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4); <b>3-5.ETS1.C</b> (MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4); <b>HS.ETS1.A</b> (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2); <b>HS.ETS1.B</b> (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ET1-2),(MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4); <b>HS.ETS1.C</b> (MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4)</i>
<i>Connection to PLTW: Automation and Robotics (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4), Design and Modeling (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Energy and the Environment (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Flight and Space (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Green Architecture (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Magic of Electrons (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Science of Technology (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4); Introduction to Computer Science (MS-ETS1-1), (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3), (MS-ETS1-4)</i>
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i>
<i>ELA/Literacy –</i>
<b>RST.6-8.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3)
<b>RST.6-8.7</b> Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table). (MS-ETS1-3)
<b>RST.6-8.9</b> Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic. (MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3)
<b>WHST.6-8.7</b> Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-1)
<b>WHST.6-8.8</b> Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. (MS-ETS1-1)
<b>WHST.6-8.9</b> Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (MS-ETS1-2)
<b>SL.8.5</b> Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points. (MS-ETS1-4)
<i>Mathematics –</i>
<b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4)
<b>7.EE.3</b> Solve multi-step real-life and mathematical problems posed with positive and negative rational numbers in any form (whole numbers, fractions, and decimals), using tools strategically. Apply properties of operations to calculate with numbers in any form; convert between forms as appropriate; and assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3)
<b>7.SP.</b> Develop a probability model and use it to find probabilities of events. Compare probabilities from a model to observed frequencies; if the agreement is not good, explain possible sources of the discrepancy. (MS-ETS1-4)

## HS Traditional Pathway

Earth Space Science		Biology		Chemistry/ Advanced Chemistry (IB,AP,CHEM 2)		Physics 1 & 2	
ESS1.A	HS-ESS1-1 HS-ESS1-2 HS-ESS1.3	ESS2.D	HS-ESS2-6	PS1.A	HS-PS1-1 HS-PS1-2 HS-PS1-3 HS-PS1-4	PS2.A	HS-PS2-1 HS-PS2-2 HS-PS2-3
ESS1.C	HS-ESS1-5 HS-ESS1.6	ESS3.C	HS-ESS3-3	PS1.B	HS-PS1-5 HS-PS1-6** HS-PS1-7	PS2.B	HS-PS2-4 HS-PS2-5 HS-PS2-6
ESS2.A	HS-ESS2-1	ESS3.D	HS-ESS3-6	PS1.C	HS-PS1-8**	PS3.B	HS-PS3-1 HS-PS3-4
ESS2.B	HS-ESS2-2	LS 1.A	HS-LS1-1 HS-LS1-2 HS-LS1-3	PS3.B	HS-PS3-1** HS-PS3-4**	PS3.D	HS-PS3-2 HS-PS3-3
ESS2.D	HS-ESS2.3 HS-ESS2.4	LS 1.B	HS-LS1-4	PS4.A	HS-PS4-1# HS-PS4-3# HS-PS4-5#	PS4.A	HS-PS4-1 HS-PS4-2 HS-PS4-3 HS-PS4-5
ESS2.C	HS-ESS2.5	LS 1.C	HS-LS1-5 HS-LS1-6 HS-LS1-7			PS4.B	HS-PS4-4
ESS3.B	HS-ESS3-1	LS2.A	HS-LS2-1 HS-LS2-2				
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		LS2.C	HS-LS2-6 HS-LS2-7				
		LS3.A	HS-LS3-1				
		LS3.B	HS-LS3-3				
		LS4.A	HS-LS4-1				
		LS4.B	HS-LS4-2 HS-LS4-3				
		LS4.C	HS-LS4-4 HS-LS4-5				

*Shaded Standards are covered in more than one course.*

\*\*AP/CHEM/IB

# IB Only

# Integrated Course Pathways

Integrated I	
LS1.A	HS-LS.1.1
LS1.B	HS-LS.1.4
LS2.D	HS-LS.2.8
LS3.A	HS-LS.3.1
LS3.B	HS-LS.3.2
	HS-LS.3.3
LS4.A	HS-LS.4.1
LS4.B	HS-LS.4.2
	HS-LS.4.3
LS4.C	HS-LS.4.4
ESS1.A	HS-ESS.1.1
	HS-ESS.1.2
	HS-ESS.1.3
ESS1.B	HS-ESS.1.4
ESS1.C	HS-ESS.1.5
	HS-ESS.1.6
ESS2.A ESS2.B ESS2.D	HS-ESS.2.1
	HS-ESS.2.2
	HS-ESS.2.7
ESS2.E	HS-ESS.2.7

Integrated 2	
LS1.A	HS-LS.1.2
	HS-LS.1.3
LS1.B	HS-LS.1.4
LS1.C	HS-LS.1.5
	HS-LS.1.6
	HS-LS.1.7
LS2.A	HS-LS.2.1
	HS-LS.2.2
LS2.B	HS-LS.2.3
	HS-LS.2.4
	HS-LS.2.5
LS2.C	HS-LS.2.6
	HS-LS.2.7
LS4.C	HS-LS.4.5
	HS-LS.4.6
ESS2.A ESS2.B ESS2.D	HS-ESS.2.3
	HS-ESS.2.4
	HS-ESS.2.5
ESS2.D	HS-ESS.2.6
ESS3.B	HS-ESS.3.1
ESS3.A	HS-ESS.3.2
ESS3.C	HS-ESS.3.3
	HS-ESS.3.4
ESS3.D	HS-ESS.3.5
	HS-ESS.3.6

Chemistry/ Advanced Chemistry (IB,AP,CHEM 2)	
PS1.A	HS-PS1-1
	HS-PS1-2
	HS-PS1-3
	HS-PS1-4
PS1.B	HS-PS1-5
	HS-PS1-6**
PS1.C	HS-PS1-7
	HS-PS1-8**
PS3.B	HS-PS3-1**
	HS-PS3-4**
PS4.A	HS-PS4-1#
	HS-PS4-3#
	HS-PS4-5#

Physics 1 & 2	
PS2.A	HS-PS2-1
	HS-PS2-2
	HS-PS2-3
PS2.B	HS-PS2-4
	HS-PS2-5
	HS-PS2-6
PS3.B	HS-PS3-1
	HS-PS3-4
PS3.D	HS-PS3-2
	HS-PS3-3
PS3.C	HS-PS3-5
PS4.A	HS-PS4-1
	HS-PS4-2
	HS-PS4-3
	HS-PS4-5
PS4.B	HS-PS4-4

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## Elective Science Courses

Wildlife Biology Natural Resources/Conservati on		Human Anatomy Sports Exercise Science		IB Environmental Systems/Societies	
LS1.A	HS-LS1-2	LS1.A	HS-LS1-2	LS2.A	HS-LS2-2
	HS-LS1-3		HS-LS1-3		HS-LS2-3
LS2.A	HS-LS2-1	LS1.C	HS-LS1- 6	LS2.B	HS-LS2-4
	HS-LS2-2		HS-LS1- 7		HS-LS2-5
LS2.B	HS-LS2-4	LS2.B	HS-LS2-3	LS2.C	HS-LS2-6
	HS-LS2-5		HS-PS2-1*		HS-LS2-7
LS2.C	HS-LS2-6	PS2.A	HS-PS2-1*	LS2.D	HS-LS2-8
	HS-LS2-7		HS-PS2-2*		HS-LS4-4
LS2.D	HS-LS2-8			LS4.C	HS-LS4-5
LS3.B	HS-LS3-3				HS-LS4-6
LS4.A	HS-LS4-1				
LS4.B	HS-LS4-2				
	HS-LS4-3				
LS4.C	HS-LS4-4				
	HS-LS4-5				
	HS-LS4-6				

\*Human Anatomy Only

## Project Lead the Way Courses\*

Principles of Biomedical Science		Biomedical Innovation		Body Systems		Principals of Engineering		Medical Interventions	
LS1.A	HS.LS1.1	LS1.A	HS.LS1.1	LS1.A	HS.LS1.2	PS1.A	HS.PS1.1	LS1.A	HS.LS1.1
	HS.LS1.2		HS.LS1.2		HS.LS1.3		HS.PS1.3		HS.LS1.2
	HS.LS1.3		HS.LS1.3			PS2.A	HS.PS2.1	LS3.A	HS.LS3.1
LS1.C	HS.LS1.6	LS2.C	HS.LS2.7	LS1.C	HS.LS1.7	PS3.D	HS.PS3.3	LS3.B	HS.LS3.2
LS2.C	HS.LS2.5	ETS1.A	HS.ETS1.1	LS3.A	HS.LS3.1	PS3.B	HS.PS3.4	LS4.B	HS.LS4.2
LS3.A	HS.LS3.1	ETS1.C	HS.ETS1.2	ETS1.C	HS.ETS1.2	ESS1.A	HS.ESS3.1	LS4.C	HS.LS4.4
	HS.LS3.2	ETS1.B	HS.ETS1.3		HS.ETS1.3		HS.ESS3.2		HS.LS4.5
LS3.B	HS.LS3.3					ESS3.C	HS.ESS3.4	PS2.B	HS.PS2.6
LS4.B	HS.LS4.3					ETS1.A	HS.ETS1.1	PS4.A	HS.PS4.1
ETS1.A	HS.ETS1.1					ETS1.C	HS.ETS1.2	ETS1.C	HS.ETS1.2
ETS1.C	HS.ETS1.2					ETS1.B	HS.ETS1.3	ETS1.B	HS.ETS1.3
ETS1.B	HS.ETS1.3						HS.ETS1.4		
	HS.ETS1.4								

\*Courses without science credit but containing significant science content

# **Earth and Space Science**

**Unit of Credit:** 1 Year

**Prerequisite:** None

## **Course Overview:**

Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge through three disciplinary core ideas: Earth's Place in the Universe, Earth's systems, and Earth and Human Activity. The High school performance expectations will continue to build on the middle school ideas and skills foundation, for more in depth exploration and explanation of topics related to Earth and Space topics including: knowledge of properties, forms, changes, and interactions of physical and chemical systems.

Performance expectations of **Earth's Place in the Universe** will include three sub sections: the universe and its stars; Earth and the solar system, and the history of planet Earth. Some of the concepts covered are fundamental to science, such as how matter is recycled from star cycling; short and long-term changes at the solar level that affect planets and humans. Crosscutting concepts of patterns, scale, proportion and quantity, energy and matter, and stability and change are ways to organize concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. As with each of the core units, students will be expected to demonstrate proficiency in the following areas: developing and using models, constructing explanations and designing solutions, engaging in argumentation with citation of evidence; collecting, evaluating and communication of information.

In the focus on **Earth's Systems**, students will focus on "how and why the Earth is constantly changing"; this section focuses on plate tectonics, Earth materials and systems, large-scale interactions, the role of water on the Earth including weather and climate, and biogeology. Students will continue to use the cross cutting concepts, along with modeling to explain or demonstrate the feedback systems of both internal and external process that shape our Earth. Students will consider flow of energy, mechanism of change, and the interactions of humans in the Earth systems, as they continue to plan and carry out investigations, analyze and interpret data, and communicate their findings, to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

Expectations related to **Earth and Human Activity**, are broken down into subsections: natural resources, natural hazards, human impact on Earth systems, and global climate change. Students will be expected to understand the complex interdependencies the Earth's systems - natural resources, natural hazards and the impacts of human interactions in these areas, i.e.: dependency on natural resources, response to natural hazards and trends in climate change. The cross cutting concepts of cause and effect, change and stability, systems and models offer a method for students to organize these core disciplinary ideas. Students will be expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing, analyzing and interpreting data, constructing explanations, argumentation, designing solutions, and more.

All MCPS students, through the inquiry process, will demonstrate the ability to design, conduct, evaluate, and communicate results and reasonable conclusions of scientific investigations. They will also understand how historical developments, scientific knowledge and technological developments impact communities, cultures, and societies. As stated in sections identified above, each high school Earth and Space science student will complete at least one independent research project, which follows the format suggested by NGSS, and each high school science department.

It is the intent of the MCPS science department to ensure students gain an understanding of the interconnection of science in society so that each student functions as a scientifically literate person as they move forward in their future paths.

**Topics of Study for High School Earth and Space science:** (*Next Generation Science standards listed below*)

**Introduction to science skills:**

- Nature of Science topics
- Science and Engineering skills
- Cross-cutting concepts

**Astronomy:**

- Earth's Place in the Universe

**Meteorology:**

- Earth's Systems
- Earth and Human Activity

**Oceanography/Plate tectonics:**

- Earth's Systems
- Earth's Place in the Universe

**Rocks and Minerals/ Paleontology:**

- Earth's place in the Universe

**Weathering and erosion:**

- Earth's Systems
- Earth and Human Activity

**Natural resources**

- Earth's Systems
- Earth and Human Activity

**Special Topics**

- Earth's Systems
- Earth and Human Activity

## High School Earth and Space Science

### HS-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-ESS1-1.** Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the life span of the sun and the role of nuclear fusion in the sun's core to release energy that eventually reaches Earth in the form of radiation. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the energy transfer mechanisms that allow energy from nuclear fusion in the sun's core to reach Earth. Examples of evidence for the model include observations of the masses and lifetimes of other stars, as well as the ways that the sun's radiation varies due to sudden solar flares ("space weather"), the 11-year sunspot cycle, and non-cyclic variations over centuries.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include details of the atomic and sub-atomic processes involved with the sun's nuclear fusion.]
- HS-ESS1-2.** Construct an explanation of the Big Bang theory based on astronomical evidence of light spectra, motion of distant galaxies, and composition of matter in the universe. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the astronomical evidence of the red shift of light from galaxies as an indication that the universe is currently expanding, the cosmic microwave background as the remnant radiation from the Big Bang, and the observed composition of ordinary matter of the universe, primarily found in stars and interstellar gases (from the spectra of electromagnetic radiation from stars), which matches that predicted by the Big Bang theory (3/4 hydrogen and 1/4 helium).]
- HS-ESS1-3.** Communicate scientific ideas about the way stars, over their life cycle, produce elements. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the way nucleosynthesis, and therefore the different elements created, varies as a function of the mass of a star and the stage of its lifetime.] [Assessment Boundary: Details of the many different nucleosynthesis pathways for stars of differing masses are not assessed.]
- HS-ESS1-5.** Evaluate evidence of the past and current movements of continental and oceanic crust and the theory of plate tectonics to explain the ages of crustal rocks. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the ability of plate tectonics to explain the ages of crustal rocks. Examples include evidence of the ages oceanic crust increasing with distance from mid-ocean ridges (a result of plate spreading) and the ages of North American continental crust increasing with distance away from a central ancient core (a result of past plate interactions).]
- HS-ESS1-6.** Apply scientific reasoning and evidence from ancient Earth materials, meteorites, and other planetary surfaces to construct an account of Earth's formation and early history. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using available evidence within the solar system to reconstruct the early history of Earth, which formed along with the rest of the solar system 4.6 billion years ago. Examples of evidence include the absolute ages of ancient materials (obtained by radiometric dating of meteorites, moon rocks, and Earth's oldest minerals), the sizes and compositions of solar system objects, and the impact cratering record of planetary surfaces.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-ESS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-ESS1-2)</li> <li>▪ Apply scientific reasoning to link evidence to the claims to assess the extent to which the reasoning and data support the explanation or conclusion. (MS-ESS1-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluate evidence behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS1.A: The Universe and Its Stars</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The star called the sun is changing and will burn out over a lifespan of approximately 10 billion years. (HS-ESS1-1)</li> <li>• The study of stars' light spectra and brightness is used to identify compositional elements of stars, their movements, and their distances from Earth. (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3)</li> <li>• The Big Bang theory is supported by observations of distant galaxies receding from our own, of the measured composition of stars and non-stellar gases, and of the maps of spectra of the primordial radiation (cosmic microwave background) that still fills the universe. (HS-ESS1-2)</li> <li>• Other than the hydrogen and helium formed at the time of the Big Bang, nuclear fusion within stars produces all atomic nuclei lighter than and including iron, and the process releases electromagnetic energy. Heavier elements are produced when certain massive stars achieve a supernova stage and explode. (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS1.C: The History of Planet Earth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continental rocks, which can be older than 4 billion years, are generally much older than the rocks of the ocean floor, which are less than 200 million years old. (HS-ESS1-5)</li> <li>▪ Although active geologic</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical evidence is needed to identify patterns. (HS-ESS1-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The significance of a phenomenon is dependent on the scale, proportion, and quantity at which it occurs. (HS-ESS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy cannot be created or destroyed—only moved between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-ESS1-2)</li> <li>• In nuclear processes, atoms are not conserved, but the total number of protons plus neutrons is conserved. (HS-ESS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable. (HS-ESS1-6)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</i></p> <p><b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science and engineering complement each other in the cycle known as research and development (R&amp;D). Many R&amp;D</li> </ul>

<p>determine the merits of arguments. (HS-ESS1-5)</p> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <p>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to evaluating the validity and reliability of the claims, methods, and designs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Communicate scientific ideas (e.g. about phenomena and/or the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-ESS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A scientific theory is a substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world, based on a body of facts that have been repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment and the science community validates each theory before it is accepted. If new evidence is discovered that the theory does not accommodate, the theory is generally modified in light of this new evidence. (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-6)</li> <li>▪ Models, mechanisms, and explanations collectively serve as tools in the development of a scientific theory. (HS-ESS1-6)</li> </ul>	<p>processes, such as plate tectonics and erosion, have destroyed or altered most of the very early rock record on Earth, other objects in the solar system, such as lunar rocks, asteroids, and meteorites, have changed little over billions of years. Studying these objects can provide information about Earth's formation and early history. (HS-ESS1-6)</p> <p><b>ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plate tectonics is the unifying theory that explains the past and current movements of the rocks at Earth's surface and provides a framework for understanding its geologic history. (<i>ESS2.B Grade 8 GBE</i>) (<i>secondary to HS-ESS1-5</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS1.C: Nuclear Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spontaneous radioactive decays follow a characteristic exponential decay law. Nuclear lifetimes allow radiometric dating to be used to determine the ages of rocks and other materials. (<i>secondary to HS-ESS1-5</i>),(<i>secondary to HS-ESS1-6</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuclear Fusion processes in the center of the sun release the energy that ultimately reaches Earth as radiation. (<i>secondary to HS-ESS1-1</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS4.B Electromagnetic Radiation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Atoms of each element emit and absorb characteristic frequencies of light. These characteristics allow identification of the presence of an element, even in microscopic quantities. (<i>secondary to HS-ESS1-2</i>)</li> </ul>	<p>projects may involve scientists, engineers, and others with wide ranges of expertise. (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science assumes the universe is a vast single system in which basic laws are consistent. (HS-ESS1-2)</li> </ul>
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.PS1.A</b> (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3); <b>HS.PS1.C</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3); <b>HS.PS2.A</b> (HS-ESS1-6); <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-6); <b>HS.PS3.A</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-5); <b>HS.PS4.A</b> (HS-ESS1-2); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)</p> <p><i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3); <b>MS.PS2.A</b> (HS-ESS1-4); <b>MS.PS2.B</b> (HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-6); <b>MS.PS4.B</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2); <b>MS.ESS1.A</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3),(HS-ESS1-4); <b>MS.ESS1.B</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-6); <b>MS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6); <b>MS.ESS2.B</b> (HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6); <b>MS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-ESS1-1)</p> <p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p> <p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p> <p><b>RST.11-12.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)</p> <p><b>RST.11-12.8</b> Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.1</b> Write arguments focused on <i>discipline-specific content</i>. (HS-ESS1-6)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3),(HS-ESS1-5)</p> <p><b>SL.11-12.4</b> Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. (HS-ESS1-3)</p> <p><i>Mathematics –</i></p> <p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3),(HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)</p> <p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-4)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.1</b> Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.2</b> Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.3</b> Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)</p> <p><b>HSA-SSE.A.1</b> Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)</p> <p><b>HSA-CED.A.2</b> Create equations in two or more variables to represent relationships between quantities; graph equations on coordinate axes with labels and scales. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)</p> <p><b>HSA-CED.A.4</b> Rearrange formulas to highlight a quantity of interest, using the same reasoning as in solving equations. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)</p> <p><b>HSF-IF.B.5</b> Relate the domain of a function to its graph and, where applicable, to the quantitative relationship it describes. (HS-ESS1-6)</p> <p><b>HSS-ID.B.6</b> Represent data on two quantitative variables on a scatter plot, and describe how those variables are related. (HS-ESS1-6)</p>		

## High School Earth and Space Science

### HS-ESS2 Earth's Systems

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-ESS2-1.** **Develop a model to illustrate how Earth's internal and surface processes operate at different spatial and temporal scales to form continental and ocean-floor features.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on how the appearance of land features (such as mountains, valleys, and plateaus) and sea-floor features (such as trenches, ridges, and seamounts) are a result of both constructive forces (such as volcanism, tectonic uplift, and orogeny) and destructive mechanisms (such as weathering, mass wasting, and coastal erosion).] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include memorization of the details of the formation of specific geographic features of Earth's surface.]
- HS-ESS2-2.** **Analyze geoscience data to make the claim that one change to Earth's surface can create feedbacks that cause changes to other Earth's systems.** [Clarification Statement: Examples should include climate feedbacks, such as how an increase in greenhouse gases causes a rise in global temperatures that melts glacial ice, which reduces the amount of sunlight reflected from Earth's surface, increasing surface temperatures and further reducing the amount of ice. Examples could also be taken from other system interactions, such as how the loss of ground vegetation causes an increase in water runoff and soil erosion; how dammed rivers increase groundwater recharge, decrease sediment transport, and increase coastal erosion; or how the loss of wetlands causes a decrease in local humidity that further reduces the wetland extent.]
- HS-ESS2-3.** **Develop a model based on evidence of Earth's interior to describe the cycling of matter by thermal convection.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on both a one-dimensional model of Earth, with radial layers determined by density, and a three-dimensional model, which is controlled by mantle convection and the resulting plate tectonics. Examples of evidence include maps of Earth's three-dimensional structure obtained from seismic waves, records of the rate of change of Earth's magnetic field (as constraints on convection in the outer core), and identification of the composition of Earth's layers from high-pressure laboratory experiments.]
- HS-ESS2-4.** **Use a model to describe how variations in the flow of energy into and out of Earth's systems result in changes in climate.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of the causes of climate change differ by timescale, over 1-10 years: large volcanic eruption, ocean circulation; 10-100s of years: changes in human activity, ocean circulation, solar output; 10-100s of thousands of years: changes to Earth's orbit and the orientation of its axis; and 10-100s of millions of years: long-term changes in atmospheric composition.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of the results of changes in climate is limited to changes in surface temperatures, precipitation patterns, glacial ice volumes, sea levels, and biosphere distribution.]
- HS-ESS2-5.** **Plan and conduct an investigation of the properties of water and its effects on Earth materials and surface processes.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on mechanical and chemical investigations with water and a variety of solid materials to provide the evidence for connections between the hydrologic cycle and system interactions commonly known as the rock cycle. Examples of mechanical investigations include stream transportation and deposition using a stream table, erosion using variations in soil moisture content, or frost wedging by the expansion of water as it freezes. Examples of chemical investigations include chemical weathering and recrystallization (by testing the solubility of different materials) or melt generation (by examining how water lowers the melting temperature of most solids).]

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
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<p>refine the design accordingly. (HS-ESS2-5)</p> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze data using tools, technologies, and/or models (e.g., computational, mathematical) in order to make valid and reliable scientific claims or determine an optimal design solution. (HS-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.</p> <p><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science knowledge is based on empirical evidence. (HS-ESS2-3)</li> <li>Science disciplines share common rules of evidence used to evaluate explanations about natural systems. (HS-ESS2-3)</li> <li>Science includes the process of coordinating patterns of evidence with current theory. (HS-ESS2-3)</li> <li>Science arguments are strengthened by multiple lines of evidence supporting a single explanation. (HS-ESS2-4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The abundance of liquid water on Earth’s surface and its unique combination of physical and chemical properties are central to the planet’s dynamics. These properties include water’s exceptional capacity to absorb, store, and release large amounts of energy, transmit sunlight, expand upon freezing, dissolve and transport materials, and lower the viscosities and melting points of rocks. (HS-ESS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS2.D: Weather and Climate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The foundation for Earth’s global climate systems is the electromagnetic radiation from the sun, as well as its reflection, absorption, storage, and redistribution among the atmosphere, ocean, and land systems, and this energy’s re-radiation into space. (HS-ESS2-4)</li> <li>Changes in the atmosphere due to human activity have increased carbon dioxide concentrations and thus affect climate. (HS-ESS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS2.E: Biogeology</b></p> <p><b>PS4.A: Wave Properties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geologists use seismic waves and their reflection at interfaces between layers to probe structures deep in the planet. (secondary to HS-ESS2-3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HS-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <p><b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science and engineering complement each other in the cycle known as research and development (R&amp;D). Many R&amp;D projects may involve scientists, engineers, and others with wide ranges of expertise. (HS-ESS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New technologies can have deep impacts on society and the environment, including some that were not anticipated. Analysis of costs and benefits is a critical aspect of decisions about technology. (HS-ESS2-2)</li> </ul>
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.PS1.A</b> (HS-ESS2-5) <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (HS-ESS2-5) <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-3); <b>HS.PS3.A</b> (HS-ESS2-4); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5); <b>HS.PS3.D</b> (HS-ESS2-3) <b>HS.PS4.B</b> (HS-ESS2-2); <b>HS.LS2.B</b> (HS-ESS2-2); <b>HS.LS2.C</b> (HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-4); <b>HS.LS4.D</b> (HS-ESS2-2) <b>HS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-ESS2-4); <b>HS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5); <b>HS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-4)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-5); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (HS-ESS2-3); <b>MS.PS2.B</b> (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-3); <b>MS.PS3.A</b> (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4); <b>MS.PS3.B</b> (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-4),, <b>MS.PS4.B</b> (HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5); <b>MS.LS1.C</b> (HS-ESS2-4); <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (HS-ESS2-7); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-6); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-7); <b>MS.LS4.A</b> (HS-ESS2-7); <b>MS.LS4.C</b> (HS-ESS2-2), <b>MS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-ESS2-3) <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5); <b>MS.ESS2.B</b> (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4) <b>MS.ESS2.C</b> (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5); <b>MS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-5); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-4); <b>MS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-4)</p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p>		
<p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p>		
<b>RST.11-12.1</b>		
Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-3)		
<b>RST.11-12.2</b>		
Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms. (HS-ESS2-2)		
<b>WHST.9-12.7</b>		
Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-ESS2-5)		
<b>SL.11-12.5</b>		
Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4)		
<i>Mathematics –</i>		
<b>MP.2</b>		
Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4)		
<b>MP.4</b>		
Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4)		
<b>HSN-Q.A.1</b>		
Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4)		
<b>HSN-Q.A.2</b>		
Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4)		
<b>HSN-Q.A.3</b>		
Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5)		

## High School Earth and Space Science

### HS-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-ESS3-1.** Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the availability of natural resources, occurrence of natural hazards, and changes in climate have influenced human activity. [Clarification Statement: Examples of key natural resources include access to fresh water (such as rivers, lakes, and groundwater), regions of fertile soils such as river deltas, and high concentrations of minerals and fossil fuels. Examples of natural hazards can be from interior processes (such as volcanic eruptions and earthquakes), surface processes (such as tsunamis, mass wasting and soil erosion), and severe weather (such as hurricanes, floods, and droughts). Examples of the results of changes in climate that can affect populations or drive mass migrations include changes to sea level, regional patterns of temperature and precipitation, and the types of crops and livestock that can be raised.]
- HS-ESS3-5.** Analyze geoscience data and the results from global climate models to make an evidence-based forecast of the current rate of global or regional climate change and associated future impacts to Earth systems. [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence, for both data and climate model outputs, are for climate changes (such as precipitation and temperature) and their associated impacts (such as on sea level, glacial ice volumes, or atmosphere and ocean composition).] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to one example of a climate change and its associated impacts.]
- HS-ESS3-6.** Use a computational representation to illustrate the relationships among Earth systems and how those relationships are being modified due to human activity. [Clarification Statement: Examples of Earth systems to be considered are the hydrosphere, atmosphere, cryosphere, geosphere, and/or biosphere. An example of the far-reaching impacts from a human activity is how an increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide results in an increase in photosynthetic biomass on land and an increase in ocean acidification, with resulting impacts on sea organism health and marine populations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include running computational representations but is limited to using the published results of scientific computational models.]

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze data using computational models in order to make valid and reliable scientific claims. (HS-ESS3-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a computational representation of phenomena or design solutions to describe and/or support claims and/or explanations. (HS-ESS3-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific knowledge, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science investigations use diverse methods and do not</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS2.D: Weather and Climate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current models predict that, although future regional climate changes will be complex and varied, average global temperatures will continue to rise. The outcomes predicted by global climate models strongly depend on the amounts of human-generated greenhouse gases added to the atmosphere each year and by the ways in which these gases are absorbed by the ocean and biosphere. (<i>secondary to HS-ESS3-6</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS3.A: Natural Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resource availability has guided the development of human society. (HS-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS3.B: Natural Hazards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural hazards and other geologic events have shaped the course of human history; [they] have significantly altered the sizes of human populations and have driven human migrations. (HS-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS3.D: Global Climate Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Though the magnitudes of human impacts are greater than they have ever been, so too are human abilities to model, predict, and manage current and future impacts. (HS-ESS3-5)</li> <li>Through computer simulations and other studies, important discoveries are still being made about how the ocean, the atmosphere, and the biosphere interact and are modified in response to human activities. (HS-ESS3-6)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When investigating or describing a system, the boundaries and initial conditions of the system need to be defined and their inputs and outputs analyzed and described using models. (HS-ESS3-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change and rates of change can be quantified and modeled over very short or very long periods of time. Some system changes are irreversible. (HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-5)</li> </ul>

<p>always use the same set of procedures to obtain data. (HS-ESS3-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New technologies advance scientific knowledge. (HS-ESS3-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science knowledge is based on empirical evidence. (HS-ESS3-5)</li> <li>▪ Science arguments are strengthened by multiple lines of evidence supporting a single explanation. (HS-ESS3-5))</li> </ul>		
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (HS-ESS3-3); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-5); <b>HS.PS3.D</b> (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-5); <b>HS.LS1.C</b> (HS-ESS3-5); <b>HS.LS2.A</b> (HS-ESS3-2); <b>HS.LS2.B</b> (HS-ESS3-6); <b>HS.LS2.C</b>(HS-ESS3-6); <b>HS.LS4.D</b> (HS-ESS3-6); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-ESS3-6); <b>HS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-ESS3-5)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS3.B</b> (HS-ESS3-5); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (HS-ESS3-5); <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (HS-ESS3-1); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (HS-ESS3-6); <b>MS.LS4.D</b> (HS-ESS3-1); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6); <b>MS.ESS2.C</b> (HS-ESS3-6); <b>MS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-ESS3-5); <b>MS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-ESS3-1); <b>MS.ESS3.B</b> (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-5); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6); <b>MS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6)</p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p>		
<p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p> <p><b>RST.11-12.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-5)</p> <p><b>RST.11-12.2</b> Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms. (HS-ESS3-5)</p> <p><b>RST.11-12.7</b> Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-ESS3-5)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-ESS3-1)</p> <p><i>Mathematics –</i></p> <p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6)</p> <p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS3-6)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.1</b> Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.2</b> Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.3</b> Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6)</p>		

# Biology

**Unit of Credit:** 1 Year

**Prerequisite:** Earth and Space Science, or Consent of Instructor

## Course Overview:

Students will demonstrate knowledge of characteristics, structures, and function of living things, the process and diversity of life, and how living organisms interact with each other and their environment. Students will also demonstrate the knowledge of properties, forms, changes, and interactions of physical and chemical systems. The following subject areas will be addressed: Cells, Heredity, Evolution, and Ecology.

All MCPS students will demonstrate the ability to design, conduct, evaluate, and communicate results and reasonable conclusions of scientific investigations. They will also understand how historical developments, scientific knowledge and technological developments impact communities, cultures, and societies. It is the intent of the MCPS science department to ensure students gain an understanding of the interconnection of science in society so that each student functions as a scientifically literate person. The content of the Biology curriculum will be arranged around the Next Generation of Science Standards.

It is the intent of the MCPS science department to ensure students gain an understanding of the interconnection of science in society so that each student functions as a scientifically literate person as they move forward in their future paths.

## Topics of Study for Biology:

<p><b>Introduction to Science Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nature of Science Topics</li><li>• Science and Engineering Skills</li><li>• Cross-cutting Concepts</li></ul> <p><b>Cells:</b> <a href="#">From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Structure and Function</li><li>• Growth and Development</li><li>• Organization of Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms</li></ul> <p><b>Heredity:</b> <a href="#">Inheritance and Variation of Traits</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inheritance of Traits</li><li>• Variation of Traits</li><li>• </li></ul>	<p><b>Biological Evolution:</b> <a href="#">Unity and Diversity</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity</li><li>• Natural Selection</li><li>• Adaptation</li><li>• Biodiversity and Humans</li></ul> <p><b>Ecosystems:</b> <a href="#">Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems</li><li>• Cycles of Material and Transfer of Energy in Ecosystems</li><li>• Ecosystem Dynamics, Function and Resilience</li><li>• Social Interactions and Group Behavior</li></ul>
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The following concepts are overarching and extend to all disciplines: plate tectonics, global climate patterns, energy and natural resources, and biological classification. These concepts are addressed at both the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade levels.

## Biology

### HS-ESS2 Earth's Systems

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**HS-ESS2-6.** Develop a quantitative model to describe the cycling of carbon among the hydrosphere, atmosphere, geosphere, and biosphere. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on modeling biogeochemical cycles that include the cycling of carbon through the ocean, atmosphere, soil, and biosphere (including humans), providing the foundation for living organisms.]

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<i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> HS.PS1.A (HS-ESS2-6); HS.PS1.B (HS-ESS2-6); HS.PS3.D (HS-ESS2-6); HS.LS1.C (HS-ESS2-6); HS.LS2.B (HS-ESS2-6); HS.ESS3.C (HS-ESS2-6); HS.ESS3.D (HS-ESS2-6)		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> MS.PS1.A (HS-ESS2-6); MS.PS3.D (HS-ESS2-6); MS.PS4.B (HS-ESS2-6); MS.LS2.B (HS-ESS2-6); MS.ESS2.A (HS-ESS2-6); MS.ESS2.B (HS-ESS2-6); MS.ESS2.C (HS-ESS2-6); MS.ESS2.E (HS-ESS2-6); MS.ESS3.C (HS-ESS2-6); MS.ESS3.D (HS-ESS2-6)		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i> <i>Mathematics –</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS2-6)</li> <li><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS2-6)</li> <li><b>HSN-Q.A.1</b> Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-ESS2-6)</li> <li><b>HSN-Q.A.2</b> Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS2-6)</li> <li><b>HSN-Q.A.3</b> Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS2-6)</li> </ul>		

## BIOLOGY

### HS-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-ESS3-3.** Create a computational simulation to illustrate the relationships among management of natural resources, the sustainability of human populations, and biodiversity. [Clarification Statement: Examples of factors that affect the management of natural resources include costs of resource extraction and waste management, per-capita consumption, and the development of new technologies. Examples of factors that affect human sustainability include agricultural efficiency, levels of conservation, and urban planning.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment for computational simulations is limited to using provided multi-parameter programs or constructing simplified spreadsheet calculations.]
- HS-ESS3-6.** Use a computational representation to illustrate the relationships among Earth systems and how those relationships are being modified due to human activity. [Clarification Statement: Examples of Earth systems to be considered are the hydrosphere, atmosphere, cryosphere, geosphere, and/or biosphere. An example of the far-reaching impacts from a human activity is how an increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide results in an increase in photosynthetic biomass on land and an increase in ocean acidification, with resulting impacts on sea organism health and marine populations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include running computational representations but is limited to using the published results of scientific computational models.]

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<p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create a computational model or simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system. (HS-ESS3-3)</li> <li>▪ Use a computational representation of phenomena or design solutions to describe and/or support claims and/or explanations. (HS-ESS3-6)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS2.D: Weather and Climate</b> ▪ Current models predict that, although future regional climate changes will be complex and varied, average global temperatures will continue to rise. The outcomes predicted by global climate models strongly depend on the amounts of human-generated greenhouse gases added to the atmosphere each year and by the ways in which these gases are absorbed by the ocean and biosphere. (<i>secondary to HS-ESS3-6</i>)</p> <p><b>ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems</b> ▪ The sustainability of human societies and the biodiversity that supports them requires responsible management of natural resources. (HS-ESS3-3)</p> <p><b>ESS3.D: Global Climate Change</b> ▪ Through computer simulations and other studies, important discoveries are still being made about how the ocean, the atmosphere, and the biosphere interact and are modified in response to human activities. (HS-ESS3-6)</p>	<p><b>Systems and System Models</b> ▪ When investigating or describing a system, the boundaries and initial conditions of the system need to be defined and their inputs and outputs analyzed and described using models. (HS-ESS3-6)</p> <p><b>Stability and Change</b> ▪ Change and rates of change can be quantified and modeled over very short or very long periods of time. Some system changes are irreversible. (HS-ESS3-3)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <p><b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b> ▪ Modern civilization depends on major technological systems. (HS-ESS3-3) ▪ New technologies can have deep impacts on society and the environment, including some that were not anticipated. (HS-ESS3-3)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science is a Human Endeavor</b> ▪ Science is a result of human endeavors, imagination, and creativity. (HS-ESS3-3)</p> <p><b>Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World</b></p>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:* HS.PS1.B (HS-ESS3-3); HS.LS2.A (HS-ESS3-3); HS.LS2.B (HS-ESS3-3), (HS-ESS3-6); HS.LS2.C (HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-6); HS.LS4.D (HS-ESS3-3), (HS-ESS3-6); HS.ESS2.A (HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-6); HS.ESS2.E (HS-ESS3-3)

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:* MS.PS1.B (HS-ESS3-3); MS.LS2.A (HS-ESS3-3); MS.LS2.B (HS-ESS3-3); MS.LS2.C (HS-ESS3-3),( HS-ESS3-6); MS.LS4.D (HS-ESS3-3); MS.ESS2.A (HS-ESS3-3),( HS-ESS3-6); MS.ESS2.C (HS-ESS3-6); MS.ESS3.A (HS-ESS3-3); MS.ESS3.C (HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-6); MS.ESS3.D (HS-ESS3-6)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*Mathematics –*

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| <b>MP.2</b>      | Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS3-3),/ HS-ESS3-6)  |
| <b>MP.4</b>      | Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-6)   |
| <b>HSN-Q.A.1</b> | Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-ESS3-6) |
| <b>HSN-Q.A.2</b> | Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS3-6)  |
| <b>HSN-Q.A.3</b> | Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS3-6)   |

## BIOLOGY

### HS-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

HS-LS1-1.	<b>Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the structure of DNA determines the structure of proteins which carry out the essential functions of life through systems of specialized cells.</b> [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include identification of specific cell or tissue types, whole body systems, specific protein structures and functions, or the biochemistry of protein synthesis.]
HS-LS1-2.	<b>Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.</b> [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on functions at the organism system level such as nutrient uptake, water delivery, and organism movement in response to neural stimuli. An example of an interacting system could be an artery depending on the proper function of elastic tissue and smooth muscle to regulate and deliver the proper amount of blood within the circulatory system.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include interactions and functions at the molecular or chemical reaction level.]
HS-LS1-3.	<b>Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis.</b> [Clarification Statement: Examples of investigations could include heart rate response to exercise, stomate response to moisture and temperature, and root development in response to water levels.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the cellular processes involved in the feedback mechanism.]
HS-LS1-4.	<b>Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms.</b> [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific gene control mechanisms or rote memorization of the steps of mitosis.]
HS-LS1-5.	<b>Use a model to illustrate how photosynthesis transforms light energy into stored chemical energy.</b> [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on illustrating inputs and outputs of matter and the transfer and transformation of energy in photosynthesis by plants and other photosynthesizing organisms. Examples of models could include diagrams, chemical equations, and conceptual models.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific biochemical steps.]
HS-LS1-6.	<b>Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large carbon-based molecules.</b> [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using evidence from models and simulations to support explanations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the details of the specific chemical reactions or identification of macromolecules.]
HS-LS1-7.	<b>Use a model to illustrate that cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and the bonds in new compounds are formed resulting in a net transfer of energy.</b> [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the conceptual understanding of the inputs and outputs of the process of cellular respiration.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment should not include identification of the steps or specific processes involved in cellular respiration.]

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<b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-2)</li> <li>▪ Use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-4),(HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7)</li> </ul> <b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul> <b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions	<b>LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In multicellular organisms individual cells grow and then divide via a process called mitosis, thereby allowing the organism to grow. The organism begins as a single cell (fertilized egg) that divides successively to produce many cells, with each parent cell passing identical genetic material (two variants of each chromosome pair) to both daughter cells. Cellular division and differentiation produce and maintain a complex organism, composed of systems of tissues and organs that work together to meet the needs of the whole organism. (HS-LS1-4)</li> </ul> <b>LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The process of photosynthesis converts light energy to stored chemical energy by converting carbon dioxide plus water into sugars plus released oxygen. (HS-LS1-5)</li> <li>▪ The sugar molecules thus formed contain carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen: their hydrocarbon backbones are used to make amino</li> </ul>	<b>Systems and System Models</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—with and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS1-2), (HS-LS1-4)</li> </ul> <b>Energy and Matter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-LS1-5), (HS-LS1-6)</li> <li>▪ Energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS1-7)</li> </ul> <b>Structure and Function</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Investigating or designing new systems or structures requires a detailed examination of the properties of different materials, the structures of different</li> </ul>

<p>in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-6)</li> </ul>	<p>acids and other carbon-based molecules that can be assembled into larger molecules (such as proteins or DNA), used for example to form new cells. (HS-LS1-6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As matter and energy flow through different organizational levels of living systems, chemical elements are recombined in different ways to form different products. (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7)</li> <li>▪ As a result of these chemical reactions, energy is transferred from one system of interacting molecules to another and release energy to the surrounding environment and to maintain body temperature. Cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and new compounds are formed that can transport energy to muscles. (HS-LS1-7)</li> </ul>	<p>components, and connections of components to reveal its function and/or solve a problem. (HS-LS1-1)</p> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>
<i>Connections to Nature of Science</i>		
<p><b>Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientific inquiry is characterized by a common set of values that include: logical thinking, precision, open-mindedness, objectivity, skepticism, replicability of results, and honest and ethical reporting of findings. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>		
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-7); <b>HS.LS3.A</b> (HS-LS1-1); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); <b>MS.LS1.A</b> (HS-LS1-1),(HS-LS1-2),(HS-LS1-3),(1-LS1-4); <b>MS.LS1.B</b> (1-LS1-4); <b>MS.LS1.C</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.LS3.A</b> (HS-LS1-1),(1-LS1-4); <b>MS.LS3.B</b> (HS-LS1-1)</p>		
<p><i>Connections to PLTW: Principles of Biomedical Science (HS.LS1.1), (HS.LS1.2), (HS.LS1.3), (HS.LS1.6), Biomedical Innovation (HS.LS1.1), (HS.LS1.2), (HS.LS1.3), Body Systems (HS.LS1.2), (HS.LS1.3), (HS.LS1.7), Medical Interventions (HS.LS1.1), (HS.LS1.2)</i></p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p>		
<p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p>		
<p><b>RST.11-12.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS1-1),(HS-LS1-6)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS1-1),(HS-LS1-6)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.5</b> Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS1-6)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.7</b> Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS1-3)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.11-12.8</b> Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (HS-LS1-3)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.9</b> Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-LS-1-1),(HS-LS1-6)</p>		
<p><b>SL.11-12.5</b> Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (HS-LS1-2),(HS-LS1-4)</p>		
<p><i>Mathematics –</i></p>		
<p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (HS-LS1-4) <b>HSF-IF.C.7</b> Graph functions expressed symbolically and show key features of the graph, by hand in simple cases and using technology for more complicated cases. (HS-LS1-4)</p>		
<p><b>HSF-BF.A.1</b> Write a function that describes a relationship between two quantities. (HS-LS1-4)</p>		

## BIOLOGY

### HS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS2-1.** Use mathematical and/or computational representations to support explanations of factors that affect carrying capacity of ecosystems at different scales. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on quantitative analysis and comparison of the relationships among interdependent factors including boundaries, resources, climate, and competition. Examples of mathematical comparisons could include graphs, charts, histograms, and population changes gathered from simulations or historical data sets.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include deriving mathematical equations to make comparisons.]
- HS-LS2-2.** Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations in ecosystems of different scales. [Clarification Statement: Examples of mathematical representations include finding the average, determining trends, and using graphical comparisons of multiple sets of data.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided data.]
- HS-LS2-3.** Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for the cycling of matter and flow of energy in aerobic and anaerobic conditions. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on conceptual understanding of the role of aerobic and anaerobic respiration in different environments.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the specific chemical processes of either aerobic or anaerobic respiration.]
- HS-LS2-4.** Use mathematical representations to support claims for the cycling of matter and flow of energy among organisms in an ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using a mathematical model of stored energy in biomass to describe the transfer of energy from one trophic level to another and that matter and energy are conserved as matter cycles and energy flows through ecosystems. Emphasis is on atoms and molecules such as carbon, oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen being conserved as they move through an ecosystem.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to proportional reasoning to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy.]
- HS-LS2-5.** Develop a model to illustrate the role of photosynthesis and cellular respiration in the cycling of carbon among the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include simulations and mathematical models.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the specific chemical steps of photosynthesis and respiration.]
- HS-LS2-6.** Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning that the complex interactions in ecosystems maintain relatively consistent numbers and types of organisms in stable conditions, but changing conditions may result in a new ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Examples of changes in ecosystem conditions could include modest biological or physical changes, such as moderate hunting or a seasonal flood; and, extreme changes, such as volcanic eruption or sea level rise.]
- HS-LS2-7.** Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of human activities can include urbanization, building dams, and dissemination of invasive species.]

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<b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use mathematical and/or computational representations of</li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ phenomena or design solutions to support explanations. (HS-LS2-1)</li> <li>▪ Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support and revise explanations. (HS-LS2-2)</li> <li>▪ Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support claims. (HS-LS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS2-3)</li> <li>▪ Design, evaluate, and refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS2-6)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b> <b>Scientific Knowledge is Open to Revision in Light of New Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Most scientific knowledge is quite durable, but is, in principle, subject to change based on new evidence and/or reinterpretation of existing evidence. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-3)</li> <li>▪ Scientific argumentation is a mode of logical discourse used to clarify the strength of relationships between ideas and evidence that may result in revision of an explanation. (HS-LS2-6)</li> </ul>	<p>this inefficiency, there are generally fewer organisms at higher levels of a food web. Some matter reacts to release energy for life functions, some matter is stored in newly made structures, and much is discarded. The chemical elements that make up the molecules of organisms pass through food webs and into and out of the atmosphere and soil, and they are combined and recombined in different ways. At each link in an ecosystem, matter and energy are conserved. (HS-LS2-4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Photosynthesis and cellular respiration are important components of the carbon cycle, in which carbon is exchanged among the biosphere, atmosphere, oceans, and geosphere through chemical, physical, geological, and biological processes. (HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A complex set of interactions within an ecosystem can keep its numbers and types of organisms relatively constant over long periods of time under stable conditions. If a modest biological or physical disturbance to an ecosystem occurs, it may return to its more or less original status (i.e., the ecosystem is resilient), as opposed to becoming a very different ecosystem. Extreme fluctuations in conditions or the size of any population, however, can challenge the functioning of ecosystems in terms of resources and habitat availability. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6)</li> <li>▪ Moreover, anthropogenic changes (induced by human activity) in the environment—including habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, overexploitation, and climate change—can disrupt an ecosystem and threaten the survival of some species. (HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Biodiversity is increased by the formation of new species (speciation) and decreased by the loss of species (extinction). (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>)</li> <li>▪ Humans depend on the living world for the resources and other benefits provided by biodiversity. But human activity is also having adverse impacts on biodiversity through overpopulation, overexploitation, habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, and climate change. Thus sustaining biodiversity so that ecosystem functioning and productivity are maintained is essential to supporting and enhancing life on Earth. Sustaining biodiversity also aids humanity by preserving landscapes of recreational or inspirational value. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>) (<i>Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS4-6.</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The main way that solar energy is captured and stored on Earth is through the complex chemical process known as photosynthesis. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-5</i>)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When evaluating solutions it is important to take into account a range of constraints including cost, safety, reliability and aesthetics and to consider social, cultural and environmental impacts. (secondary to HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul>	
	<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-5); <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-7); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4); <b>HS.PS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-3); <b>HS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-LS2-5),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-2)</p>	
	<p><i>Articulation across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS1.B</b> (HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.LS1.C</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS2-1); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS2-6)</p>	
	<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p> <p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p> <p><b>RST.11-12.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-6)</p> <p><b>RST.11-12.7</b> Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</p> <p><b>RST.9-10.8</b> Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claim or a recommendation for solving a scientific or technical problem. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</p> <p><b>RST.11-12.8</b> Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-3)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.5</b> Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS2-3)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.7</b> Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS2-7)</p> <p><i>Mathematics –</i></p> <p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</p> <p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.1</b> Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.2</b> Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.3</b> Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-LS2-1), (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)</p> <p><b>HSS-ID.A.1</b> Represent data with plots on the real number line. (HS-LS2-6)</p> <p><b>HSS-IC.A.1</b> Understand statistics as a process for making inferences about population parameters based on a random sample from that population. (HS-LS2-6)</p> <p><b>HSS-IC.B.6</b> Evaluate reports based on data. (HS-LS2-6)</p>	
	<p><i>Connections to PLTW: Principals of Biomedical Science (HS.LS2.5)</i></p>	

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### HS-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS3-1.** Ask questions to clarify relationships about the role of DNA and chromosomes in coding the instructions for characteristic traits passed from parents to offspring. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the phases of meiosis or the biochemical mechanism of specific steps in the process.]
- HS-LS3-3.** Apply concepts of statistics and probability to explain the variation and distribution of expressed traits in a population. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the use of mathematics to describe the probability of traits as it relates to genetic and environmental factors in the expression of traits.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Hardy-Weinberg calculations.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to formulating, refining, and evaluating empirically testable questions and design problems using models and simulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Ask questions that arise from examining models or a theory to clarify relationships. (HS-LS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including determining function fits to data, slope, intercept, and correlation coefficient for linear fits) to scientific and engineering questions and problems, using digital tools when feasible. (HS-LS3-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS1.A: Structure and Function</b> All cells contain genetic information in the form of DNA molecules. Genes are regions in the DNA that contain the instructions that code for the formation of proteins. (<i>secondary to HS-LS3-1</i>) <i>(Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS1-1.)</i></p> <p><b>LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits</b> Each chromosome consists of a single very long DNA molecule, and each gene on the chromosome is a particular segment of that DNA. The instructions for forming species' characteristics are carried in DNA. All cells in an organism have the same genetic content, but the genes used (expressed) by the cell may be regulated in different ways. Not all DNA codes for a protein; some segments of DNA are involved in regulatory or structural functions, and some have no as-yet known function. (HS-LS3-1)</p> <p><b>LS3.B: Variation of Traits</b> Environmental factors also affect expression of traits, and hence affect the probability of occurrences of traits in a population. Thus the variation and distribution of traits observed depends on both genetic and environmental factors. (HS-LS3-3)</p>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b> ■ Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS3-1)</p> <p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b> ■ Algebraic thinking is used to examine scientific data and predict the effect of a change in one variable on another (e.g., linear growth vs. exponential growth). (HS-LS3-3)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science is a Human Endeavor</b> ■ Technological advances have influenced the progress of science and science has influenced advances in technology. (HS-LS3-3) ■ Science and engineering are influenced by society and society is influenced by science and engineering. (HS-LS3-3)</p>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: HS.LS2.A (HS-LS3-3); HS.LS2.C (HS-LS3-3); HS.LS4.B (HS-LS3-3); HS.LS4.C (HS-LS3-3)*

*Articulation across grade-bands: MS.LS2.A (HS-LS3-3); MS.LS3.A (HS-LS3-1); MS.LS3.B (HS-LS3-1), (HS-LS3-3); MS.LS4.C (HS-LS3-3)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

**RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS3-1)

**RST.11-12.9** Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible. (HS-LS3-1)

*Mathematics –*

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS3-3)

*Connections to PLTW: Principles of Biomedical Science (HS.LS3.1), (HS.LS3.3), Body Systems (HS.LS3.1), Medical Interventions (HS.LS3.1),*

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### HS-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS4-1.** Communicate scientific information that common ancestry and biological evolution are supported by multiple lines of empirical evidence. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on a conceptual understanding of the role each line of evidence has relating to common ancestry and biological evolution. Examples of evidence could include similarities in DNA sequences, anatomical structures, and order of appearance of structures in embryological development.]
- HS-LS4-2.** Construct an explanation based on evidence that the process of evolution primarily results from four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the heritable genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for limited resources, and (4) the proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in the environment. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using evidence to explain the influence each of the four factors has on number of organisms, behaviors, morphology, or physiology in terms of ability to compete for limited resources and subsequent survival of individuals and adaptation of species. Examples of evidence could include mathematical models such as simple distribution graphs and proportional reasoning.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include other mechanisms of evolution, such as genetic drift, gene flow through migration, and co-evolution.]
- HS-LS4-3.** Apply concepts of statistics and probability to support explanations that organisms with an advantageous heritable trait tend to increase in proportion to organisms lacking this trait. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on analyzing shifts in numerical distribution of traits and using these shifts as evidence to support explanations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to basic statistical and graphical analysis. Assessment does not include allele frequency calculations.]
- HS-LS4-4.** Construct an explanation based on evidence for how natural selection leads to adaptation of populations. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using data to provide evidence for how specific biotic and abiotic differences in ecosystems (such as ranges of seasonal temperature, long-term climate change, acidity, light, geographic barriers, or evolution of other organisms) contribute to a change in gene frequency over time, leading to adaptation of populations.]
- HS-LS4-5.** Evaluate the evidence supporting claims that changes in environmental conditions may result in: (1) increases in the number of individuals of some species, (2) the emergence of new species over time, and (3) the extinction of other species. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on determining cause and effect relationships for how changes to the environment such as deforestation, fishing, application of fertilizers, drought, flood, and the rate of change of the environment affect distribution or disappearance of traits in species.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including determining function fits to data, slope, intercept, and correlation coefficient for linear fits) to scientific and engineering questions and problems, using digital tools when feasible. (HS-LS4-3)</li> </ul>	<b>LS4.C: Adaptation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evolution is a consequence of the interaction of four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for an environment's limited supply of the resources that individuals need in order to survive and reproduce, and (4) the ensuing proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in that environment. (HS-LS4-2)</li> <li>▪ Natural selection leads to adaptation, that is, to a population dominated by organisms that are anatomically, behaviorally, and physiologically well suited to survive and reproduce in a specific environment. That is, the differential survival and reproduction of organisms in a population that have an advantageous heritable trait leads to an increase in the proportion of individuals in future generations that have the trait and to a decrease in the proportion of individuals that do not. (HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)</li> <li>▪ Adaptation also means that the distribution of traits in a population can change when conditions change. (HS-LS4-3)</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-3)</li> </ul> <b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5)</li> </ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Nature of Science</b>
<b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-4)</li> </ul>		<b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientific knowledge</li> </ul>
<b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12		

<p>builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current or historical episodes in science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluate the evidence behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS4-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <p>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to evaluating the validity and reliability of the claims, methods, and designs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Communicate scientific information (e.g., about phenomena and/or the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-LS4-1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Changes in the physical environment, whether naturally occurring or human induced, have thus contributed to the expansion of some species, the emergence of new distinct species as populations diverge under different conditions, and the decline—and sometimes the extinction—of some species. (HS-LS4-5)</li> <li>▪ Species become extinct because they can no longer survive and reproduce in their altered environment. If members cannot adjust to change that is too fast or drastic, the opportunity for the species' evolution is lost. (HS-LS4-5)</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>	<p>is based on the assumption that natural laws operate today as they did in the past and they will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-4)</p>
<p><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A scientific theory is a substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world, based on a body of facts that have been repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment and the science community validates each theory before it is accepted. If new evidence is discovered that the theory does not accommodate, the theory is generally modified in light of this new evidence. (HS-LS4-1)</li> </ul>		
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); <b>HS.LS2.D</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); <b>HS.LS3.A</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>HS.LS3.B</b> (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2) (HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-5); <b>HS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>HS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-5) <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-5);</p>		
<p><i>Articulation across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-5); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (HS-LS4-5); <b>MS.LS3.A</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>MS.LS3.B</b> (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3); <b>MS.LS4.A</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>MS.LS4.B</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4); <b>MS.LS4.C</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); <b>MS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS4-5)</p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p>		
<p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p>		
<p><b>RST.11-12.1</b></p>		
<p>Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)</p>		
<p><b>RST.11-12.8</b></p>		
<p>Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-LS4-5)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.2</b></p>		
<p>Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/</p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.9</b></p>		
<p>experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)</p>		
<p><b>SL.11-12.4</b></p>		
<p>Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5)</p>		
<p><i>Mathematics –</i></p>		
<p><b>MP.2</b></p>		
<p>Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5)</p>		
<p><b>MP.4</b></p>		
<p>Model with mathematics. (HS-LS4-2)</p>		
<p><i>Connections to PLTW: Principles of Biomedical Science (HS.LS4.3), Medical Interventions (HS.LS4.2), (HS.LS4.4), (HS.LS4.5)</i></p>		

# **Integrated 1**

**Unit of Credit:** 1 Year

**Prerequisite:**

**Course Overview:**

The central theme of Integrated Science 1 is the evolution of the Earth and the integral role the human species has within that system. The Earth is dynamic and is subject to changes that have led to innumerable affects to the geosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere. Students will study the nature of the relationships between these “spheres” in an effort to build a foundation of knowledge, about the earth system, that will enable them to confidently address current and future issues.

Integrated Science 1 combines the core concepts of biology, earth and space science. A thematic integrated approach adds context and facilitates a deeper understanding of the relationships within our Earth’s systems. Students explore local systems and issues to enhance the science content and then apply their learning to global systems and issues. In Integrated Science 1, students will construct knowledge about Earth’s dynamics and ecosystems by uncovering patterns and trends in data. We believe that students learn best when they personally or collaboratively collect and analyze data that can be used to make claims and develop deep conceptual understanding. Data is collected in the field, during laboratory explorations, or acquired from reliable resources. These hands-on activities are valuable but more importantly this data to concept approach challenges students to be “minds on”.

Integrated Science 1 is designed to align with the Next Generation Science Standards. As such, the course is designed to emphasize core science content, science and engineering practices as well as cross-cutting concepts such as matter and energy, structure and function, and cause and effect that relate to all scientific explorations. The goal of integrating the core content areas of earth science and biology, and putting equal weight on science and engineering practices and cross-cutting concepts is to challenge students to learn science by actually doing it. This approach also facilitates a comprehensive analytical mindset necessary for making well-informed 21<sup>st</sup> Century decisions. A variety of instructional strategies are used and include laboratory activities, project/problem based learning, field trips, engineering projects, student presentations and class discussion. Technology is commonly used to collect, access, and analyze data. (Technology is only used when it is relevant and enhances student learning.)

Students in Integrated Science 1 are assessed using the principles of standards based grading. A student’s grade in Integrated Science 1 is based purely on his/her level of mastery of the science standards that define the course. Frequent formative assessments are used to determine if students are meeting learning targets. The results of formative assessments drive the direction of the instruction and provide students with objective feedback necessary for them to correct misconceptions and construct knowledge. Common formative assessment tools include quizzes, homework assignments, discussions and class surveys. Summative assessments usually conclude a unit of study and are an evaluation of the student’s learning. Summative assessments commonly include written exams, presentations, projects, videos, reports, and professional posters.

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### HS-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS1-1.** Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the structure of DNA determines the structure of proteins which carry out the essential functions of life through systems of specialized cells. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include identification of specific cell or tissue types, whole body systems, specific protein structures and functions, or the biochemistry of protein synthesis.]
- HS-LS1-4.** Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific gene control mechanisms or rote memorization of the steps of mitosis.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document A Framework for K-12 Science Education:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In multicellular organisms individual cells grow and then divide via a process called mitosis, thereby allowing the organism to grow. The organism begins as a single cell (fertilized egg) that divides successively to produce many cells, with each parent cell passing identical genetic material (two variants of each chromosome pair) to both daughter cells. Cellular division and differentiation produce and maintain a complex organism, composed of systems of tissues and organs that work together to meet the needs of the whole organism. (HS-LS1-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Investigating or designing new systems or structures requires a detailed examination of the properties of different materials, the structures of different components, and connections of components to reveal its function and/or solve a problem. (HS-LS1-1)</li> </ul>

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **HS.LS3.A** (HS-LS1-1)

Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands: **MS.LS1.A** (HS-LS1-1), (1-LS1-4); **MS.LS1.B** (1-LS1-4); **MS.LS3.A** (HS-LS1-1), (1-LS1-4); **MS.LS3.B** (HS-LS1-1)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

**RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS1-1)

**WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS1-1)

**WHST.9-12.9** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-LS1-1)

Mathematics –

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-LS1-4)

**HSF-IF.C.7** Graph functions expressed symbolically and show key features of the graph, by hand in simple cases and using technology for more complicated cases. (HS-LS1-4)

**HSF-BF.A.1** Write a function that describes a relationship between two quantities. (HS-LS1-4)

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### HS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**HS-LS2-8. Evaluate the evidence for the role of group behavior on individual and species' chances to survive and reproduce.**

[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on: (1) distinguishing between group and individual behavior, (2) identifying evidence supporting the outcomes of group behavior, and (3) developing logical and reasonable arguments based on evidence. Examples of group behaviors could include flocking, schooling, herding, and cooperative behaviors such as hunting, migrating, and swarming.]

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<b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluate the evidence behind currently accepted explanations to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Open to Revision in Light of New Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientific argumentation is a mode of logical discourse used to clarify the strength of relationships between ideas and evidence that may result in revision of an explanation. (HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul>	<b>LS2.D: Social Interactions and Group Behavior</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Group behavior has evolved because membership can increase the chances of survival for individuals and their genetic relatives. (HS-LS2-8)</li> <li>▪ </li> </ul>	<b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul>
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i>		
<i>ELA/Literacy –</i>		
<b>RST.11-12.1</b> <b>RST.11-12.7</b> <b>RST.9-10.8</b> <b>RST.11-12.8</b>	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS2-8) Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-LS2-8) Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claim or a recommendation for solving a scientific or technical problem. (HS-LS2-8) Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.,(HS-LS2-8)	

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### HS-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS3-1.** Ask questions to clarify relationships about the role of DNA and chromosomes in coding the instructions for characteristic traits passed from parents to offspring. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the phases of meiosis or the biochemical mechanism of specific steps in the process.]
- HS-LS3-2.** Make and defend a claim based on evidence that inheritable genetic variations may result from: (1) new genetic combinations through meiosis, (2) viable errors occurring during replication, and/or (3) mutations caused by environmental factors. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using data to support arguments for the way variation occurs.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the phases of meiosis or the biochemical mechanism of specific steps in the process.]
- HS-LS3-3.** Apply concepts of statistics and probability to explain the variation and distribution of expressed traits in a population. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the use of mathematics to describe the probability of traits as it relates to genetic and environmental factors in the expression of traits.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Hardy-Weinberg calculations.]

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to formulating, refining, and evaluating empirically testable questions and design problems using models and simulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ask questions that arise from examining models or a theory to clarify relationships. (HS-LS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including determining function fits to data, slope, intercept, and correlation coefficient for linear fits) to scientific and engineering questions and problems, using digital tools when feasible. (HS-LS3-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Make and defend a claim based on evidence about the natural world that reflects scientific knowledge, and student-generated evidence. (HS-LS3-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS1.A: Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All cells contain genetic information in the form of DNA molecules. Genes are regions in the DNA that contain the instructions that code for the formation of proteins. (<i>secondary to HS-LS3-1</i>) (<i>Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS1-1</i>.)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Each chromosome consists of a single very long DNA molecule, and each gene on the chromosome is a particular segment of that DNA. The instructions for forming species' characteristics are carried in DNA. All cells in an organism have the same genetic content, but the genes used (expressed) by the cell may be regulated in different ways. Not all DNA codes for a protein; some segments of DNA are involved in regulatory or structural functions, and some have no as-yet known function. (HS-LS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS3.B: Variation of Traits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In sexual reproduction, chromosomes can sometimes swap sections during the process of meiosis (cell division), thereby creating new genetic combinations and thus more genetic variation. Although DNA replication is tightly regulated and remarkably accurate, errors do occur and result in mutations, which are also a source of genetic variation. Environmental factors can also cause mutations in genes, and viable mutations are inherited. (HS-LS3-2)</li> <li>▪ Environmental factors also affect expression of traits, and hence affect the probability of occurrences of traits in a population. Thus the variation and distribution of traits observed depends on both genetic and environmental factors. (HS-LS3-2),(HS-LS3-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Algebraic thinking is used to examine scientific data and predict the effect of a change in one variable on another (e.g., linear growth vs. exponential growth). (HS-LS3-3)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science is a Human Endeavor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Technological advances have influenced the progress of science and science has influenced advances in technology. (HS-LS3-3)</li> <li>▪ Science and engineering are influenced by society and society is influenced by science and engineering. (HS-LS3-3)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: HS.LS2.A (HS-LS3-3); HS.LS2.C (HS-LS3-3); HS.LS4.B (HS-LS3-3); HS.LS4.C (HS-LS3-3)*

*Articulation across grade-bands: MS.LS2.A (HS-LS3-3); MS.LS3.A (HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2); MS.LS3.B (HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2),(HS-LS3-3); MS.LS4.C (HS-LS3-3)*

**Common Core State Standards Connections:**

*ELA/Literacy –*

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| <b>RST.11-12.1</b>   | Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2)       |
| <b>RST.11-12.9</b>   | Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible. (HS-LS3-1) |
| <b>WHST.9-12.1</b>   | Write arguments focused on <i>discipline-specific content</i> . (HS-LS3-2)   |
| <i>Mathematics –</i> |  |
| <b>MP.2</b>          | Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS3-2),(HS-LS3-3)  |

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### HS-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS4-1.** Communicate scientific information that common ancestry and biological evolution are supported by multiple lines of empirical evidence. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on a conceptual understanding of the role each line of evidence has relating to common ancestry and biological evolution. Examples of evidence could include similarities in DNA sequences, anatomical structures, and order of appearance of structures in embryological development.]
- HS-LS4-2.** Construct an explanation based on evidence that the process of evolution primarily results from four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the heritable genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for limited resources, and (4) the proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in the environment. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using evidence to explain the influence each of the four factors has on number of organisms, behaviors, morphology, or physiology in terms of ability to compete for limited resources and subsequent survival of individuals and adaptation of species. Examples of evidence could include mathematical models such as simple distribution graphs and proportional reasoning.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include other mechanisms of evolution, such as genetic drift, gene flow through migration, and co-evolution.]
- HS-LS4-3.** Apply concepts of statistics and probability to support explanations that organisms with an advantageous heritable trait tend to increase in proportion to organisms lacking this trait. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on analyzing shifts in numerical distribution of traits and using these shifts as evidence to support explanations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to basic statistical and graphical analysis. Assessment does not include allele frequency calculations.]
- HS-LS4-4.** Construct an explanation based on evidence for how natural selection leads to adaptation of populations. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using data to provide evidence for how specific biotic and abiotic differences in ecosystems (such as ranges of seasonal temperature, long-term climate change, acidity, light, geographic barriers, or evolution of other organisms) contribute to a change in gene frequency over time, leading to adaptation of populations.]

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including determining function fits to data, slope, intercept, and correlation coefficient for linear fits) to scientific and engineering questions and problems, using digital tools when feasible. (HS-LS4-3)</li> </ul>	<b>LS4.C: Adaptation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evolution is a consequence of the interaction of four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for an environment's limited supply of the resources that individuals need in order to survive and reproduce, and (4) the ensuing proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in that environment. (HS-LS4-2)</li> <li>▪ Natural selection leads to adaptation, that is, to a population dominated by organisms that are anatomically, behaviorally, and physiologically well suited to survive and reproduce in a specific environment. That is, the differential survival and reproduction of organisms in a population that have an advantageous heritable trait leads to an increase in the proportion of individuals in future generations that have the trait and to a decrease in the proportion of individuals that do not. (HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)</li> <li>▪ Adaptation also means that the distribution of traits in a population can change when conditions change. (HS-LS4-3)</li> <li>▪ Changes in the physical environment, whether naturally occurring or human induced, have thus contributed to the expansion of some species, the emergence of new distinct species as populations diverge under different conditions, and the decline—and sometimes the extinction—of some species. (HS-LS4-5)</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-3)</li> </ul> <b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-4)</li> </ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Nature of Science</b>
<b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-4)</li> </ul>		<b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientific knowledge is based on the assumption that natural laws operate today as they did in the past and they will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-4)</li> </ul>
<b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to evaluating the validity and reliability of the claims, methods, and designs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Communicate scientific information (e.g., about phenomena and/or the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or</li> </ul>		

<p>system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-LS4-1)</p> <p><b><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></b></p> <p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ A scientific theory is a substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world, based on a body of facts that have been repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment and the science community validates each theory before it is accepted. If new evidence is discovered that the theory does not accommodate, the theory is generally modified in light of this new evidence. (HS-LS4-1)</li> </ul>		
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4) <b>HS.LS2.D</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4); <b>HS.LS3.A</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>HS.LS3.B</b> (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2) (HS-LS4-3) <b>HS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>HS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS4-2); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS4-2)</p> <p><i>Articulation across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3); <b>MS.LS3.A</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>MS.LS3.B</b> (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3); <b>MS.LS4.A</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>MS.LS4.B</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4); <b>MS.LS4.C</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4) <b>MS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-LS4-1)</p> <p><i>Connections to PLTW: Principles of Biomedical Science (HS.LS4.3), Medical Interventions (HS.LS4..2), (HS.LS4.4), (HS.LS4.5)</i></p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p> <p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p> <p><b>RST.11-12.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)</p> <p><b>RST.11-12.8</b> Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-LS4-5)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.5</b> Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS4-6)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.7</b> Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS4-6)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.9</b> Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5)</p> <p><b>SL.11-12.4</b> Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2)</p> <p><i>Mathematics –</i></p> <p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5)</p> <p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (HS-LS4-2)</p>		

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### HS-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-ESS1-1.** Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the life span of the sun and the role of nuclear fusion in the sun's core to release energy that eventually reaches Earth in the form of radiation. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the energy transfer mechanisms that allow energy from nuclear fusion in the sun's core to reach Earth. Examples of evidence for the model include observations of the masses and lifetimes of other stars, as well as the ways that the sun's radiation varies due to sudden solar flares ("space weather"), the 11-year sunspot cycle, and non-cyclic variations over centuries.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include details of the atomic and sub-atomic processes involved with the sun's nuclear fusion.]
- HS-ESS1-2.** Construct an explanation of the Big Bang theory based on astronomical evidence of light spectra, motion of distant galaxies, and composition of matter in the universe. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the astronomical evidence of the red shift of light from galaxies as an indication that the universe is currently expanding, the cosmic microwave background as the remnant radiation from the Big Bang, and the observed composition of ordinary matter of the universe, primarily found in stars and interstellar gases (from the spectra of electromagnetic radiation from stars), which matches that predicted by the Big Bang theory (3/4 hydrogen and 1/4 helium).]
- HS-ESS1-3.** Communicate scientific ideas about the way stars, over their life cycle, produce elements. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the way nucleosynthesis, and therefore the different elements created, varies as a function of the mass of a star and the stage of its lifetime.] [Assessment Boundary: Details of the many different nucleosynthesis pathways for stars of differing masses are not assessed.]
- HS-ESS1-4.** Use mathematical or computational representations to predict the motion of orbiting objects in the solar system. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on Newtonian gravitational laws governing orbital motions, which apply to human-made satellites as well as planets and moons.] [Assessment Boundary: Mathematical representations for the gravitational attraction of bodies and Kepler's Laws of orbital motions should not deal with more than two bodies, nor involve calculus.]
- HS-ESS1-5.** Evaluate evidence of the past and current movements of continental and oceanic crust and the theory of plate tectonics to explain the ages of crustal rocks. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the ability of plate tectonics to explain the ages of crustal rocks. Examples include evidence of the ages oceanic crust increasing with distance from mid-ocean ridges (a result of plate spreading) and the ages of North American continental crust increasing with distance away from a central ancient core (a result of past plate interactions).]
- HS-ESS1-6.** Apply scientific reasoning and evidence from ancient Earth materials, meteorites, and other planetary surfaces to construct an account of Earth's formation and early history. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using available evidence within the solar system to reconstruct the early history of Earth, which formed along with the rest of the solar system 4.6 billion years ago. Examples of evidence include the absolute ages of ancient materials (obtained by radiometric dating of meteorites, moon rocks, and Earth's oldest minerals), the sizes and compositions of solar system objects, and the impact cratering record of planetary surfaces.]

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-ESS1-1)</li></ul>	<p><b>ESS1.A: The Universe and Its Stars</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The star called the sun is changing and will burn out over a lifespan of approximately 10 billion years. (HS-ESS1-1)</li><li>• The study of stars' light spectra and brightness is used to identify compositional elements of stars, their movements, and their distances from Earth. (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3)</li><li>• The Big Bang theory is supported by observations of distant galaxies receding from our own, of the measured composition of stars and non-stellar gases, and of the maps of spectra of the primordial radiation (cosmic microwave background) that still fills the universe. (HS-ESS1-2)</li><li>• Other than the hydrogen and helium formed at the time of the Big Bang, nuclear fusion within stars produces all atomic nuclei lighter than and including iron, and the process releases electromagnetic energy. Heavier elements are produced when certain massive stars achieve a supernova stage and explode. (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3)</li></ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Empirical evidence is needed to identify patterns. (HS-ESS1-5)</li></ul> <p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The significance of a phenomenon is dependent on the scale, proportion, and quantity at which it occurs. (HS-ESS1-1)</li><li>• Algebraic thinking is used to examine scientific data and predict the effect of a change in one variable on another (e.g., linear growth vs. exponential growth). (HS-ESS1-4)</li></ul>
<p><b>Using Mathematical and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Use mathematical or computational representations of phenomena to describe explanations. (HS-ESS1-4)</li></ul>	<p><b>ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kepler's laws describe common features of the motions of orbiting objects, including their elliptical paths around the sun. Orbits may change due to the gravitational</li></ul>	<p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Energy cannot be created or destroyed—only moved between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-ESS1-2)</li><li>• In nuclear processes, atoms are not conserved, but the total number of protons plus neutrons is conserved. (HS-ESS1-3)</li></ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable. (HS-ESS1-6)</li></ul>
<p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Construct an explanation based on valid and</li></ul>		<p><i>Connections to Engineering,</i></p>

<p>reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-ESS1-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply scientific reasoning to link evidence to the claims to assess the extent to which the reasoning and data support the explanation or conclusion.(MS-ESS1-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate evidence behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-ESS1-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to evaluating the validity and reliability of the claims, methods, and designs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate scientific ideas (e.g. about phenomena and/or the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-ESS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p>effects from, or collisions with, other objects in the solar system. (HS-ESS1-4)</p> <p><b>ESS1.C: The History of Planet Earth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continental rocks, which can be older than 4 billion years, are generally much older than the rocks of the ocean floor, which are less than 200 million years old. (HS-ESS1-5)</li> <li>Although active geologic processes, such as plate tectonics and erosion, have destroyed or altered most of the very early rock record on Earth, other objects in the solar system, such as lunar rocks, asteroids, and meteorites, have changed little over billions of years. Studying these objects can provide information about Earth's formation and early history. (HS-ESS1-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plate tectonics is the unifying theory that explains the past and current movements of the rocks at Earth's surface and provides a framework for understanding its geologic history. (<i>ESS2.B Grade 8 GBE</i>) (secondary to HS-ESS1-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS1.C: Nuclear Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spontaneous radioactive decays follow a characteristic exponential decay law. Nuclear lifetimes allow radiometric dating to be used to determine the ages of rocks and other materials. (<i>secondary to HS-ESS1-5</i>),(<i>secondary to HS-ESS1-6</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nuclear Fusion processes in the center of the sun release the energy that ultimately reaches Earth as radiation. (<i>secondary to HS-ESS1-1</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS4.B Electromagnetic Radiation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atoms of each element emit and absorb characteristic frequencies of light. These characteristics allow identification of the presence of an element, even in microscopic quantities. (<i>secondary to HS-ESS1-2</i>)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <p><b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science and engineering complement each other in the cycle known as research and development (R&amp;D). Many R&amp;D projects may involve scientists, engineers, and others with wide ranges of expertise. (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientific knowledge is based on the assumption that natural laws operate today as they did in the past and they will continue to do so in the future. (HS-ESS1-2)</li> <li>Science assumes the universe is a vast single system in which basic laws are consistent. (HS-ESS1-2)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A scientific theory is a substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world, based on a body of facts that have been repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment and the science community validates each theory before it is accepted. If new evidence is discovered that the theory does not accommodate, the theory is generally modified in light of this new evidence. (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-6)</li> <li>Models, mechanisms, and explanations collectively serve as tools in the development of a scientific theory. (HS-ESS1-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</b> <b>HS.PS1.A</b> (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3); <b>HS.PS1.C</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3); <b>HS.PS2.A</b> (HS-ESS1-6); <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-6); <b>HS.PS3.A</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-5); <b>HS.PS4.A</b> (HS-ESS1-2); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)</p> <p><b>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</b> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3); <b>MS.PS2.A</b> (HS-ESS1-4); <b>MS.PS2.B</b> (HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-6); <b>MS.PS4.B</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2); <b>MS.ESS1.A</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3),(HS-ESS1-4); <b>MS.ESS1.B</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-6); <b>MS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6); <b>MS.ESS2.B</b> (HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6); <b>MS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-ESS1-1)</p>		

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

**RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)

**RST.11-12.8** Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)

**WHST.9-12.1** Write arguments focused on *discipline-specific content*. (HS-ESS1-6)

**WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3),(HS-ESS1-5)

**SL.11-12.4** Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. (HS-ESS1-3)

*Mathematics –*

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3),(HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)

<b>MP.4</b>	Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-4)
<b>HSN-Q.A.1</b>	Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)
<b>HSN-Q.A.2</b>	Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)
<b>HSN-Q.A.3</b>	Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4),(HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6)
<b>HSA-SSE.A.1</b>	Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)
<b>HSA-CED.A.2</b>	Create equations in two or more variables to represent relationships between quantities; graph equations on coordinate axes with labels and scales. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)
<b>HSA-CED.A.4</b>	Rearrange formulas to highlight a quantity of interest, using the same reasoning as in solving equations. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)
<b>HSF-IF.B.5</b>	Relate the domain of a function to its graph and, where applicable, to the quantitative relationship it describes. (HS-ESS1-6)
<b>HSS-ID.B.6</b>	Represent data on two quantitative variables on a scatter plot, and describe how those variables are related. (HS-ESS1-6)

## Integrated 1

### HS-ESS2 Earth's Systems

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-ESS2-1.** Develop a model to illustrate how Earth's internal and surface processes operate at different spatial and temporal scales to form continental and ocean-floor features. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on how the appearance of land features (such as mountains, valleys, and plateaus) and sea-floor features (such as trenches, ridges, and seamounts) are a result of both constructive forces (such as volcanism, tectonic uplift, and orogeny) and destructive mechanisms (such as weathering, mass wasting, and coastal erosion).] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include memorization of the details of the formation of specific geographic features of Earth's surface.]
- HS-ESS2-2.** Analyze geoscience data to make the claim that one change to Earth's surface can create feedbacks that cause changes to other Earth's systems. [Clarification Statement: Examples should include climate feedbacks, such as how an increase in greenhouse gases causes a rise in global temperatures that melts glacial ice, which reduces the amount of sunlight reflected from Earth's surface, increasing surface temperatures and further reducing the amount of ice. Examples could also be taken from other system interactions, such as how the loss of ground vegetation causes an increase in water runoff and soil erosion; how dammed rivers increase groundwater recharge, decrease sediment transport, and increase coastal erosion; or how the loss of wetlands causes a decrease in local humidity that further reduces the wetland extent.]
- HS-ESS2-7.** Construct an argument based on evidence about the simultaneous coevolution of Earth's systems and life on Earth. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the dynamic causes, effects, and feedbacks between the biosphere and Earth's other systems, whereby geoscience factors control the evolution of life, which in turn continuously alters Earth's surface. Examples of include how photosynthetic life altered the atmosphere through the production of oxygen, which in turn increased weathering rates and allowed for the evolution of animal life; how microbial life on land increased the formation of soil, which in turn allowed for the evolution of land plants; or how the evolution of corals created reefs that altered patterns of erosion and deposition along coastlines and provided habitats for the evolution of new life forms.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include a comprehensive understanding of the mechanisms of how the biosphere interacts with all of Earth's other systems.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed world(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze data using tools, technologies, and/or models (e.g., computational, mathematical) in order to make valid and reliable scientific claims or determine an optimal design solution. (HS-ESS2-2)</li> </ul>	<b>ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plate tectonics is the unifying theory that explains the past and current movements of the rocks at Earth's surface and provides a framework for understanding its geologic history. Plate movements are responsible for most continental and ocean-floor features and for the distribution of most rocks and minerals within Earth's crust. (<i>ESS2.B Grade 8 GBE</i>) (HS-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <b>ESS2.D: Weather and Climate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gradual atmospheric changes were due to plants and other organisms that captured carbon dioxide and released oxygen. (HS-ESS2-7)</li> </ul> <b>ESS2.E: Biogeology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The many dynamic and delicate feedbacks between the biosphere and other Earth systems cause a continual co-evolution of Earth's surface and the life that exists on it. (HS-ESS2-7)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Change and rates of change can be quantified and modeled over very short or very long periods of time. Some system changes are irreversible. (HS-ESS2-1)</li> <li>▪ Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HS-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="color: #82B3AA;"><b><i>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</i></b></p> <p><b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New technologies can have deep impacts on society and the environment, including some that were not anticipated. Analysis of costs and benefits is a critical aspect of decisions about technology. (HS-ESS2-2)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:* HS.PS2.B (HS-ESS2-1) HS.PS3.B (HS-ESS2-2); HS.PS4.B (HS-ESS2-2); HS.LS2.A (HS-ESS2-7); HS.LS2.B (HS-ESS2-2); HS.LS2.C (HS-ESS2-2), (HS-ESS2-7); HS.LS4.A (HS-ESS2-7); HS.LS4.B (HS-ESS2-7); HS.LS4.C (HS-ESS2-7); HS.LS4.D (HS-ESS2-7); HS.ESS3.C (HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-4); HS.ESS3.D (HS-ESS2-2)

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:* MS.PS1.B (HS-ESS2-3); MS.PS2.B (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-3); MS.PS3.B (HS-ESS2-3) MS.PS3.D (HS-ESS2-2); MS.PS4.B (HS-ESS2-2) MS.LS2.A (HS-ESS2-7); MS.LS2.B (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2) MS.LS2.C (HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-7); MS.LS4.A (HS-ESS2-7); MS.LS4.B (HS-ESS2-7); MS.LS4.C (HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-7); MS.ESS1.C (HS-ESS2-7); MS.ESS2.A (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2),( HS-ESS2-7); MS.ESS2.B (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2) MS.ESS2.C (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2),(HS-ESS2-7); MS.ESS2.D (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2); MS.ESS2.E (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2); MS.ESS3.C (HS-ESS2-2) MS.ESS3.D (HS-ESS2-2)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-ESS2-2)
- RST.11-12.2** Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms. (HS-ESS2-2)
- WHST.9-12.1** Write arguments focused on *discipline-specific content*. (HS-ESS2-7)
- SL.11-12.5** Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (HS-ESS2-1)

*Mathematics –*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS2-1)
- HSN-Q.A.1** Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2)
- HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS2-1)
- HSN-Q.A.3** Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS2-1),(HS-ESS2-2)

# Integrated 2

**Unit of Credit:** 1 Year (Elective)

**Prerequisite:** Integrated 1

## Course Overview:

The central theme of Integrated Science 2, as with Integrated Science 1, is the evolution of the Earth and the integral role the human species has within that system. The Earth is dynamic and is subject to changes that have led to innumerable affects to the geosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere. Students will connect their understanding of the “spheres” that they gained in Integrated Science 1 to topics such as: evolution, ecology, genetics, and disease. At the end of the two year, Integrated Science course students should be better able to make informed decisions concerning current and future issues in science.

Integrated Science 2 combines the core concepts of biology, earth science and astronomy. A thematic integrated approach adds context, facilitates a deeper understanding of Earth’s cycles and how they associate with human interactions. Students explore local systems and issues to enhance the science content and then apply their learning to global systems and issues. In Integrated Science 2 students will construct knowledge about Earth’s cycles and ecosystems by uncovering patterns and trends in data. Lecturing is uncommon, because we believe that students learn best when they personally or collaboratively collect and analyze data that can be used to make claims and develop deep conceptual understanding. Data is collected in the field, during laboratory explorations, or acquired from reliable resources. These hands-on activities are valuable, in and of themselves, more importantly this data to concept approach challenges students to be “minds on”.

The Integrated Science 2 is designed to align with the Next Generation Science Standards. As such, the course is designed to emphasize core science content, science and engineering practices as well as cross-cutting concepts such as matter and energy, structure and function, and cause and effect that relate to all scientific explorations. The goal of integrating the core content areas of earth science and biology, and putting equal weight on science and engineering practices and cross-cutting concepts is to challenge students to learn science by actually doing it. This approach also facilitates a comprehensive analytical mindset necessary for making well-informed 21<sup>st</sup> Century decisions. A variety of instructional strategies are used and include laboratory activities, project/problem based learning, field trips, engineering projects, student presentations and class discussion. Technology is commonly used to collect, access, and analyze data. (Technology is only used when it is relevant and enhances student learning.)

Students in Integrated Science 2 are assessed using the principles of standards based grading. A student’s grade in Integrated Science 2 is based on his/her level of mastery of the science standards that define the course. Frequent formative assessments are used to determine if students are meeting learning targets. The results of formative assessments drive the direction of the instruction and provide students with objective feedback necessary for them to correct misconceptions and construct knowledge. Common formative assessment tools include quizzes, homework assignments, discussions and class surveys. Summative assessments usually conclude a unit of study and are an evaluation of the student’s learning. Summative assessments commonly include written exams, presentations, projects, videos, reports, and professional posters.

## Integrated 2

### HS-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

HS-LS1-2.	<b>Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.</b> [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on functions at the organism system level such as nutrient uptake, water delivery, and organism movement in response to neural stimuli. An example of an interacting system could be an artery depending on the proper function of elastic tissue and smooth muscle to regulate and deliver the proper amount of blood within the circulatory system.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include interactions and functions at the molecular or chemical reaction level.]
HS-LS1-3.	<b>Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis.</b> [Clarification Statement: Examples of investigations could include heart rate response to exercise, stomate response to moisture and temperature, and root development in response to water levels.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the cellular processes involved in the feedback mechanism.]
HS-LS1-4.	<b>Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms.</b> [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific gene control mechanisms or rote memorization of the steps of mitosis.]
HS-LS1-5.	<b>Use a model to illustrate how photosynthesis transforms light energy into stored chemical energy.</b> [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on illustrating inputs and outputs of matter and the transfer and transformation of energy in photosynthesis by plants and other photosynthesizing organisms. Examples of models could include diagrams, chemical equations, and conceptual models.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific biochemical steps.]
HS-LS1-6.	<b>Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large carbon-based molecules.</b> [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using evidence from models and simulations to support explanations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the details of the specific chemical reactions or identification of macromolecules.]
HS-LS1-7.	<b>Use a model to illustrate that cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and the bonds in new compounds are formed resulting in a net transfer of energy.</b> [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the conceptual understanding of the inputs and outputs of the process of cellular respiration.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment should not include identification of the steps or specific processes involved in cellular respiration.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document A Framework for K-12 Science Education:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-2)</li> <li>▪ Use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-4),(HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In multicellular organisms individual cells grow and then divide via a process called mitosis, thereby allowing the organism to grow. The organism begins as a single cell (fertilized egg) that divides successively to produce many cells, with each parent cell passing identical genetic material (two variants of each chromosome pair) to both daughter cells. Cellular division and differentiation produce and maintain a complex organism, composed of systems of tissues and organs that work together to meet the needs of the whole organism. (HS-LS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The process of photosynthesis converts light energy to stored chemical energy by converting carbon dioxide plus water into sugars plus released oxygen. (HS-LS1-5)</li> <li>▪ The sugar molecules thus formed contain carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen: their hydrocarbon backbones are used to make amino acids and other carbon-based molecules that can be assembled into larger molecules (such as proteins or DNA), used for example to form new cells. (HS-LS1-6)</li> <li>▪ As matter and energy flow through different organizational levels of</li> </ul>	<p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—with and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS1-2), (HS-LS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-LS1-5), (HS-LS1-6)</li> <li>▪ Energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS1-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>

<p>natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-6)</p> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientific inquiry is characterized by a common set of values that include: logical thinking, precision, open-mindedness, objectivity, skepticism, replicability of results, and honest and ethical reporting of findings. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p>living systems, chemical elements are recombined in different ways to form different products. (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As a result of these chemical reactions, energy is transferred from one system of interacting molecules to another and release energy to the surrounding environment and to maintain body temperature. Cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and new compounds are formed that can transport energy to muscles. (HS-LS1-7)</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-7); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7)</p> <p><i>Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); <b>MS.LS1.A</b> (HS-LS1-2),(HS-LS1-3),(1-LS1-4); <b>MS.LS1.B</b> (1-LS1-4); <b>MS.LS1.C</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.LS3.A</b> (1-LS1-4)</p> <p><i>Connections to PLTW: Principles of Biomedical Science</i> (HS.LS1.2), (HS.LS1.3), (HS.LS1.6) <i>Biomedical Innovation</i> (HS.LS1.2)(HS.LS1.3), <i>Body Systems</i>(HS.LS1.2), (HS.LS1.3), (HS.LS1.7), <i>Medical Interventions</i> (HS.LS1.1, (HS.LS1.2)</p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p> <p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p> <p><b>RST.11-12.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.(HS-LS1-6)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS1-6)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.5</b> Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS1-6)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.7</b> Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS1-3)</p> <p><b>WHST.11-12.8</b> Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (HS-LS1-3)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.9</b> Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-LS1-6)</p> <p><b>SL.11-12.5</b> Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (HS-LS1-2),(HS-LS1-4)</p> <p><i>Mathematics –</i></p> <p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (HS-LS1-4)</p> <p><b>HSF-IF.C.7</b> Graph functions expressed symbolically and show key features of the graph, by hand in simple cases and using technology for more complicated cases. (HS-LS1-4)</p> <p><b>HSF-BF.A.1</b> Write a function that describes a relationship between two quantities. (HS-LS1-4)</p>		

## Integrated 2

### HS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS2-1.** Use mathematical and/or computational representations to support explanations of factors that affect carrying capacity of ecosystems at different scales. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on quantitative analysis and comparison of the relationships among interdependent factors including boundaries, resources, climate, and competition. Examples of mathematical comparisons could include graphs, charts, histograms, and population changes gathered from simulations or historical data sets.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include deriving mathematical equations to make comparisons.]
- HS-LS2-2.** Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations in ecosystems of different scales. [Clarification Statement: Examples of mathematical representations include finding the average, determining trends, and using graphical comparisons of multiple sets of data.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided data.]
- HS-LS2-3.** Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for the cycling of matter and flow of energy in aerobic and anaerobic conditions. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on conceptual understanding of the role of aerobic and anaerobic respiration in different environments.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the specific chemical processes of either aerobic or anaerobic respiration.]
- HS-LS2-4.** Use mathematical representations to support claims for the cycling of matter and flow of energy among organisms in an ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using a mathematical model of stored energy in biomass to describe the transfer of energy from one trophic level to another and that matter, energy are conserved as matter cycles, and energy flows through ecosystems. Emphasis is on atoms and molecules such as carbon, oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen being conserved as they move through an ecosystem.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to proportional reasoning to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy.]
- HS-LS2-5.** Develop a model to illustrate the role of photosynthesis and cellular respiration in the cycling of carbon among the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include simulations and mathematical models.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the specific chemical steps of photosynthesis and respiration.]
- HS-LS2-6.** Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning that the complex interactions in ecosystems maintain relatively consistent numbers and types of organisms in stable conditions, but changing conditions may result in a new ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Examples of changes in ecosystem conditions could include modest biological or physical changes, such as moderate hunting or a seasonal flood; and, extreme changes, such as volcanic eruption or sea level rise.]
- HS-LS2-7.** Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of human activities can include urbanization, building dams, and dissemination of invasive species.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show how relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or components of a system. (HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use mathematical and/or computational representations of phenomena or design solutions to support explanations. (HS-LS2-1)</li> <li>▪ Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support and revise explanations. (HS-LS2-2)</li> <li>▪ Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support claims. (HS-LS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing</b></p>	<p><b>LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ecosystems have carrying capacities, which are limits to the numbers of organisms and populations they can support. These limits result from such factors as the availability of living and nonliving resources and from such challenges such as predation, competition, and disease. Organisms would have the capacity to produce populations of great size were it not for the fact that environments and resources are finite. This fundamental tension affects the abundance (number of individuals) of species in any given ecosystem. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Photosynthesis and cellular respiration (including anaerobic processes) provide most of the energy for life processes. (HS-LS2-3)</li> <li>▪ Plants or algae form the lowest level of the food web. At each link upward in a food web, only a small fraction of the matter consumed at the lower level is transferred upward, to produce growth and release energy in cellular respiration at the higher level. Given this inefficiency, there are generally fewer organisms at higher levels of a food web. Some matter reacts to release energy for life functions, some</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The significance of a phenomenon is dependent on the scale, proportion, and quantity at which it occurs. (HS-LS2-1)</li> <li>▪ Using the concept of orders of magnitude allows one to understand how a model at one scale relates to a model at another scale. (HS-LS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS2-4)</li> <li>▪ Energy drives the cycling of matter within and between systems. (HS-LS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Much of science deals with</li> </ul>

<p><b>Solutions</b></p> <p>Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS2-3)</li> <li>▪ Design, evaluate, and refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS2-6)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Open to Revision in Light of New Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Most scientific knowledge is quite durable, but is, in principle, subject to change based on new evidence and/or reinterpretation of existing evidence. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-3)</li> <li>▪ Scientific argumentation is a mode of logical discourse used to clarify the strength of relationships between ideas and evidence that may result in revision of an explanation. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul>	<p>matter is stored in newly made structures, and much is discarded. The chemical elements that make up the molecules of organisms pass through food webs and into and out of the atmosphere and soil, and they are combined and recombined in different ways. At each link in an ecosystem, matter and energy are conserved. (HS-LS2-4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Photosynthesis and cellular respiration are important components of the carbon cycle, in which carbon is exchanged among the biosphere, atmosphere, oceans, and geosphere through chemical, physical, geological, and biological processes. (HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A complex set of interactions within an ecosystem can keep its numbers and types of organisms relatively constant over long periods of time under stable conditions. If a modest biological or physical disturbance to an ecosystem occurs, it may return to its more or less original status (i.e., the ecosystem is resilient), as opposed to becoming a very different ecosystem. Extreme fluctuations in conditions or the size of any population, however, can challenge the functioning of ecosystems in terms of resources and habitat availability. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6)</li> <li>▪ Moreover, anthropogenic changes (induced by human activity) in the environment—including habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, overexploitation, and climate change—can disrupt an ecosystem and threaten the survival of some species. (HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Biodiversity is increased by the formation of new species (speciation) and decreased by the loss of species (extinction). (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>)</li> <li>▪ Humans depend on the living world for the resources and other benefits provided by biodiversity. But human activity is also having adverse impacts on biodiversity through overpopulation, overexploitation, habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, and climate change. Thus sustaining biodiversity so that ecosystem functioning and productivity are maintained is essential to supporting and enhancing life on Earth. Sustaining biodiversity also aids humanity by preserving landscapes of recreational or inspirational value. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>) (<i>Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS4-6.</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The main way that solar energy is captured and stored on Earth is through the complex chemical process known as photosynthesis. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-5</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When evaluating solutions it is important to take into account a range of constraints including cost, safety, reliability and aesthetics and to consider social, cultural and environmental impacts. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>)</li> </ul>	<p>constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</p>
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-5); <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-7); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4); <b>HS.PS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-3); <b>HS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-LS2-5),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-2)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (HS-</p>		

<b>LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); MS.LS1.B</b> (HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.LS1.C</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS2-1); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS2-6)
<i>Connections to PLTW: Principals of Biomedical Science (HS.LS3.5), Biomedical Innovation (HS.LS2.7)</i>
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i>
<i>ELA/Literacy –</i>
<b>RST.11-12.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. <i>(HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-6)</i>
<b>RST.11-12.7</b> Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. <i>(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</i>
<b>RST.9-10.8</b> Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claim or a recommendation for solving a scientific or technical problem. <i>(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</i>
<b>RST.11-12.8</b> Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. <i>(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</i>
<b>WHST.9-12.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes. <i>(HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-3)</i>
<b>WHST.9-12.5</b> Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. <i>(HS-LS2-3)</i>
<b>WHST.9-12.7</b> Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. <i>(HS-LS2-7)</i>
<i>Mathematics –</i>
<b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. <i>(HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</i>
<b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. <i>(HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4)</i>
<b>HSN-Q.A.1</b> Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. <i>(HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)</i>
<b>HSN-Q.A.2</b> Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. <i>(HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)</i>
<b>HSN-Q.A.3</b> Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. <i>(HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)</i>
<b>HSS-ID.A.1</b> Represent data with plots on the real number line. <i>(HS-LS2-6)</i>
<b>HSS-IC.A.1</b> Understand statistics as a process for making inferences about population parameters based on a random sample from that population. <i>(HS-LS2-6)</i>
<b>HSS-IC.B.6</b> Evaluate reports based on data. <i>(HS-LS2-6)</i>

## Integrated 2

### HS-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS4-5.** Evaluate the evidence supporting claims that changes in environmental conditions may result in: (1) increases in the number of individuals of some species, (2) the emergence of new species over time, and (3) the extinction of other species. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on determining cause and effect relationships for how changes to the environment such as deforestation, fishing, application of fertilizers, drought, flood, and the rate of change of the environment affect distribution or disappearance of traits in species.]
- HS-LS4-6.** Create or revise a simulation to test a solution to mitigate adverse impacts of human activity on biodiversity.\* [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on designing solutions for a proposed problem related to threatened or endangered species, or to genetic variation of organisms for multiple species.]

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create or revise a simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system. (HS-LS4-6)</li> </ul> <b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current or historical episodes in science. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluate the evidence behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS4-5)</li> </ul>	<b>LS4.C: Adaptation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Changes in the physical environment, whether naturally occurring or human induced, have thus contributed to the expansion of some species, the emergence of new distinct species as populations diverge under different conditions, and the decline—and sometimes the extinction—of some species. (HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6)</li> <li>▪ Species become extinct because they can no longer survive and reproduce in their altered environment. If members cannot adjust to change that is too fast or drastic, the opportunity for the species' evolution is lost. (HS-LS4-5)</li> </ul> <b>LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Humans depend on the living world for the resources and other benefits provided by biodiversity. But human activity is also having adverse impacts on biodiversity through overpopulation, overexploitation, habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, and climate change. Thus sustaining biodiversity so that ecosystem functioning and productivity are maintained is essential to supporting and enhancing life on Earth. Sustaining biodiversity also aids humanity by preserving landscapes of recreational or inspirational value. (HS-LS4-6) (<i>Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS2-7.</i>)</li> </ul> <b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. (<i>secondary to HS-LS4-6</i>)</li> <li>▪ Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs. (<i>secondary to HS-LS4-6</i>)</li> </ul>	<b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: HS.LS2.A (HS-LS4-5); HS.LS2.D (HS-LS4-5); HS.LS3.B (HS-LS4-5); HS.ESS2.D (HS-LS4-6); HS.ESS2.E (HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6); HS.ESS3.A (HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6); HS.ESS3.C (HS-LS4-6); HS.ESS3.D (HS-LS4-6); HS.ESS3.E (HS-LS4-6)*

*Articulation across grade-bands: MS.LS2.A (HS-LS4-5); MS.LS2.C (HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6); MS.LS4.C (HS-LS4-5); MS.ESS3.C (HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6)*

*Connections to PLTW: Principles of Biomedical Science (HS.LS4.3), Medical Interventions (HS.LS4.5)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RST.11-12.8** Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-LS4-5)
- WHST.9-12.5** Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS4-6)
- WHST.9-12.7** Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS4-6)
- WHST.9-12.9** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5)

*Mathematics –*

**MP.2**

Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS4-5)

## Integrated 2

### HS-ESS2 Earth's Systems

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-ESS2-3.** Develop a model based on evidence of Earth's interior to describe the cycling of matter by thermal convection. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on both a one-dimensional model of Earth, with radial layers determined by density, and a three-dimensional model, which is controlled by mantle convection and the resulting plate tectonics. Examples of evidence include maps of Earth's three-dimensional structure obtained from seismic waves, records of the rate of change of Earth's magnetic field (as constraints on convection in the outer core), and identification of the composition of Earth's layers from high-pressure laboratory experiments.]
- HS-ESS2-4.** Use a model to describe how variations in the flow of energy into and out of Earth's systems result in changes in climate. [Clarification Statement: Examples of the causes of climate change differ by timescale, over 1-10 years: large volcanic eruption, ocean circulation; 10-100s of years: changes in human activity, ocean circulation, solar output; 10-100s of thousands of years: changes to Earth's orbit and the orientation of its axis; and 10-100s of millions of years: long-term changes in atmospheric composition.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of the results of changes in climate is limited to changes in surface temperatures, precipitation patterns, glacial ice volumes, sea levels, and biosphere distribution.]
- HS-ESS2-5.** Plan and conduct an investigation of the properties of water and its effects on Earth materials and surface processes. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on mechanical and chemical investigations with water and a variety of solid materials to provide the evidence for connections between the hydrologic cycle and system interactions commonly known as the rock cycle. Examples of mechanical investigations include stream transportation and deposition using a stream table, erosion using variations in soil moisture content, or frost wedging by the expansion of water as it freezes. Examples of chemical investigations include chemical weathering and recrystallization (by testing the solubility of different materials) or melt generation (by examining how water lowers the melting temperature of most solids).]
- HS-ESS2-6.** Develop a quantitative model to describe the cycling of carbon among the hydrosphere, atmosphere, geosphere, and biosphere. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on modeling biogeochemical cycles that include the cycling of carbon through the ocean, atmosphere, soil, and biosphere (including humans), providing the foundation for living organisms.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-6)</li> <li>▪ Use a model to provide mechanistic accounts of phenomena. (HS-ESS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-ESS2-5)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science knowledge is based on empirical evidence. (HS-ESS2-3)</li> <li>▪ Science disciplines share common rules of evidence used to evaluate explanations about natural systems. (HS-ESS2-3)</li> <li>▪ Science includes the process of coordinating patterns of evidence with current theory. (HS-ESS2-3)</li> <li>▪ Science arguments are strengthened by multiple lines of evidence supporting a single explanation. (HS-ESS2-</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The radioactive decay of unstable isotopes continually generates new energy within Earth's crust and mantle, providing the primary source of the heat that drives mantle convection. Plate tectonics can be viewed as the surface expression of mantle convection. (HS-ESS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The abundance of liquid water on Earth's surface and its unique combination of physical and chemical properties are central to the planet's dynamics. These properties include water's exceptional capacity to absorb, store, and release large amounts of energy, transmit sunlight, expand upon freezing, dissolve and transport materials, and lower the viscosities and melting points of rocks. (HS-ESS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS2.D: Weather and Climate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The foundation for Earth's global climate systems is the electromagnetic radiation from the sun, as well as its reflection, absorption, storage, and redistribution among the atmosphere, ocean, and land systems, and this energy's re-radiation into space. (HS-ESS2-4)</li> <li>▪ Gradual atmospheric changes were due to plants and other organisms that captured carbon dioxide and released oxygen. (HS-ESS2-6),(HS-ESS2-7)</li> <li>▪ Changes in the atmosphere due to human activity have increased carbon dioxide concentrations and thus affect climate. (HS-ESS2-6),(HS-ESS2-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-ESS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The total amount of energy and matter in closed systems is conserved. (HS-ESS2-6)</li> <li>▪ Energy drives the cycling of matter within and between systems. (HS-ESS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The functions and properties of natural and designed objects and systems can be inferred from their overall structure, the way their components are shaped and used, and the molecular substructures of its various materials. (HS-ESS2-5)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</i></p> <p><b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science and engineering complement each other in the cycle known as research and development (R&amp;D). Many R&amp;D projects may involve scientists, engineers, and others with wide ranges of expertise. (HS-ESS2-3)</li> </ul>

	<p><b>ESS2.E: Biogeology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The many dynamic and delicate feedbacks between the biosphere and other Earth systems cause a continual co-evolution of Earth's surface and the life that exists on it. (HS-ESS2-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS4.A: Wave Properties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geologists use seismic waves and their reflection at interfaces between layers to probe structures deep in the planet. (secondary to HS-ESS2-3)</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.PS1.A</b> (HS-ESS2-5),(HS-ESS2-6); <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (HS-ESS2-5),(HS-ESS2-6); <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (HS-ESS2-3); <b>HS.PS3.A</b> (HS-ESS2-4); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5); <b>HS.PS3.D</b> (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-6); <b>HS.LS1.C</b> (HS-ESS2-6); <b>HS.LS2.B</b> (HS-ESS2-6); <b>HS.LS2.C</b> (HS-ESS2-4); <b>HS.LS4.B</b> (HS-ESS2-7); <b>HS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-ESS2-4); <b>HS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5),(HS-ESS2-6); <b>HS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-6)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-5),(HS-ESS2-6); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (HS-ESS2-3); <b>MS.PS2.B</b> (HS-ESS2-3); <b>MS.PS3.A</b> (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4); <b>MS.PS3.B</b> (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-6); <b>MS.PS4.B</b> (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5),(HS-ESS2-6); <b>MS.LS1.C</b> (HS-ESS2-4); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-6); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (HS-ESS2-4); <b>MS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-ESS2-3); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5),(HS-ESS2-6),(HS-ESS2-7); <b>MS.ESS2.B</b> (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-6); <b>MS.ESS2.C</b> (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5),(HS-ESS2-6); <b>MS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-ESS2-5),(HS-ESS2-6); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-6); <b>MS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-6)</p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p> <p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p> <p><b>RST.11-12.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-ESS2-3)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.7</b> Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-ESS2-5)</p> <p><b>SL.11-12.5</b> Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.(HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4)</p> <p><i>Mathematics –</i></p> <p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-6)</p> <p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-6)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.1</b> Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-6)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.2</b> Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-6)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.3</b> Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS2-3),(HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS2-5),(HS-ESS2-6)</p>		

## Integrated 2

### HS-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-ESS3-1.** Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the availability of natural resources, occurrence of natural hazards, and changes in climate have influenced human activity. [Clarification Statement: Examples of key natural resources include access to fresh water (such as rivers, lakes, and groundwater), regions of fertile soils such as river deltas, and high concentrations of minerals and fossil fuels. Examples of natural hazards can be from interior processes (such as volcanic eruptions and earthquakes), surface processes (such as tsunamis, mass wasting and soil erosion), and severe weather (such as hurricanes, floods, and droughts). Examples of the results of changes in climate that can affect populations or drive mass migrations include changes to sea level, regional patterns of temperature and precipitation, and the types of crops and livestock that can be raised.]
- HS-ESS3-2.** Evaluate competing design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources based on cost-benefit ratios.\* [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the conservation, recycling, and reuse of resources (such as minerals and metals) where possible, and on minimizing impacts where it is not. Examples include developing best practices for agricultural soil use, mining (for coal, tar sands, and oil shales), and pumping (for petroleum and natural gas). Science knowledge indicates what can happen in natural systems—not what should happen.]
- HS-ESS3-3.** Create a computational simulation to illustrate the relationships among management of natural resources, the sustainability of human populations, and biodiversity. [Clarification Statement: Examples of factors that affect the management of natural resources include costs of resource extraction and waste management, per-capita consumption, and the development of new technologies. Examples of factors that affect human sustainability include agricultural efficiency, levels of conservation, and urban planning.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment for computational simulations is limited to using provided multi-parameter programs or constructing simplified spreadsheet calculations.]
- HS-ESS3-4.** Evaluate or refine a technological solution that reduces impacts of human activities on natural systems.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of data on the impacts of human activities could include the quantities and types of pollutants released, changes to biomass and species diversity, or areal changes in land surface use (such as for urban development, agriculture and livestock, or surface mining). Examples for limiting future impacts could range from local efforts (such as reducing, reusing, and recycling resources) to large-scale geoengineering design solutions (such as altering global temperatures by making large changes to the atmosphere or ocean).]
- HS-ESS3-5.** Analyze geoscience data and the results from global climate models to make an evidence-based forecast of the current rate of global or regional climate change and associated future impacts to Earth systems. [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence, for both data and climate model outputs, are for climate changes (such as precipitation and temperature) and their associated impacts (such as on sea level, glacial ice volumes, or atmosphere and ocean composition).] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to one example of a climate change and its associated impacts.]
- HS-ESS3-6.** Use a computational representation to illustrate the relationships among Earth systems and how those relationships are being modified due to human activity. [Clarification Statement: Examples of Earth systems to be considered are the hydrosphere, atmosphere, cryosphere, geosphere, and/or biosphere. An example of the far-reaching impacts from a human activity is how an increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide results in an increase in photosynthetic biomass on land and an increase in ocean acidification, with resulting impacts on sea organism health and marine populations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include running computational representations but is limited to using the published results of scientific computational models.]

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<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze data using computational models in order to make valid and reliable scientific claims. (HS-ESS3-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create a computational model or simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system. (HS-ESS3-3)</li> <li>▪ Use a computational representation of phenomena or design solutions to describe and/or support claims and/or explanations. (HS-ESS3-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific knowledge, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS2.D: Weather and Climate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Current models predict that, although future regional climate changes will be complex and varied, average global temperatures will continue to rise. The outcomes predicted by global climate models strongly depend on the amounts of human-generated greenhouse gases added to the atmosphere each year and by the ways in which these gases are absorbed by the ocean and biosphere. (secondary to HS-ESS3-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS3.A: Natural Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Resource availability has guided the development of human society. (HS-ESS3-1)</li> <li>▪ All forms of energy production and other resource extraction have associated economic, social, environmental, and geopolitical costs and risks as well as benefits. New technologies and social regulations can change the balance of these factors. (HS-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS3.B: Natural Hazards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Natural hazards and other geologic events have shaped the course of human history; [they] have significantly altered the sizes of</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When investigating or describing a system, the boundaries and initial conditions of the system need to be defined and their inputs and outputs analyzed and described using models. (HS-ESS3-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Change and rates of change can be quantified and modeled over very short or very long periods of time. Some system changes are irreversible. (HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-5)</li> <li>▪ Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system.(HS-ESS3-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <p><b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Modern civilization depends on major technological systems. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-3)</li> <li>▪ Engineers continuously modify these technological systems by applying scientific knowledge and engineering design practices to increase benefits while decreasing costs and risks. (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-4)</li> <li>▪ New technologies can have deep impacts on society and the environment, including some that</li> </ul>

<p>evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-ESS3-1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design or refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-ESS3-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate competing design solutions to a real-world problem based on scientific ideas and principles, empirical evidence, and logical arguments regarding relevant factors (e.g. economic, societal, environmental, ethical considerations). (HS-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science investigations use diverse methods and do not always use the same set of procedures to obtain data. (HS-ESS3-5)</li> <li>New technologies advance scientific knowledge. (HS-ESS3-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science knowledge is based on empirical evidence. (HS-ESS3-5)</li> <li>Science arguments are strengthened by multiple lines of evidence supporting a single explanation. (HS-ESS3-5))</li> </ul>	<p>human populations and have driven human migrations. (HS-ESS3-1)</p> <p><b>ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The sustainability of human societies and the biodiversity that supports them requires responsible management of natural resources. (HS-ESS3-3)</li> <li>Scientists and engineers can make major contributions by developing technologies that produce less pollution and waste and that preclude ecosystem degradation. (HS-ESS3-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS3.D: Global Climate Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Though the magnitudes of human impacts are greater than they have ever been, so too are human abilities to model, predict, and manage current and future impacts. (HS-ESS3-5)</li> <li>Through computer simulations and other studies, important discoveries are still being made about how the ocean, the atmosphere, and the biosphere interact and are modified in response to human activities. (HS-ESS3-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. (secondary to HS-ESS3-2), (secondary HS-ESS3-4)</li> </ul>	<p>were not anticipated. (HS-ESS3-3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis of costs and benefits is a critical aspect of decisions about technology. (HS-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science is a Human Endeavor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science is a result of human endeavors, imagination, and creativity. (HS-ESS3-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science and technology may raise ethical issues for which science, by itself, does not provide answers and solutions. (HS-ESS3-2)</li> <li>Science knowledge indicates what can happen in natural systems—not what should happen. The latter involves ethics, values, and human decisions about the use of knowledge. (HS-ESS3-2)</li> <li>Many decisions are not made using science alone, but rely on social and cultural contexts to resolve issues. (HS-ESS3-2)</li> </ul>
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> HS.PS1.B (HS-ESS3-3); HS.PS3.B (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-5); HS.PS3.D (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-5); HS.LS1.C (HS-ESS3-5); HS.LS2.A (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-3); HS.LS2.B (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-6); HS.LS2.C (HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-6); HS.LS4.D (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-6); HS.ESS2.A (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-6); HS.ESS2.D (HS-ESS3-5); HS.ESS2.E (HS-ESS3-3)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:</i> MS.PS1.B (HS-ESS3-3); MS.PS3.B (HS-ESS3-5); MS.PS3.D (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-5); MS.LS2.A (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-3); MS.LS2.B (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-3); MS.LS2.C (HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-6); MS.LS4.C (HS-ESS3-3); MS.LS4.D (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-3); MS.ESS2.A (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6); MS.ESS2.C (HS-ESS3-6); MS.ESS2.D (HS-ESS3-5); MS.ESS2.E (HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-4); MS.ESS3.A (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-3); MS.ESS3.B (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-5); MS.ESS3.C (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-4), (HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6); MS.ESS3.D (HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6)</p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p>		
<p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p>		
<b>RST.11-12.1</b>	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-5)	
<b>RST.11-12.2</b>	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms. (HS-ESS3-5)	
<b>RST.11-12.7</b>	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-ESS3-5)	
<b>RST.11-12.8</b>	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-4)	
<b>WHST.9-12.2</b>	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-ESS3-1)	
<p><i>Mathematics –</i></p>		
<b>MP.2</b>	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6)	
<b>MP.4</b>	Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-6)	
<b>HSN-Q.A.1</b>	Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6)	
<b>HSN-Q.A.2</b>	Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6)	
<b>HSN-Q.A.3</b>	Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-5),(HS-ESS3-6)	

# **ADVANCED PROBLEMS IN SCIENCE (APS)**

## **Grades 9-12**

**Units of Credit:** 1 Year (Elective – repeatable)

**Prerequisite:** Minimum GPA of 3.00, or consent of instructor (recommendation by grade 8 teacher for freshman)

### **Course Overview:**

This is an independent project course designed for students who wish to pursue an in-depth study of a scientific topic of special interest to them. The study will consist of an intensive literature search, followed by detailed laboratory investigation. The topic selected for study may be in any area of science of special interest to the student (including math/computers). The successful competition of independent projects is strongly weighted by highly competitive universities in granting students entrance and in providing scholarships. Students enter reports on their projects in a series of academic science events.

### **Units of Study:** Independent Research Project

1. Identify questions and concepts that guide scientific investigations.
2. Design and conduct scientific investigations, utilizing appropriate technology to acquire and analyze data.
3. Use appropriate equipment and technology accurately to measure, process, and analyze data.
4. Formulate and revise scientific explanations and models based on scientific knowledge and evidence from investigations.
5. Devise and analyze alternative explanations and models and use appropriate methods to defend a scientific argument.
6. Present to the science community.

# **Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Chemistry 2 and IB Chemistry**

**Unit of Credit:** 1 Year (Elective)

**Prerequisite:** Earth & Space Science and Biology 1, or IBES 2, and Geometry

**Prerequisite for Chemistry 2:** Chemistry 1 and Geometry

## **Course Overview:**

Chemistry is the study of the relationship between properties of matter and its structure. Chemistry requires students to move among three domains of thought: macroscopic world of observable phenomena, the submicroscopic world of molecules, atoms, and subatomic particles, and the symbolic and mathematical world of chemical formulas, equations, and symbols. Chemistry 1, first and foremost, is an inquiry-based science course. The content of Chemistry centers around the core ideas of Matter and Its Interactions and Energy. These standards blend the core ideas with science and engineering practices and crosscutting concepts to support students in developing useable knowledge to explain ideas across the science disciplines. There is a focus on several scientific practices in the Physical Science standards at the high school level. These include developing and using models, planning and conducting investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, using mathematical and computational thinking, constructing explanations and using these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas in Chemistry.

It is the intent of the MCPS science department to ensure students gain an understanding of the interconnection of science in society so that each student functions as a scientifically literate person as they move forward in their future paths.

## **Topics of Study for High School Chemistry:**

### **Introduction to science skills:**

- Nature of Science topics
- Science and Engineering skills
- Cross-cutting concepts

### **Units of Study: All topics address Standard HS-PS1 Matter and its Interactions**

Laboratory Procedure and Safety

Gas Laws

Historical Perspectives

Chemical Bonding

Nomenclature

Stoichiometry

Chemical Impact on Environment

Measurement

Atomic Theory

Mole Concept

Periodic Table and Periodicity

Chemical Reactions

Energy and Matter Interaction

## Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Chemistry 2 and IB Chemistry

### HS-PS1 Matter and Its Interactions

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-PS1-1.** Use the periodic table as a model to predict the relative properties of elements based on the patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms. [Clarification Statement: Examples of properties that could be predicted from patterns could include reactivity of metals, types of bonds formed, numbers of bonds formed, and reactions with oxygen.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to main group elements. Assessment does not include quantitative understanding of ionization energy beyond relative trends.]
- HS-PS1-2.** Construct and revise an explanation for the outcome of a simple chemical reaction based on the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and knowledge of the patterns of chemical properties. [Clarification Statement: Examples of chemical reactions could include the reaction of sodium and chlorine, of carbon and oxygen, or of carbon and hydrogen.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to chemical reactions involving main group elements and combustion reactions.]
- HS-PS1-3.** Plan and conduct an investigation to gather evidence to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on understanding the strengths of forces between particles, not on naming specific intermolecular forces (such as dipole-dipole). Examples of particles could include ions, atoms, molecules, and networked materials (such as graphite). Examples of bulk properties of substances could include the melting point and boiling point, vapor pressure, and surface tension.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Raoult's law calculations of vapor pressure.]
- HS-PS1-4.** Develop a model to illustrate that the release or absorption of energy from a chemical reaction system depends upon the changes in total bond energy. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that a chemical reaction is a system that affects the energy change. Examples of models could include molecular-level drawings and diagrams of reactions, graphs showing the relative energies of reactants and products, and representations showing energy is conserved.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include calculating the total bond energy changes during a chemical reaction from the bond energies of reactants and products.]
- HS-PS1-5.** Apply scientific principles and evidence to provide an explanation about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on student reasoning that focuses on the number and energy of collisions between molecules.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to simple reactions in which there are only two reactants; evidence from temperature, concentration, and rate data; and qualitative relationships between rate and temperature.]
- HS-PS1-6.\*\*** Refine the design of a chemical system by specifying a change in conditions that would produce increased amounts of products at equilibrium.\* [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the application of Le Chatlier's Principle and on refining designs of chemical reaction systems, including descriptions of the connection between changes made at the macroscopic level and what happens at the molecular level. Examples of designs could include different ways to increase product formation including adding reactants or removing products.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to specifying the change in only one variable at a time. Assessment does not include calculating equilibrium constants and concentrations.]
- HS-PS1-7.** Use mathematical representations to support the claim that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using mathematical ideas to communicate the proportional relationships between masses of atoms in the reactants and the products, and the translation of these relationships to the macroscopic scale using the mole as the conversion from the atomic to the macroscopic scale. Emphasis is on assessing students' use of mathematical thinking and not on memorization and rote application of problem-solving techniques.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include complex chemical reactions.]
- HS-PS1-8.\*\*** Develop models to illustrate the changes in the composition of the nucleus of the atom and the energy released during the processes of fission, fusion, and radioactive decay. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on simple qualitative models, such as pictures or diagrams, and on the scale of energy released in nuclear processes relative to other kinds of transformations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative calculation of energy released. Assessment is limited to alpha, beta, and gamma radioactive decays.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-8)</li> <li>▪ Use a model to predict the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-PS1-1)</li> </ul> <b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking at the 9–12 level builds on K–8 and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical	<b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Each atom has a charged substructure consisting of a nucleus, which is made of protons and neutrons, surrounded by electrons. (HS-PS1-1)</li> <li>▪ The periodic table orders elements horizontally by the number of protons in the atom's nucleus and places those with similar chemical properties in columns. The repeating patterns of this table reflect patterns of outer electron states. (HS-PS1-1),(HS-PS1-2)</li> <li>▪ The structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms. (HS-PS1-3),(secondary to HS-PS2-6)</li> <li>▪ A stable molecule has less energy than the same set of atoms separated; one must provide at least this energy in order to take the molecule apart. (HS-PS1-4)</li> </ul> <b>PS1.B: Chemical Reactions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chemical processes, their rates, and whether or not energy is stored or released can be understood in terms of the collisions of molecules and the rearrangements of atoms into new molecules, with consequent changes in the sum of all bond energies in the set of molecules that are matched by changes in kinetic energy. (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5)</li> <li>▪ In many situations, a dynamic and condition-dependent balance between a reaction and the reverse reaction determines the numbers of all types of molecules present. (HS-PS1-6)</li> <li>▪ The fact that atoms are conserved, together with knowledge of the chemical properties of the elements involved, can be used to describe and predict chemical</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena. (HS-PS1-1),(HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-5)</li> </ul> <b>Energy and Matter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In nuclear processes, atoms are not conserved, but the total number of protons plus neutrons is conserved. (HS-PS1-8)</li> <li>▪ The total amount of energy and matter in closed systems is conserved. (HS-PS1-7)</li> <li>▪ Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-PS1-4)</li> </ul> <b>Stability and Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and</li> </ul>

<p>models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use mathematical representations of phenomena to support claims. (HS-PS1-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply scientific principles and evidence to provide an explanation of phenomena and solve design problems, taking into account possible unanticipated effects. (HS-PS1-5)</li> <li>▪ Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-PS1-2)</li> <li>▪ Refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-PS1-6)</li> </ul>	<p>reactions. (HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-7)</p> <p><b>PS1.C: Nuclear Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nuclear processes, including fusion, fission, and radioactive decays of unstable nuclei, involve release or absorption of energy. The total number of neutrons plus protons does not change in any nuclear process. (HS-PS1-8)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale explain the structure, properties, and transformations of matter, as well as the contact forces between material objects. (<i>secondary to HS-PS1-1</i>,<i>secondary to HS-PS1-3</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Criteria may need to be broken down into simpler ones that can be approached systematically, and decisions about the priority of certain criteria over others (trade-offs) may be needed. (<i>secondary to HS-PS1-6</i>)</li> </ul>	<p>how they remain stable. (HS-PS1-6)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science assumes the universe is a vast single system in which basic laws are consistent. (HS-PS1-7)</li> </ul>
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.LS1.C</b> (HS-PS1-1),(HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-7); <b>HS.LS2.B</b> (HS-PS1-7); <b>HS.PS3.A</b> (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-8); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-6),(HS-PS1-7),(HS-PS1-8); <b>HS.PS3.C</b> (HS-PS1-8); <b>HS.PS3.D</b> (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-8); <b>HS.ESS1.A</b> (HS-PS1-8); <b>HS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-PS1-8); <b>HS.ESS2.C</b> (HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-3); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-PS1-8); <b>HS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-PS1-8)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-PS1-1),(HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-7),(HS-PS1-8); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (HS-PS1-1),(HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-6),(HS-PS1-7),(HS-PS1-8); <b>MS.PS1.C</b> (HS-PS1-8); <b>MS.PS2.B</b> (HS-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5); <b>MS.PS2.C</b> (HS-PS1-6); <b>MS.PS3.A</b> (HS-PS1-5); <b>MS.PS3.B</b> (HS-PS1-5); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (HS-PS1-4); <b>MS.LS1.C</b> (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-7); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (HS-PS1-7); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-PS1-7),(HS-PS1-8)</p>		
<p><b>** Connections to AP Chemistry, Chemistry 2 or IB Chemistry:</b> HS-PS1-6; HS-PS1-8</p>		
<p># Connection to IB Chemistry only:</p>		
<p>Connection to PLTW: Principals of Engineering (HS.PS1.1), (HS.PS1.3)</p>		
<p>Common Core State Standards Connections:</p>		
<p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p>		
<p><b>RST.9-10.7</b> Translate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text into visual form (e.g., a table or chart) and translate information expressed visually or mathematically (e.g., in an equation) into words. (HS-PS1-1)</p>		
<p><b>RST.11-12.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-5)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.11-12.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-5)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.11-12.5</b> Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-PS1-2)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.11-12.7</b> Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-6)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.11-12.8</b> Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (HS-PS1-3)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.11-12.9</b> Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-PS1-3)</p>		
<p><b>SL.11-12.5</b> Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (HS-PS1-4)</p>		
<p><i>Mathematics –</i></p>		
<p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-7)</p>		
<p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-8)</p>		
<p><b>HSN-Q.A.1</b> Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-7),(HS-PS1-8)</p>		
<p><b>HSN-Q.A.2</b> Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-7),(HS-PS1-8)</p>		
<p><b>HSN-Q.A.3</b> Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-7),(HS-PS1-8)</p>		

## Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Chemistry 2 and IB Chemistry HS-PS3 Energy

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-PS3-1.\*\*** Create a computational model to calculate the change in the energy of one component in a system when the change in energy of the other component(s) and energy flows in and out of the system are known. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on explaining the meaning of mathematical expressions used in the model.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to basic algebraic expressions or computations; to systems of two or three components; and to thermal energy, kinetic energy, and/or the energies in gravitational, magnetic, or electric fields.]
- HS-PS3-4.\*\*** Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that the transfer of thermal energy when two components of different temperature are combined within a closed system results in a more uniform energy distribution among the components in the system (second law of thermodynamics). [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on analyzing data from student investigations and using mathematical thinking to describe the energy changes both quantitatively and conceptually. Examples of investigations could include mixing liquids at different initial temperatures or adding objects at different temperatures to water.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to investigations based on materials and tools provided to students.]

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **HS.PS1.B** (HS-PS3-1); **HS.LS2.B** (HS-PS3-1); **HS.ESS2.A** (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-4)

Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands: **MS.PS3.A** (HS-PS3-1) **MS.PS3.B** (HS-PS3-1), (HS-PS3-4); **MS.ESS2.A** (HS-PS3-1)

\*\* Connections to AP Chemistry, Chemistry 2 or IB Chemistry: HS-PS3-1; HS-PS3-4

# Connection to IB Chemistry only:

*Connection to PLTW: Principals of Engineering (HS.PS3.3), (HS.PS3.4)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

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<b>WHST.9-12.9</b>	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. <i>(HS-PS3-4)</i>
<b>SL.11-12.5</b>	Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. <i>(HS-PS3-1)</i>
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<b>HSN-Q.A.3</b>	Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. <i>(HS-PS3-1)</i>

## Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Chemistry 2 and IB Chemistry

### HS-PS4 Waves and their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**HS-PS4-1.#** Use mathematical representations to support a claim regarding relationships among the frequency, wavelength, and speed of waves traveling in various media. [Clarification Statement: Examples of data could include electromagnetic radiation traveling in a vacuum and glass, sound waves traveling through air and water, and seismic waves traveling through the Earth.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to algebraic relationships and describing those relationships qualitatively.]

**HS-PS4-3.#** Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning behind the idea that electromagnetic radiation can be described either by a wave model or a particle model, and that for some situations one model is more useful than the other. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on how the experimental evidence supports the claim and how a theory is generally modified in light of new evidence. Examples of a phenomenon could include resonance, interference, diffraction, and photoelectric effect.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include using quantum theory.]

**HS-PS4-5#.** Communicate technical information about how some technological devices use the principles of wave behavior and wave interactions with matter to transmit and capture information and energy.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples could include solar cells capturing light and converting it to electricity; medical imaging; and communications technology.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessments are limited to qualitative information. Assessments do not include band theory.]

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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: HS-PS4-5); **HS.PS3.D** (HS-PS4-3); **HS.ESS1.A** (HS-PS4-3); **HS.ESS2.A** (HS-PS4-1); **HS.ESS2.D** (HS-PS4-3)

Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands: **MS.PS4.A** (HS-PS4-1), HS-PS4-5); **MS.PS4.B** (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-3),( HS-PS4-5); **MS.PS4.C** (HS-PS4-5); **MS.LS1.C** (HS-PS4-4)

** Connections to AP Chemistry, Chemistry 2 or IB Chemistry:
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Connection to PLTW: Medical Interventions (HS-PS4-1)
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<b>RST.11-12.8</b> Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.(HS-PS4-3)
<b>WHST.9-12.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-PS4-5)
Mathematics –
<b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-3)
<b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (HS-PS4-1)
<b>HSA-SSE.A.1</b> Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context. (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-3)
<b>HSA-SSE.B.3</b> Choose and produce an equivalent form of an expression to reveal and explain properties of the quantity represented by the expression. (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-3)
<b>HSA.CED.A.4</b> Rearrange formulas to highlight a quantity of interest, using the same reasoning as in solving equations. (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-3)

# PHYSICS 1 & 2

**Unit of Credit:** 1 Year (Elective)

**Prerequisite:** Algebra 2 or Concurrent Enrollment

## Course Overview:

Physics is an attempt to understand the universe, and is therefore, a study of matter, energy, and their interactions. The interactions occur from the level of cosmic phenomena to the level of fundamental forces and particles, inclusive of all levels in between. The content of Physics is arranged around the four physical science topics in high school. These core ideas include: Matter and Its Interactions; Motion and Stability; Energy; and Waves and Their Applications. These standards blend the core ideas with science and engineering practices and crosscutting concepts to support students in developing useable knowledge to explain ideas across the science disciplines. There is a focus on several scientific practices in Physics standards at the high school level. These include developing and using models, planning and conducting investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, using mathematical and computational thinking, constructing explanations and using these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas in Physics.

It is the intent of the MCPS science department to ensure students gain an understanding of the interconnection of science in society so that each student functions as a scientifically literate person as they move forward in their future paths.

## Topics of Study for High School Physics:

*(Next Generation Science standards listed below)*

### Introduction to science skills:

- Nature of Science topics
- Science and Engineering skills
- Cross-cutting concepts

### Units of Study:

#### Kinematics

- Motion and Stability

#### Forces and Laws of Motion

- Matter and its Interactions
- Motion and Stability

#### Circles and Gravitation

- Matter and its Interactions
- Motion and Stability

#### Waves and Sound and Optics

- Energy
- Waves and Their Applications

#### Energy and Momentum

- Matter and its Interactions
- Motion and Stability
- Energy

#### Electricity and Magnetism

- Matter and its Interactions
- Motion and Stability
- Energy
- Waves and Their Applications

## PHYSICS

### HS-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-PS2-1.** Analyze data to support the claim that Newton's second law of motion describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on a macroscopic object, its mass, and its acceleration. [Clarification Statement: Examples of data could include tables or graphs of position or velocity as a function of time for objects subject to a net unbalanced force, such as a falling object, an object rolling down a ramp, or a moving object being pulled by a constant force.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to one-dimensional motion and to macroscopic objects moving at non-relativistic speeds.]
- HS-PS2-2.** Use mathematical representations to support the claim that the total momentum of a system of objects is conserved when there is no net force on the system. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the quantitative conservation of momentum in interactions and the qualitative meaning of this principle.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to systems of two macroscopic bodies moving in one dimension.]
- HS-PS2-3.** Apply scientific and engineering ideas to design, evaluate, and refine a device that minimizes the force on a macroscopic object during a collision.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of evaluation and refinement could include determining the success of the device at protecting an object from damage and modifying the design to improve it. Examples of a device could include a football helmet or a parachute.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to qualitative evaluations and/or algebraic manipulations.]
- HS-PS2-4.** Use mathematical representations of Newton's Law of Gravitation and Coulomb's Law to describe and predict the gravitational and electrostatic forces between objects. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on both quantitative and conceptual descriptions of gravitational and electric fields.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to systems with two objects.]
- HS-PS2-5.** Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that an electric current can produce a magnetic field and that a changing magnetic field can produce an electric current. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to designing and conducting investigations with provided materials and tools.]
- HS-PS2-6.** Communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.\* [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the attractive and repulsive forces that determine the functioning of the material. Examples could include why electrically conductive materials are often made of metal, flexible but durable materials are made up of long chained molecules, and pharmaceuticals are designed to interact with specific receptors.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided molecular structures of specific designed materials.]

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(HS-PS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze data using tools, technologies, and/or models (e.g., computational, mathematical) in order to make valid and reliable scientific claims or determine an optimal design solution. (HS-PS2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking at the 9–12 level builds on K–8 and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use mathematical representations of phenomena to describe explanations. (HS-PS2-2),(HS-PS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p>	<p><b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The structured and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms. (HS-PS2-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS2.A: Forces and Motion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Newton's second law accurately predicts changes in the motion of macroscopic objects. (HS-PS2-1)</li> <li>▪ Momentum is defined for a particular frame of reference; it is the mass times the velocity of the object. In any system, total momentum is always conserved. (HS-PS2-2)</li> <li>▪ If a system interacts with objects outside itself, the total momentum of the system can change; however, any such change is balanced by changes in the momentum of objects outside the system. (HS-PS2-2),(HS-PS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS2.B: Types of Interactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Newton's law of universal gravitation and Coulomb's law provide the mathematical models to describe and predict the effects of gravitational and electrostatic forces between distant objects. (HS-PS2-4)</li> <li>▪ Forces at a distance are explained by fields (gravitational, electric, and magnetic) permeating space that can transfer energy through space. Magnets or electric currents cause magnetic fields; electric charges or changing magnetic fields cause electric fields. (HS-PS2-4),(HS-PS2-5)</li> <li>▪ Attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale explain the structure, properties, and transformations of matter, as well as the contact forces between material objects. (HS-PS2-6),(secondary to HS-PS1-1),(secondary to HS-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.A: Definitions of Energy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "Electrical energy" may mean energy stored</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena. (HS-PS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-5)</li> <li>▪ Systems can be designed to cause a desired effect. 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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply scientific ideas to solve a design problem, taking into account possible unanticipated effects. (HS-PS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 9–12 builds on K–8 and progresses to evaluating the validity and reliability of the claims, methods, and designs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate scientific and technical information (e.g., about the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-PS2-6)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theories and laws provide explanations in science. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-4)</li> <li>Laws are statements or descriptions of the relationships among observable phenomena. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-4)</li> </ul>	<p>in a battery or energy transmitted by electric currents. (<i>secondary to HS-PS2-5</i>)</p> <p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criteria and constraints also include satisfying any requirements set by society, such as taking issues of risk mitigation into account, and they should be quantified to the extent possible and stated in such a way that one can tell if a given design meets them. (<i>secondary to HS-PS2-3</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criteria may need to be broken down into simpler ones that can be approached systematically, and decisions about the priority of certain criteria over others (trade-offs) may be needed. (<i>secondary to HS-PS2-3</i>)</li> </ul>	
<i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.PS3.A</b> (HS-PS2-4),(HS-PS2-5); <b>HS.PS3.C</b> (HS-PS2-1); <b>HS.PS4.B</b> (HS-PS2-5); <b>HS.ESS1.B</b> (HS-PS2-4); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-PS2-5)		
<i>Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-PS2-5); <b>MS.PS2.A</b> (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2),(HS-PS2-3); <b>MS.PS2.B</b> (HS-PS2-4),(HS-PS2-5),(HS-PS2-6); <b>MS.PS3.C</b> (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2),(HS-PS2-3); <b>MS.ESS1.B</b> (HS-PS2-4),(HS-PS2-5)		
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<b>HSN.Q.A.1</b> Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2),(HS-PS2-4),(HS-PS2-5),(HS-PS2-6)		
<b>HSN.Q.A.2</b> Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2),(HS-PS2-4),(HS-PS2-5),(HS-PS2-6)		
<b>HSN.Q.A.3</b> Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2),(HS-PS2-4),(HS-PS2-5),(HS-PS2-6)		
<b>HSA-SSE.A.1</b> Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-4)		
<b>HSA-SSE.B.3</b> Choose and produce an equivalent form of an expression to reveal and explain properties of the quantity represented by the expression. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-4)		
<b>HSA-CED.A.1</b> Create equations and inequalities in one variable and use them to solve problems. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2)		
<b>HSA-CED.A.2</b> Create equations in two or more variables to represent relationships between quantities; graph equations on coordinate axes with labels and scales. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2)		
<b>HSA-CED.A.4</b> Rearrange formulas to highlight a quantity of interest, using the same reasoning as in solving equations. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2)		
<b>HSF.IF.C.7</b> Graph functions expressed symbolically and show key features of the graph, by hand in simple cases and using technology for more complicated cases. (HS-PS2-1)		
<b>HSS-ID.A.1</b> Represent data with plots on the real number line (dot plots, histograms, and box plots). (HS-PS2-1)		

**Phvsics**  
**HS-PS3 Energy**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-PS3-1.** Create a computational model to calculate the change in the energy of one component in a system when the change in energy of the other component(s) and energy flows in and out of the system are known. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on explaining the meaning of mathematical expressions used in the model.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to basic algebraic expressions or computations; to systems of two or three components; and to thermal energy, kinetic energy, and/or the energies in gravitational, magnetic, or electric fields.]
- HS-PS3-2.** Develop and use models to illustrate that energy at the macroscopic scale can be accounted for as either motions of particles or energy stored in fields. [Clarification Statement: Examples of phenomena at the macroscopic scale could include the conversion of kinetic energy to thermal energy, the energy stored due to position of an object above the earth, and the energy stored between two electrically-charged plates. Examples of models could include diagrams, drawings, descriptions, and computer simulations.]
- HS-PS3-3.** Design, build, and refine a device that works within given constraints to convert one form of energy into another form of energy.\* [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on both qualitative and quantitative evaluations of devices. Examples of devices could include Rube Goldberg devices, wind turbines, solar cells, solar ovens, and generators. Examples of constraints could include use of renewable energy forms and efficiency.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment for quantitative evaluations is limited to total output for a given input. Assessment is limited to devices constructed with materials provided to students.]
- HS-PS3-4.** Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that the transfer of thermal energy when two components of different temperature are combined within a closed system results in a more uniform energy distribution among the components in the system (second law of thermodynamics). [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on analyzing data from student investigations and using mathematical thinking to describe the energy changes both quantitatively and conceptually. Examples of investigations could include mixing liquids at different initial temperatures or adding objects at different temperatures to water.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to investigations based on materials and tools provided to students.]
- HS-PS3-5.** Develop and use a model of two objects interacting through electric or magnetic fields to illustrate the forces between objects and the changes in energy of the objects due to the interaction. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include drawings, diagrams, and texts, such as drawings of what happens when two charges of opposite polarity are near each other, including an explanation of how the change in energy of the objects is related to the change in energy of the field.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to systems containing two objects.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document A Framework for K-12 Science Education:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-PS3-2),(HS-PS3-5)</li> </ul> <b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-PS3-4)</li> </ul> <b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b>	<b>PS3.A: Definitions of Energy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Energy is a quantitative property of a system that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system. That there is a single quantity called energy is due to the fact that a system's total energy is conserved, even as, within the system, energy is continually transferred from one object to another and between its various possible forms. (HS-PS3-1), (HS-PS3-2)</li> <li>▪ At the macroscopic scale, energy manifests itself in multiple ways, such as in motion, sound, light, and thermal energy. (HS-PS3-2), (HS-PS3-3)</li> <li>▪ These relationships are better understood at the microscopic scale, at which all of the different manifestations of energy can be modeled as either motions of particles or energy stored in fields (which mediate interactions between particles). This last concept which includes radiation, a phenomenon in which energy stored in fields moves across space. (HS-PS3-2)</li> </ul> <b>PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conservation of energy means that the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system. (HS-PS3-1)</li> <li>▪ Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems. (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-4)</li> <li>▪ Mathematical expressions, which</li> </ul>	<b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cause and effect relationships can be suggested and predicted for complex natural and human designed systems by examining what is known about smaller scale mechanisms within the system. (HS-PS3-5)</li> </ul> <b>Systems and System Models</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When investigating or describing a system, the boundaries and initial conditions of the system need to be defined and their inputs and outputs analyzed and described using models. (HS-PS3-4)</li> <li>▪ Models can be used to predict the behavior of a system, but these predictions have limited precision and reliability due to the assumptions and approximations inherent in models. (HS-PS3-1)</li> </ul> <b>Energy and Matter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-PS3-3)</li> <li>▪ Energy cannot be created or destroyed—only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-PS3-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b> <b>Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Modern civilization depends on major technological systems. Engineers continuously modify these technological systems by applying scientific knowledge and engineering design practices to increase benefits while decreasing costs and risks. (HS-PS3-3)</li> </ul>

<p>Mathematical and computational thinking at the 9–12 level builds on K–8 and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create a computational model or simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system. (HS-PS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Design, evaluate, and/or refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-PS3-3)</li> </ul>	<p>quantify how the stored energy in a system depends on its configuration (e.g. relative positions of charged particles, compression of a spring) and how kinetic energy depends on mass and speed, allow the concept of conservation of energy to be used to predict and describe system behavior. (HS-PS3-1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The availability of energy limits what can occur in any system. (HS-PS3-1)</li> <li>▪ Uncontrolled systems always evolve toward more stable states—that is, toward more uniform energy distribution (e.g., water flows downhill, objects hotter than their surrounding environment cool down). (HS-PS3-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When two objects interacting through a field change relative position, the energy stored in the field is changed. (HS-PS3-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Although energy cannot be destroyed, it can be converted to less useful forms—for example, to thermal energy in the surrounding environment. (HS-PS3-3),(HS-PS3-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Criteria and constraints also include satisfying any requirements set by society, such as taking issues of risk mitigation into account, and they should be quantified to the extent possible and stated in such a way that one can tell if a given design meets them. (<i>secondary to HS-PS3-3</i>)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science assumes the universe is a vast single system in which basic laws are consistent. (HS-PS3-1)</li> </ul>
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.PS1.A</b> (HS-PS3-2); <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-2)<b>HS.PS2.B</b> (HS-PS3-2),(HS-PS3-5); <b>HS.LS2.B</b> (HS-PS3-1); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-4); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-PS3-3)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-PS3-2); <b>MS.PS2.B</b> (HS-PS3-2),(HS-PS3-5); <b>MS.PS3.A</b> (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-2),(HS-PS3-3); <b>MS.PS3.B</b> (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-3),(HS-PS3-4); <b>MS.PS3.C</b> (HS-PS3-2), (HS-PS3-5); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-3)</p>		
<p><i>Connection to PLTW: Principles of Engineering (HS.PS3.3), (HS.PS3.4)</i></p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p>		
<p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p>		
<p><b>RST.11-12.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-PS3-4)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.7</b> Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-PS3-3),(HS-PS3-4),(HS-PS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.11-12.8</b> Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (HS-PS3-4),(HS-PS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.9</b> Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-PS3-4),(HS-PS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>SL.11-12.5</b> Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-2),(HS-PS3-5)</p>		
<p><i>Mathematics –</i></p>		
<p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-2),(HS-PS3-3),(HS-PS3-4),(HS-PS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-2),(HS-PS3-3),(HS-PS3-4),(HS-PS3-5)</p>		
<p><b>HSN-Q.A.1</b> Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-3)</p>		
<p><b>HSN-Q.A.2</b> Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-3)</p>		
<p><b>HSN-Q.A.3</b> Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-3)</p>		

## Physics

### HS-PS4 Waves and their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-PS4-1.** Use mathematical representations to support a claim regarding relationships among the frequency, wavelength, and speed of waves traveling in various media. [Clarification Statement: Examples of data could include electromagnetic radiation traveling in a vacuum and glass, sound waves traveling through air and water, and seismic waves traveling through the Earth.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to algebraic relationships and describing those relationships qualitatively.]
- HS-PS4-2.** Evaluate questions about the advantages of using a digital transmission and storage of information. [Clarification Statement: Examples of advantages could include that digital information is stable because it can be stored reliably in computer memory, transferred easily, and copied and shared rapidly. Disadvantages could include issues of easy deletion, security, and theft.]
- HS-PS4-3.** Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning behind the idea that electromagnetic radiation can be described either by a wave model or a particle model, and that for some situations one model is more useful than the other. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on how the experimental evidence supports the claim and how a theory is generally modified in light of new evidence. Examples of a phenomenon could include resonance, interference, diffraction, and photoelectric effect.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include using quantum theory.]
- HS-PS4-4.** Evaluate the validity and reliability of claims in published materials of the effects that different frequencies of electromagnetic radiation have when absorbed by matter. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that different frequencies of light have different energies, and the damage to living tissue from electromagnetic radiation depends on the energy of the radiation. Examples of published materials could include trade books, magazines, web resources, videos, and other passages that may reflect bias.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to qualitative descriptions.]
- HS-PS4-5.** Communicate technical information about how some technological devices use the principles of wave behavior and wave interactions with matter to transmit and capture information and energy.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples could include solar cells capturing light and converting it to electricity; medical imaging; and communications technology.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessments are limited to qualitative information. Assessments do not include band theory.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b> Asking questions and defining problems in grades 9–12 builds from grades K–8 experiences and progresses to formulating, refining, and evaluating empirically testable questions and design problems using models and simulations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluate questions that challenge the premise(s) of an argument, the interpretation of a data set, or the suitability of a design. (HS-PS4-2)</li> </ul>	<b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Solar cells are human-made devices that likewise capture the sun's energy and produce electrical energy. (<i>Secondary to HS-PS4-5</i>)</li> </ul> <b>PS4.A: Wave Properties</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The wavelength and frequency of a wave are related to one another by the speed of travel of the wave, which depends on the type of wave and the medium through which it is passing. (HS-PS4-1)</li> <li>▪ Information can be digitized (e.g., a picture stored as the values of an array of pixels); in this form, it can be stored reliably in computer memory and sent over long distances as a series of wave pulses. (HS-PS4-2),(HS-PS4-5)</li> <li>▪ [From the 3–5 grade band endpoints] Waves can add or cancel one another as they cross, depending on their relative phase (i.e., relative position of peaks and troughs of the waves), but they emerge unaffected by each other. (Boundary: The discussion at this grade level is qualitative only; it can be based on the fact that two different sounds can pass a location in different directions without getting mixed up.) (HS-PS4-3)</li> </ul> <b>PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Electromagnetic radiation (e.g., radio, microwaves, light) can be modeled as a wave of changing electric and magnetic fields or as particles called photons. The wave model is useful for explaining many</li> </ul>	<b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-PS4-1)</li> <li>▪ Cause and effect relationships can be suggested and predicted for complex natural and human designed systems by examining what is known about smaller scale mechanisms within the system. (HS-PS4-4)</li> <li>▪ Systems can be designed to cause a desired effect. (HS-PS4-5)</li> </ul> <b>Systems and System Models</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. (HS-PS4-3)</li> </ul> <b>Stability and Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Systems can be designed for greater or lesser stability. (HS-PS4-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b>
<b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking at the 9–12 level builds on K–8 and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to describe and/or support claims and/or explanations. (HS-PS4-1)</li> </ul>		<b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science and engineering complement each other in the cycle known as research and development (R&amp;D). (HS-PS4-5)</li> </ul> <b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Modern civilization depends on major technological systems. (HS-PS4-2),(HS-PS4-5)</li> <li>▪ Engineers continuously modify these technological systems by applying scientific knowledge and engineering design practices to increase benefits while decreasing costs and risks. (HS-PS4-2)</li> </ul>
<b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about natural and designed worlds. Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning behind currently accepted</li> </ul>		

<p>explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-PS4-3)</p> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <p>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 9–12 builds on K–8 and progresses to evaluating the validity and reliability of the claims, methods, and designs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluate the validity and reliability of multiple claims that appear in scientific and technical texts or media reports, verifying the data when possible. (HS-PS4-4)</li> <li>▪ Communicate technical information or ideas (e.g., about phenomena and/or the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-PS4-5)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></b></p> <p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A scientific theory is a substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world, based on a body of facts that have been repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment and the science community validates each theory before it is accepted. If new evidence is discovered that the theory does not accommodate, the theory is generally modified in light of this new evidence. (HS-PS4-3)</li> </ul>	<p>features of electromagnetic radiation, and the particle model explains other features. (HS-PS4-3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When light or longer wavelength electromagnetic radiation is absorbed in matter, it is generally converted into thermal energy (heat). Shorter wavelength electromagnetic radiation (ultraviolet, X-rays, gamma rays) can ionize atoms and cause damage to living cells. (HS-PS4-4)</li> <li>▪ Photoelectric materials emit electrons when they absorb light of a high-enough frequency. (HS-PS4-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS4.C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Multiple technologies based on the understanding of waves and their interactions with matter are part of everyday experiences in the modern world (e.g., medical imaging, communications, and scanners) and in scientific research. They are essential tools for producing, transmitting, and capturing signals and for storing and interpreting the information contained in them. (HS-PS4-5)</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> HS.PS1.C (HS-PS4-4); HS.PS3.A (HS-PS4-4),(HS-PS4-5); HS.PS3.D (HS-PS4-3),(HS-PS4-4); HS.ESS1.A (HS-PS4-3); HS.ESS2.A (HS-PS4-1); HS.ESS2.D (HS-PS4-3)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands:</i> MS.PS3.D (HS-PS4-4); MS.PS4.A (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-2),(HS-PS4-5); MS.PS4.B (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-2),(HS-PS4-3),(HS-PS4-4),(HS-PS4-5); MS.PS4.C (HS-PS4-2),(HS-PS4-5); MS.LS1.C (HS-PS4-4); MS.ESS2.D (HS-PS4-4)</p>		
<p><i>Connection to PLTW: Medical Interventions (HS-PS4-1)</i></p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p> <p><b>ELA/Literacy –</b></p> <p><b>RST.11-12.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-PS4-2),(HS-PS4-3),(HS-PS4-4)</p> <p><b>RST.11-12.7</b> Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-4)</p> <p><b>RST.9-10.8</b> Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claim or a recommendation for solving a scientific or technical problem. (HS-PS4-2),(HS-PS4-3),(HS-PS4-4)</p> <p><b>RST.11-12.8</b> Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-PS4-2),(HS-PS4-3),(HS-PS4-4)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-PS4-5)</p> <p><b>WHST.11-12.8</b> Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (HS-PS4-4)</p> <p><b>Mathematics –</b></p> <p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-3)</p> <p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (HS-PS4-1)</p> <p><b>HSA-SSE.A.1</b> Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context. (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-3)</p> <p><b>HSA-SSE.B.3</b> Choose and produce an equivalent form of an expression to reveal and explain properties of the quantity represented by the expression. (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-3)</p> <p><b>HSA.CED.A.4</b> Rearrange formulas to highlight a quantity of interest, using the same reasoning as in solving equations. (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-3)</p>		

# NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION

**Unit of Credit:** 1 Year (Elective)

**Prerequisite:** Integrated 1

## **Course Overview:**

Natural Resources Conservation is a course designed to meet the needs of students interested in learning more about all of the natural resources that are of great concern to the people of Montana. The course will explore a variety of different topics, which will give students the ability to recognize and analyze the diverse natural resource concerns in our region. This course strives to be as field oriented as possible and experiences will develop through student interest and available resources. Potential field experiences include: restoration work, field identification of birds, forage analysis, multi-day trip to Yellowstone, observations of tagging operations, participation in spawning operations at a hatchery, tracking, and orienteering are some examples.

A variety of teaching and instructional strategies are employed including laboratory investigations, class discussions, field trips/investigations, demonstrations, multimedia, guest speakers, and student presentations. Technology is employed to collect, analyze, share, and present data. Students are assessed through a variety of means, including standard paper and pencil quizzes and tests, performance assessments, laboratory projects, field investigations and student writings/presentations.

## **Units of Study to be selected from:**

- Forest Ecology and dendrology, including Native American uses and knowledge.
- Wildlife-native animals of Montana, their management, current status, issues, and use by Native Americans.
- Fire Management-historical fires and their impacts, use of fire by native Americans, current fire management.
- Cartography/Aerial Photography-including map interpretation, compass use, orienteering, map making.
- Forest Management/ Timber Products -harvesting systems, regeneration, silvicultural applications, Native American forest management.
- History of Resource Conservation-from the 1850s to the present, including Native/European philosophies.
- Current Issues-examination of current resource management issues, analysis of these issues, and recommendations for resolving the issues.

## NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION

### HS-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS1-2.** Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on functions at the organism system level such as nutrient uptake, water delivery, and organism movement in response to neural stimuli. An example of an interacting system could be an artery depending on the proper function of elastic tissue and smooth muscle to regulate and deliver the proper amount of blood within the circulatory system.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include interactions and functions at the molecular or chemical reaction level.]
- HS-LS1-3.** Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis. [Clarification Statement: Examples of investigations could include heart rate response to exercise, stomate response to moisture and temperature, and root development in response to water levels.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the cellular processes involved in the feedback mechanism.]

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design, decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientific inquiry is characterized by a common set of values that include: logical thinking, precision, open-mindedness, objectivity, skepticism, replicability of results, and honest and ethical reporting of findings. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>		<p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:*

*Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands: MS.LS1.A (HS-LS1-2),(HS-LS1-3)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- WHST.9-12.7** Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS1-3)
- WHST.11-12.8** Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (HS-LS1-3)
- SL.11-12.5** Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (HS-LS1-2)

## NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION

**HS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS2-1.** Use mathematical and/or computational representations to support explanations of factors that affect carrying capacity of ecosystems at different scales. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on quantitative analysis and comparison of the relationships among interdependent factors including boundaries, resources, climate, and competition. Examples of mathematical comparisons could include graphs, charts, histograms, and population changes gathered from simulations or historical data sets.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include deriving mathematical equations to make comparisons.]
- HS-LS2-2.** Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations in ecosystems of different scales. [Clarification Statement: Examples of mathematical representations include finding the average, determining trends, and using graphical comparisons of multiple sets of data.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided data.]
- HS-LS2-4.** Use mathematical representations to support claims for the cycling of matter and flow of energy among organisms in an ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using a mathematical model of stored energy in biomass to describe the transfer of energy from one trophic level to another and that matter and energy are conserved as matter cycles and energy flows through ecosystems. Emphasis is on atoms and molecules such as carbon, oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen being conserved as they move through an ecosystem.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to proportional reasoning to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy.]
- HS-LS2-5.** Develop a model to illustrate the role of photosynthesis and cellular respiration in the cycling of carbon among the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include simulations and mathematical models.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the specific chemical steps of photosynthesis and respiration.]
- HS-LS2-6.** Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning that the complex interactions in ecosystems maintain relatively consistent numbers and types of organisms in stable conditions, but changing conditions may result in a new ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Examples of changes in ecosystem conditions could include modest biological or physical changes, such as moderate hunting or a seasonal flood; and, extreme changes, such as volcanic eruption or sea level rise.]
- HS-LS2-7.** Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of human activities can include urbanization, building dams, and dissemination of invasive species.]
- HS-LS2-8.** Evaluate the evidence for the role of group behavior on individual and species' chances to survive and reproduce. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on: (1) distinguishing between group and individual behavior, (2) identifying evidence supporting the outcomes of group behavior, and (3) developing logical and reasonable arguments based on evidence. Examples of group behaviors could include flocking, schooling, herding, and cooperative behaviors such as hunting, migrating, and swarming.]

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<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show how relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or components of a system. (HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use mathematical and/or computational representations of phenomena or design solutions to support explanations. (HS-LS2-1)</li> <li>▪ Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support and revise explanations. (HS-LS2-2)</li> <li>▪ Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support claims. (HS-LS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing</p>	<p><b>LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ecosystems have carrying capacities, which are limits to the numbers of organisms and populations they can support. These limits result from such factors as the availability of living and nonliving resources and from such challenges such as predation, competition, and disease. Organisms would have the capacity to produce populations of great size were it not for the fact that environments and resources are finite. This fundamental tension affects the abundance (number of individuals) of species in any given ecosystem. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plants or algae form the lowest level of the food web. At each link upward in a food web, only a small fraction of the matter consumed at the lower level is transferred upward, to produce growth and release energy in cellular respiration at the higher level. Given this inefficiency, there are generally fewer organisms at higher levels of a food web. Some matter reacts to release energy for life functions, some matter is stored in newly made structures, and much is discarded. The chemical elements that make up the molecules of organisms pass through food webs and into and out of the atmosphere and soil, and they are combined and recombined in different ways. At each link in an ecosystem, matter and energy are conserved. (HS-LS2-4)</li> <li>▪ Photosynthesis and cellular respiration are important components of the carbon cycle, in which carbon is exchanged among the biosphere, atmosphere, oceans, and geosphere through chemical, physical, geological, and biological processes. (HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and</b></p>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The significance of a phenomenon is dependent on the scale, proportion, and quantity at which it occurs. (HS-LS2-1)</li> <li>▪ Using the concept of orders of magnitude allows one to understand how a model at one scale relates to a model at another scale. (HS-LS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul>

<p>solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Design, evaluate, and refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS2-6)</li> <li>▪ Evaluate the evidence behind currently accepted explanations to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Open to Revision in Light of New Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Most scientific knowledge is quite durable, but is, in principle, subject to change based on new evidence and/or reinterpretation of existing evidence. (HS-LS2-2)</li> <li>▪ Scientific argumentation is a mode of logical discourse used to clarify the strength of relationships between ideas and evidence that may result in revision of an explanation. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A complex set of interactions within an ecosystem can keep its numbers and types of organisms relatively constant over long periods of time under stable conditions. If a modest biological or physical disturbance to an ecosystem occurs, it may return to its more or less original status (i.e., the ecosystem is resilient), as opposed to becoming a very different ecosystem. Extreme fluctuations in conditions or the size of any population, however, can challenge the functioning of ecosystems in terms of resources and habitat availability. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6)</li> <li>▪ Moreover, anthropogenic changes (induced by human activity) in the environment—including habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, overexploitation, and climate change—can disrupt an ecosystem and threaten the survival of some species. (HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.D: Social Interactions and Group Behavior</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Group behavior has evolved because membership can increase the chances of survival for individuals and their genetic relatives. (HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Biodiversity is increased by the formation of new species (speciation) and decreased by the loss of species (extinction). (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>)</li> <li>▪ Humans depend on the living world for the resources and other benefits provided by biodiversity. But human activity is also having adverse impacts on biodiversity through overpopulation, overexploitation, habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, and climate change. Thus sustaining biodiversity so that ecosystem functioning and productivity are maintained is essential to supporting and enhancing life on Earth. Sustaining biodiversity also aids humanity by preserving landscapes of recreational or inspirational value. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>) (<i>Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS4-6.</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The main way that solar energy is captured and stored on Earth is through the complex chemical process known as photosynthesis. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-5</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When evaluating solutions it is important to take into account a range of constraints including cost, safety, reliability and aesthetics and to consider social, cultural and environmental impacts. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>)</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),( HS-LS2-5); <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-7); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-4); <b>HS.PS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-4); <b>HS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-LS2-5),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-2)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS1.B</b> (HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.LS1.C</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),( HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7),( HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS2-1); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS2-6)</p>		

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-8)
- RST.11-12.7** Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS2-8)
- RST.9-10.8** Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claim or a recommendation for solving a scientific or technical problem. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS2-8)
- RST.11-12.8** Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS2-8)
- WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2)
- WHST.9-12.7** Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS2-7)

*Mathematics –*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4)
- HSN-Q.A.1** Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)
- HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)
- HSN-Q.A.3** Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)
- HSS-ID.A.1** Represent data with plots on the real number line. (HS-LS2-6)
- HSS-IC.A.1** Understand statistics as a process for making inferences about population parameters based on a random sample from that population. (HS-LS2-6)
- HSS-IC.B.6** Evaluate reports based on data. (HS-LS2-6)

## NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION

**HS-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**HS-LS3-3. Apply concepts of statistics and probability to explain the variation and distribution of expressed traits in a population.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the use of mathematics to describe the probability of traits as it relates to genetic and environmental factors in the expression of traits.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Hardy-Weinberg calculations.]

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including determining function fits to data, slope, intercept, and correlation coefficient for linear fits) to scientific and engineering questions and problems, using digital tools when feasible. (HS-LS3-3)</li> </ul>	<b>LS3.B: Variation of Traits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Environmental factors also affect expression of traits, and hence affect the probability of occurrences of traits in a population. Thus the variation and distribution of traits observed depends on both genetic and environmental factors. (HS-LS3-3)</li> </ul>	<b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Algebraic thinking is used to examine scientific data and predict the effect of a change in one variable on another (e.g., linear growth vs. exponential growth). (HS-LS3-3)</li> </ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Nature of Science</b> <b>Science is a Human Endeavor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Technological advances have influenced the progress of science and science has influenced advances in technology. (HS-LS3-3)</li> <li>▪ Science and engineering are influenced by society and society is influenced by science and engineering. (HS-LS3-3)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:* **HS.LS2.A** (HS-LS3-3); **HS.LS2.C** (HS-LS3-3); **HS.LS4.B** (HS-LS3-3); **HS.LS4.C** (HS-LS3-3)

*Articulation across grade-bands:* **MS.LS2.A** (HS-LS3-3); **MS.LS3.A** (HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2); **MS.LS3.B** (HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2),(HS-LS3-3); **MS.LS4.C** (HS-LS3-3)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*Mathematics –*

**MP.2**

Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS3-3)

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION**  
**HS-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS4-1.** Communicate scientific information that common ancestry and biological evolution are supported by multiple lines of empirical evidence. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on a conceptual understanding of the role each line of evidence has relating to common ancestry and biological evolution. Examples of evidence could include similarities in DNA sequences, anatomical structures, and order of appearance of structures in embryological development.]
- HS-LS4-2.** Construct an explanation based on evidence that the process of evolution primarily results from four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the heritable genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for limited resources, and (4) the proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in the environment. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using evidence to explain the influence each of the four factors has on number of organisms, behaviors, morphology, or physiology in terms of ability to compete for limited resources and subsequent survival of individuals and adaptation of species. Examples of evidence could include mathematical models such as simple distribution graphs and proportional reasoning.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include other mechanisms of evolution, such as genetic drift, gene flow through migration, and co-evolution.]
- HS-LS4-3.** Apply concepts of statistics and probability to support explanations that organisms with an advantageous heritable trait tend to increase in proportion to organisms lacking this trait. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on analyzing shifts in numerical distribution of traits and using these shifts as evidence to support explanations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to basic statistical and graphical analysis. Assessment does not include allele frequency calculations.]
- HS-LS4-4.** Construct an explanation based on evidence for how natural selection leads to adaptation of populations. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using data to provide evidence for how specific biotic and abiotic differences in ecosystems (such as ranges of seasonal temperature, long-term climate change, acidity, light, geographic barriers, or evolution of other organisms) contribute to a change in gene frequency over time, leading to adaptation of populations.]
- HS-LS4-5.** Evaluate the evidence supporting claims that changes in environmental conditions may result in: (1) increases in the number of individuals of some species, (2) the emergence of new species over time, and (3) the extinction of other species. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on determining cause and effect relationships for how changes to the environment such as deforestation, fishing, application of fertilizers, drought, flood, and the rate of change of the environment affect distribution or disappearance of traits in species.]
- HS-LS4-6.** Create or revise a simulation to test a solution to mitigate adverse impacts of human activity on biodiversity.\* [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on designing solutions for a proposed problem related to threatened or endangered species, or to genetic variation of organisms for multiple species.]

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b>  Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including determining function fits to data, slope, intercept, and correlation coefficient for linear fits) to scientific and engineering questions and problems, using digital tools when feasible. (HS-LS4-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b>  Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create or revise a simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system. (HS-LS4-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b>  Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS4.C: Adaptation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evolution is a consequence of the interaction of four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for an environment's limited supply of the resources that individuals need in order to survive and reproduce, and (4) the ensuing proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in that environment. (HS-LS4-2)</li> <li>Natural selection leads to adaptation, that is, to a population dominated by organisms that are anatomically, behaviorally, and physiologically well suited to survive and reproduce in a specific environment. That is, the differential survival and reproduction of organisms in a population that have an advantageous heritable trait leads to an increase in the proportion of individuals in future generations that have the trait and to a decrease in the proportion of individuals that do not. (HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)</li> <li>Adaptation also means that the distribution of traits in a population can change when conditions change. (HS-LS4-3)</li> <li>Changes in the physical environment, whether naturally occurring or human induced, have thus contributed to the expansion of some species, the emergence of new distinct species as populations diverge under different conditions, and the decline—and sometimes the extinction—of some species. (HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientific knowledge is based on the assumption that natural laws operate today as they did in the past and they will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-4)</li> </ul>

<p>2),(HS-LS4-4)</p> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current or historical episodes in science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate the evidence behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS4-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to evaluating the validity and reliability of the claims, methods, and designs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate scientific information (e.g., about phenomena and/or the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-LS4-1)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A scientific theory is a substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world, based on a body of facts that have been repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment and the science community validates each theory before it is accepted. If new evidence is discovered that the theory does not accommodate, the theory is generally modified in light of this new evidence. (HS-LS4-1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Species become extinct because they can no longer survive and reproduce in their altered environment. If members cannot adjust to change that is too fast or drastic, the opportunity for the species' evolution is lost. (HS-LS4-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humans depend on the living world for the resources and other benefits provided by biodiversity. But human activity is also having adverse impacts on biodiversity through overpopulation, overexploitation, habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, and climate change. Thus sustaining biodiversity so that ecosystem functioning and productivity are maintained is essential to supporting and enhancing life on Earth. Sustaining biodiversity also aids humanity by preserving landscapes of recreational or inspirational value. (HS-LS4-6) <i>(Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS2-7.)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. (secondary to HS-LS4-6)</li> <li>Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs. (secondary to HS-LS4-6)</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); <b>HS.LS2.D</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); <b>HS.LS3.A</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>HS.LS3.B</b> (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-5); <b>HS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>HS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-LS4-6); <b>HS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6); <b>HS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS4-6); <b>HS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-LS4-6); <b>HS.ESS3.E</b> (HS-LS4-6)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-5); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6); <b>MS.LS3.A</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>MS.LS3.B</b> (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3); <b>MS.LS4.A</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>MS.LS4.B</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4); <b>MS.LS4.C</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); <b>MS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6)</p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p>		
<p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p>		
<p><b>RST.11-12.1</b></p>		
<p><b>RST.11-12.8</b></p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.2</b></p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.5</b></p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.7</b></p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.9</b></p>		
<p><b>SL.11-12.4</b></p>		
<p><i>Mathematics –</i></p>		
<p><b>MP.2</b></p>		
<p><b>MP.4</b></p>		

# **WILDLIFE BIOLOGY**

**Unit of Credit:** 1 Year (Elective)

**Prerequisite:** Integrated 1

## **Course Overview:**

Wildlife Biology covers the current and historical management and conservation of wildlife. Life history, the role of habitat and management tools and techniques are underlying themes. Current issues and social implications of management decisions are included.

The content of Wildlife Biology is arranged around the five life science topics in high school. These core ideas include: (1) Structure and Function, (2) Inheritance and Variation of Traits, (3) Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems, (4) Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems, and (5) Natural Selection and Evolution. The standards for life sciences blend core ideas with science and engineering practices and crosscutting concepts to support students in developing useable knowledge that can be applied across the science disciplines. While standards in life science couple particular practices with specific disciplinary core ideas, instructional decisions should include the use of many practices underlying the standards. These practices include but are not limited to: critical reading, using models, conducting investigations, analyzing data, and applying scientific reasoning to link evidence to explanations. A current grade of C or better will be required for participation on field trips. Field trips are an integral part of this course.

It is in the intent of the MCPS science department to ensure students gain an understanding of the interconnection of science in society so that each student functions as a scientifically literate person as they move forward in their future paths.

## **Topics of Study for High School Wildlife Biology:**

(Next Generation Science Standards listed below)

### **Introduction to science skills:**

- Nature of Science topics
- Science and Engineering skills
- Cross-cutting concepts

### **Units of Study:**

#### **Wildlife Management**

- Inheritance and Variation of Traits
- Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems
- Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
- Natural Selection and Evolution

#### **Population Dynamics**

- Inheritance and Variations of Traits
- Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems
- Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
- Natural Selection and Evolution

#### **Wildlife Species (emphasis on Montana): Identification, Behavior, and Life History**

- Structure and Function
- Inheritance and Variations of Traits
- Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems
- Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
- Natural Selection and Evolution

#### **Fisheries (emphasis on Montana)**

- Structure and Function
- Inheritance and Variations of Traits
- Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems
- Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
- Natural Selection and Evolution

#### **Current Wildlife Issues/Human Impacts on Wildlife**

- Structure and Function
- Inheritance and Variations of Traits
- Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems
- Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
- Natural Selection and Evolution



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### HS-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS1-2.** Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on functions at the organism system level such as nutrient uptake, water delivery, and organism movement in response to neural stimuli. An example of an interacting system could be an artery depending on the proper function of elastic tissue and smooth muscle to regulate and deliver the proper amount of blood within the circulatory system.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include interactions and functions at the molecular or chemical reaction level.]
- HS-LS1-3.** Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis. [Clarification Statement: Examples of investigations could include heart rate response to exercise, stomate response to moisture and temperature, and root development in response to water levels.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the cellular processes involved in the feedback mechanism.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design, decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientific inquiry is characterized by a common set of values that include: logical thinking, precision, open-mindedness, objectivity, skepticism, replicability of results, and honest and ethical reporting of findings. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>		<p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:*

*Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands: MS.LS1.A (HS-LS1-2),(HS-LS1-3)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- WHST.9-12.7** Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS1-3)
- WHST.11-12.8** Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (HS-LS1-3)
- SL.11-12.5** Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (HS-LS1-2)

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### HS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS2-1.** Use mathematical and/or computational representations to support explanations of factors that affect carrying capacity of ecosystems at different scales. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on quantitative analysis and comparison of the relationships among interdependent factors including boundaries, resources, climate, and competition. Examples of mathematical comparisons could include graphs, charts, histograms, and population changes gathered from simulations or historical data sets.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include deriving mathematical equations to make comparisons.]
- HS-LS2-2.** Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations in ecosystems of different scales. [Clarification Statement: Examples of mathematical representations include finding the average, determining trends, and using graphical comparisons of multiple sets of data.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided data.]
- HS-LS2-4.** Use mathematical representations to support claims for the cycling of matter and flow of energy among organisms in an ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using a mathematical model of stored energy in biomass to describe the transfer of energy from one trophic level to another and that matter and energy are conserved as matter cycles and energy flows through ecosystems. Emphasis is on atoms and molecules such as carbon, oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen being conserved as they move through an ecosystem.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to proportional reasoning to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy.]
- HS-LS2-5.** Develop a model to illustrate the role of photosynthesis and cellular respiration in the cycling of carbon among the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include simulations and mathematical models.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the specific chemical steps of photosynthesis and respiration.]
- HS-LS2-6.** Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning that the complex interactions in ecosystems maintain relatively consistent numbers and types of organisms in stable conditions, but changing conditions may result in a new ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Examples of changes in ecosystem conditions could include modest biological or physical changes, such as moderate hunting or a seasonal flood; and, extreme changes, such as volcanic eruption or sea level rise.]
- HS-LS2-7.** Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of human activities can include urbanization, building dams, and dissemination of invasive species.]
- HS-LS2-8.** Evaluate the evidence for the role of group behavior on individual and species' chances to survive and reproduce. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on: (1) distinguishing between group and individual behavior, (2) identifying evidence supporting the outcomes of group behavior, and (3) developing logical and reasonable arguments based on evidence. Examples of group behaviors could include flocking, schooling, herding, and cooperative behaviors such as hunting, migrating, and swarming.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

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<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show how relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or components of a system. (HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use mathematical and/or computational representations of phenomena or design solutions to support explanations. (HS-LS2-1)</li> <li>▪ Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support and revise explanations. (HS-LS2-2)</li> <li>▪ Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support claims. (HS-LS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing</p>	<p><b>LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ecosystems have carrying capacities, which are limits to the numbers of organisms and populations they can support. These limits result from such factors as the availability of living and nonliving resources and from such challenges such as predation, competition, and disease. Organisms would have the capacity to produce populations of great size were it not for the fact that environments and resources are finite. This fundamental tension affects the abundance (number of individuals) of species in any given ecosystem. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plants or algae form the lowest level of the food web. At each link upward in a food web, only a small fraction of the matter consumed at the lower level is transferred upward, to produce growth and release energy in cellular respiration at the higher level. Given this inefficiency, there are generally fewer organisms at higher levels of a food web. Some matter reacts to release energy for life functions, some matter is stored in newly made structures, and much is discarded. The chemical elements that make up the molecules of organisms pass through food webs and into and out of the atmosphere and soil, and they are combined and recombined in different ways. At each link in an ecosystem, matter and energy are conserved. (HS-LS2-4)</li> <li>▪ Photosynthesis and cellular respiration are important components of the carbon cycle, in which carbon is exchanged among the biosphere, atmosphere, oceans, and geosphere through chemical, physical, geological, and biological processes. (HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and</b></p>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The significance of a phenomenon is dependent on the scale, proportion, and quantity at which it occurs. (HS-LS2-1)</li> <li>▪ Using the concept of orders of magnitude allows one to understand how a model at one scale relates to a model at another scale. (HS-LS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul>

<p>solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Design, evaluate, and refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS2-6)</li> <li>▪ Evaluate the evidence behind currently accepted explanations to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Open to Revision in Light of New Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Most scientific knowledge is quite durable, but is, in principle, subject to change based on new evidence and/or reinterpretation of existing evidence. (HS-LS2-2)</li> <li>▪ Scientific argumentation is a mode of logical discourse used to clarify the strength of relationships between ideas and evidence that may result in revision of an explanation. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A complex set of interactions within an ecosystem can keep its numbers and types of organisms relatively constant over long periods of time under stable conditions. If a modest biological or physical disturbance to an ecosystem occurs, it may return to its more or less original status (i.e., the ecosystem is resilient), as opposed to becoming a very different ecosystem. Extreme fluctuations in conditions or the size of any population, however, can challenge the functioning of ecosystems in terms of resources and habitat availability. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6)</li> <li>▪ Moreover, anthropogenic changes (induced by human activity) in the environment—including habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, overexploitation, and climate change—can disrupt an ecosystem and threaten the survival of some species. (HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.D: Social Interactions and Group Behavior</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Group behavior has evolved because membership can increase the chances of survival for individuals and their genetic relatives. (HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Biodiversity is increased by the formation of new species (speciation) and decreased by the loss of species (extinction). (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>)</li> <li>▪ Humans depend on the living world for the resources and other benefits provided by biodiversity. But human activity is also having adverse impacts on biodiversity through overpopulation, overexploitation, habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, and climate change. Thus sustaining biodiversity so that ecosystem functioning and productivity are maintained is essential to supporting and enhancing life on Earth. Sustaining biodiversity also aids humanity by preserving landscapes of recreational or inspirational value. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>) (<i>Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS4-6.</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The main way that solar energy is captured and stored on Earth is through the complex chemical process known as photosynthesis. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-5</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When evaluating solutions it is important to take into account a range of constraints including cost, safety, reliability and aesthetics and to consider social, cultural and environmental impacts. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>)</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),( HS-LS2-5); <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-7); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-4); <b>HS.PS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-4); <b>HS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-LS2-5),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-2)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS1.B</b> (HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.LS1.C</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),( HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7),( HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS2-1); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS2-6)</p>		

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-8)
- RST.11-12.7** Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS2-8)
- RST.9-10.8** Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claim or a recommendation for solving a scientific or technical problem. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS2-8)
- RST.11-12.8** Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS2-8)
- WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2)
- WHST.9-12.7** Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS2-7)

*Mathematics –*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4)
- HSN-Q.A.1** Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)
- HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)
- HSN-Q.A.3** Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)
- HSS-ID.A.1** Represent data with plots on the real number line. (HS-LS2-6)
- HSS-IC.A.1** Understand statistics as a process for making inferences about population parameters based on a random sample from that population. (HS-LS2-6)
- HSS-IC.B.6** Evaluate reports based on data. (HS-LS2-6)

## WILDLIFE BIOLOGY

### HS-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**HS-LS3-3. Apply concepts of statistics and probability to explain the variation and distribution of expressed traits in a population.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the use of mathematics to describe the probability of traits as it relates to genetic and environmental factors in the expression of traits.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Hardy-Weinberg calculations.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including determining function fits to data, slope, intercept, and correlation coefficient for linear fits) to scientific and engineering questions and problems, using digital tools when feasible. (HS-LS3-3)</li> </ul>	<b>LS3.B: Variation of Traits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Environmental factors also affect expression of traits, and hence affect the probability of occurrences of traits in a population. Thus the variation and distribution of traits observed depends on both genetic and environmental factors. (HS-LS3-3)</li> </ul>	<b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Algebraic thinking is used to examine scientific data and predict the effect of a change in one variable on another (e.g., linear growth vs. exponential growth). (HS-LS3-3)</li> </ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Nature of Science</b> <b>Science is a Human Endeavor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Technological advances have influenced the progress of science and science has influenced advances in technology. (HS-LS3-3)</li> <li>▪ Science and engineering are influenced by society and society is influenced by science and engineering. (HS-LS3-3)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:* **HS.LS2.A** (HS-LS3-3); **HS.LS2.C** (HS-LS3-3); **HS.LS4.B** (HS-LS3-3); **HS.LS4.C** (HS-LS3-3)

*Articulation across grade-bands:* **MS.LS2.A** (HS-LS3-3); **MS.LS3.A** (HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2); **MS.LS3.B** (HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2),(HS-LS3-3); **MS.LS4.C** (HS-LS3-3)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*Mathematics –*

**MP.2**

Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS3-3)

## WILDLIFE BIOLOGY

### HS-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS4-1.** Communicate scientific information that common ancestry and biological evolution are supported by multiple lines of empirical evidence. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on a conceptual understanding of the role each line of evidence has relating to common ancestry and biological evolution. Examples of evidence could include similarities in DNA sequences, anatomical structures, and order of appearance of structures in embryological development.]
- HS-LS4-2.** Construct an explanation based on evidence that the process of evolution primarily results from four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the heritable genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for limited resources, and (4) the proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in the environment. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using evidence to explain the influence each of the four factors has on number of organisms, behaviors, morphology, or physiology in terms of ability to compete for limited resources and subsequent survival of individuals and adaptation of species. Examples of evidence could include mathematical models such as simple distribution graphs and proportional reasoning.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include other mechanisms of evolution, such as genetic drift, gene flow through migration, and co-evolution.]
- HS-LS4-3.** Apply concepts of statistics and probability to support explanations that organisms with an advantageous heritable trait tend to increase in proportion to organisms lacking this trait. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on analyzing shifts in numerical distribution of traits and using these shifts as evidence to support explanations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to basic statistical and graphical analysis. Assessment does not include allele frequency calculations.]
- HS-LS4-4.** Construct an explanation based on evidence for how natural selection leads to adaptation of populations. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using data to provide evidence for how specific biotic and abiotic differences in ecosystems (such as ranges of seasonal temperature, long-term climate change, acidity, light, geographic barriers, or evolution of other organisms) contribute to a change in gene frequency over time, leading to adaptation of populations.]
- HS-LS4-5.** Evaluate the evidence supporting claims that changes in environmental conditions may result in: (1) increases in the number of individuals of some species, (2) the emergence of new species over time, and (3) the extinction of other species. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on determining cause and effect relationships for how changes to the environment such as deforestation, fishing, application of fertilizers, drought, flood, and the rate of change of the environment affect distribution or disappearance of traits in species.]
- HS-LS4-6.** Create or revise a simulation to test a solution to mitigate adverse impacts of human activity on biodiversity.\* [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on designing solutions for a proposed problem related to threatened or endangered species, or to genetic variation of organisms for multiple species.]

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including determining function fits to data, slope, intercept, and correlation coefficient for linear fits) to scientific and engineering questions and problems, using digital tools when feasible. (HS-LS4-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create or revise a simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system. (HS-LS4-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS4.C: Adaptation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evolution is a consequence of the interaction of four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for an environment's limited supply of the resources that individuals need in order to survive and reproduce, and (4) the ensuing proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in that environment. (HS-LS4-2)</li> <li>Natural selection leads to adaptation, that is, to a population dominated by organisms that are anatomically, behaviorally, and physiologically well suited to survive and reproduce in a specific environment. That is, the differential survival and reproduction of organisms in a population that have an advantageous heritable trait leads to an increase in the proportion of individuals in future generations that have the trait and to a decrease in the proportion of individuals that do not. (HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)</li> <li>Adaptation also means that the distribution of traits in a population can change when conditions change. (HS-LS4-3)</li> <li>Changes in the physical environment, whether naturally occurring or human induced, have thus contributed to the expansion of some species, the emergence of new distinct species as populations diverge under different conditions, and the decline—and sometimes the extinction—of some species. (HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientific knowledge is based on the assumption that natural laws operate today as they did in the past and they will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-4)</li> </ul>

<p>2),(HS-LS4-4)</p> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current or historical episodes in science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate the evidence behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS4-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to evaluating the validity and reliability of the claims, methods, and designs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate scientific information (e.g., about phenomena and/or the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-LS4-1)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A scientific theory is a substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world, based on a body of facts that have been repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment and the science community validates each theory before it is accepted. If new evidence is discovered that the theory does not accommodate, the theory is generally modified in light of this new evidence. (HS-LS4-1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Species become extinct because they can no longer survive and reproduce in their altered environment. If members cannot adjust to change that is too fast or drastic, the opportunity for the species' evolution is lost. (HS-LS4-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humans depend on the living world for the resources and other benefits provided by biodiversity. But human activity is also having adverse impacts on biodiversity through overpopulation, overexploitation, habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, and climate change. Thus sustaining biodiversity so that ecosystem functioning and productivity are maintained is essential to supporting and enhancing life on Earth. Sustaining biodiversity also aids humanity by preserving landscapes of recreational or inspirational value. (HS-LS4-6) <i>(Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS2-7.)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. (secondary to HS-LS4-6)</li> <li>Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs. (secondary to HS-LS4-6)</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); <b>HS.LS2.D</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); <b>HS.LS3.A</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>HS.LS3.B</b> (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-5); <b>HS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>HS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-LS4-6); <b>HS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6); <b>HS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS4-6); <b>HS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-LS4-6); <b>HS.ESS3.E</b> (HS-LS4-6)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-5); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6); <b>MS.LS3.A</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>MS.LS3.B</b> (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3); <b>MS.LS4.A</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>MS.LS4.B</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4); <b>MS.LS4.C</b> (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); <b>MS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-LS4-1); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6)</p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p>		
<p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p>		
<p><b>RST.11-12.1</b></p>		
<p><b>RST.11-12.8</b></p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.2</b></p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.5</b></p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.7</b></p>		
<p><b>WHST.9-12.9</b></p>		
<p><b>SL.11-12.4</b></p>		
<p><i>Mathematics –</i></p>		
<p><b>MP.2</b></p>		
<p><b>MP.4</b></p>		

# **HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY**

**Grades 10-12**

**Unit of Credit:** 1 Year (Elective)

**Prerequisite:** Biology 1 or AP Biology, Grade of "C" or Better, or Consent of Instructor

**Course Overview:**

Human Anatomy and Physiology is an advanced elective course designed for those students wanting a deeper understanding of the structure and function of the human body. The body will be viewed as a whole, using anatomical terminology necessary to describe cellular functions, biochemical processes, tissue interactions, organ systems and the interaction of those systems as it relates to the human organism. Systems covered include integumentary, skeletal muscular, respiratory, circulatory, digestive, excretory, reproductive, immunological, nervous and endocrine. Students will engage in active inquiries, investigations, and hands-on activities to develop a conceptual understanding and research/laboratory skills pertaining to the human body. Students will be assessed on a variety of evaluation techniques that meet the district's academic requirements and prepare for occupational opportunities in health and medical fields. Safety instruction is integrated into all activities. The content of Human Anatomy and Physiology will utilize Next Generation Science Standards as they apply to specific areas of study.

It is the intent of the MCPS science department to ensure students gain an understanding of the interconnection of science in society so that each student functions as a scientifically literate person as they move forward in their future paths.

**Topics of Study:**

- **Bones and Muscles**
- **Respiratory & Cardio Vascular Systems**
- **Nutrition**
- **Skill in Sports**
- **Biomechanics**
- **Data, Testing and Statistics**

**Options:**

- **Sports Psychology**
- **Exercise Prescription**

## HS-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS1-2.** Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on functions at the organism system level such as nutrient uptake, water delivery, and organism movement in response to neural stimuli. An example of an interacting system could be an artery depending on the proper function of elastic tissue and smooth muscle to regulate and deliver the proper amount of blood within the circulatory system.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include interactions and functions at the molecular or chemical reaction level.]
- HS-LS1-3.** Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis. [Clarification Statement: Examples of investigations could include heart rate response to exercise, stomate response to moisture and temperature, and root development in response to water levels.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the cellular processes involved in the feedback mechanism.]
- HS-LS1-6.** Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large carbon-based molecules. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using evidence from models and simulations to support explanations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the details of the specific chemical reactions or identification of macromolecules.]
- HS-LS1-7.** Use a model to illustrate that cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and the bonds in new compounds are formed resulting in a net transfer of energy. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the conceptual understanding of the inputs and outputs of the process of cellular respiration.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment should not include identification of the steps or specific processes involved in cellular respiration.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-2)</li> <li>▪ Use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-6)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientific inquiry is characterized by a common set of values that include: logical thinking, precision, open-mindedness, objectivity, skepticism, replicability of results, and honest and ethical reporting of findings. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The sugar molecules thus formed contain carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen: their hydrocarbon backbones are used to make amino acids and other carbon-based molecules that can be assembled into larger molecules (such as proteins or DNA), used for example to form new cells. (HS-LS1-6)</li> <li>▪ As matter and energy flow through different organizational levels of living systems, chemical elements are recombined in different ways to form different products. (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7)</li> <li>▪ As a result of these chemical reactions, energy is transferred from one system of interacting molecules to another and release energy to the surrounding environment and to maintain body temperature. Cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and new compounds are formed that can transport energy to muscles. (HS-LS1-7)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-LS1-6)</li> <li>▪ Energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS1-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **HS.PS1.B** (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); **HS.PS2.B** (HS-LS1-7); **HS.PS3.B** (HS-LS1-7)

*Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands:* **MS.PS1.A** (HS-LS1-6); **MS.PS1.B** (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); **MS.PS3.D** (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); **MS.LS1.A** (HS-LS1-2),(HS-LS1-3); **MS.LS1.C** (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); **MS.LS2.B** (HS-LS1-7); **MS.ESS2.E** (HS-LS1-6);

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

<b>RST.11-12.1</b>	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS1-6)
<b>WHST.9-12.2</b>	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS1-6)
<b>WHST.9-12.5</b>	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS1-6)
<b>WHST.9-12.7</b>	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS1-3)
<b>WHST.11-12.8</b>	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (HS-LS1-3)
<b>WHST.9-12.9</b>	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-LS1-6)

## HS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**HS-LS2-3. Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for the cycling of matter and flow of energy in aerobic and anaerobic conditions.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on conceptual understanding of the role of aerobic and anaerobic respiration in different environments.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the specific chemical processes of either aerobic or anaerobic respiration.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS2-3)</li> </ul> <i>Connections to Nature of Science</i> <b>Scientific Knowledge is Open to Revision in Light of New Evidence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Most scientific knowledge is quite durable, but is, in principle, subject to change based on new evidence and/or reinterpretation of existing evidence. (HS-LS2-3)</li> </ul>	<b>LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Photosynthesis and cellular respiration (including anaerobic processes) provide most of the energy for life processes. (HS-LS2-3)</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>	<b>Energy and Matter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Energy drives the cycling of matter within and between systems. (HS-LS2-3)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:* **HS.PS1.B** (HS-LS2-3)**HS.PS3.D** (HS-LS2-3), (HS-LS2-4); **HS.ESS2.A** (HS-LS2-3)

*Articulation across grade-bands:* **MS.PS1.B** (HS-LS2-3); **MS.PS3.D** (HS-LS2-3); **MS.LS1.C** (HS-LS2-3); **MS.LS2.B** (HS-LS2-3)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

**RST.11-12.1**

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS2-3)

**WHST.9-12.2**

Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS2-3)

**WHST.9-12.5**

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS2-3)

## HS-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-PS2-1.** Analyze data to support the claim that Newton's second law of motion describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on a macroscopic object, its mass, and its acceleration. [Clarification Statement: Examples of data could include tables or graphs of position or velocity as a function of time for objects subject to a net unbalanced force, such as a falling object, an object rolling down a ramp, or a moving object being pulled by a constant force.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to one-dimensional motion and to macroscopic objects moving at non-relativistic speeds.]
- HS-PS2-2.** Use mathematical representations to support the claim that the total momentum of a system of objects is conserved when there is no net force on the system. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the quantitative conservation of momentum in interactions and the qualitative meaning of this principle.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to systems of two macroscopic bodies moving in one dimension.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze data using tools, technologies, and/or models (e.g., computational, mathematical) in order to make valid and reliable scientific claims or determine an optimal design solution. (HS-PS2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking at the 9–12 level builds on K–8 and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use mathematical representations of phenomena to describe explanations. (HS-PS2-2)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theories and laws provide explanations in science. (HS-PS2-1)</li> <li>Laws are statements or descriptions of the relationships among observable phenomena. (HS-PS2-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS2.A: Forces and Motion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newton's second law accurately predicts changes in the motion of macroscopic objects. (HS-PS2-1)</li> <li>Momentum is defined for a particular frame of reference; it is the mass times the velocity of the object. In any system, total momentum is always conserved. (HS-PS2-2)</li> <li>If a system interacts with objects outside itself, the total momentum of the system can change; however, any such change is balanced by changes in the momentum of objects outside the system. (HS-PS2-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-PS2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When investigating or describing a system, the boundaries and initial conditions of the system need to be defined. (HS-PS2-2)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: HS.PS3.C (HS-PS2-1)*

*Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands: MS.PS2.A (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2); MS.PS3.C (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

**RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-PS2-1)

**RST.11-12.7** Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-PS2-1)

**WHST.9-12.9** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-PS2-1)

*Mathematics –*

**MP.2**

Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-PS2-2)

**MP.4**

Model with mathematics. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2)

**HSN-Q.A.1**

Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2)

**HSN-Q.A.2**

Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2)

**HSN-Q.A.3**

Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2)

**HSA-SSE.B.3**

Choose and produce an equivalent form of an expression to reveal and explain properties of the quantity represented by the expression. (HS-PS2-1)

**HSA-CED.A.1**

Create equations and inequalities in one variable and use them to solve problems. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2)

**HSA-CED.A.2**

Create equations in two or more variables to represent relationships between quantities; graph equations on coordinate axes with labels and scales. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2)

**HSA-CED.A.4**

Rearrange formulas to highlight a quantity of interest, using the same reasoning as in solving equations. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2)

**HSF-IF.C.7**

Graph functions expressed symbolically and show key features of the graph, by hand in simple cases and using technology for more complicated cases. (HS-PS2-1)

**HSS-ID.A.1**

Represent data with plots on the real number line (dot plots, histograms, and box plots). (HS-PS2-1)

# **SPORTS EXERCISE SCIENCE**

## **Grades 10-12 IB**

**Unit of Credit:** 1 Year (Elective)

**Prerequisite:** Biology 1 or AP Biology, Grade of "C" or Better, or Consent of Instructor

**Course Overview:**

Human Anatomy and Physiology is a advanced elective course designed for those students wanting a deeper understanding of the structure and function of the human body. The body will be viewed as a whole, using anatomical terminology necessary to describe cellular functions, biochemical processes, tissue interactions, organ systems and the interaction of those systems as it relates to the human organism. Systems covered include integumentary, skeletal muscular, respiratory, circulatory, digestive, excretory, reproductive, immunological, nervous and endocrine. Students will engage in active inquiries, investigations, and hands-on activities to develop a conceptual understanding and research/laboratory skills pertaining to the human body. Students will be assessed on a variety of evaluation techniques that meet the district's academic requirements and prepare for occupational opportunities in health and medical fields. Safety instruction is integrated into all activities. The content of Human Anatomy and Physiology will utilize Next Generation Science Standards as they apply to specific areas of study.

It is the intent of the MCPS science department to ensure students gain an understanding of the interconnection of science in society so that each student functions as a scientifically literate person as they move forward in their future paths.

**Topics of Study:**

- **Bones and Muscles**
- **Respiratory & Cardio Vascular Systems**
- **Nutrition**
- **Skill in Sports**
- **Biomechanics**
- **Data, Testing and Statistics**

**Options:**

- **Sports Psychology**
- **Exercise Prescription**

## HS-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS1-2.** Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on functions at the organism system level such as nutrient uptake, water delivery, and organism movement in response to neural stimuli. An example of an interacting system could be an artery depending on the proper function of elastic tissue and smooth muscle to regulate and deliver the proper amount of blood within the circulatory system.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include interactions and functions at the molecular or chemical reaction level.]
- HS-LS1-3.** Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis. [Clarification Statement: Examples of investigations could include heart rate response to exercise, stomate response to moisture and temperature, and root development in response to water levels.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the cellular processes involved in the feedback mechanism.]
- HS-LS1-6.** Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large carbon-based molecules. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using evidence from models and simulations to support explanations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the details of the specific chemical reactions or identification of macromolecules.]
- HS-LS1-7.** Use a model to illustrate that cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and the bonds in new compounds are formed resulting in a net transfer of energy. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the conceptual understanding of the inputs and outputs of the process of cellular respiration.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment should not include identification of the steps or specific processes involved in cellular respiration.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-2)</li> <li>▪ Use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-6)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p><b>Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientific inquiry is characterized by a common set of values that include: logical thinking, precision, open-mindedness, objectivity, skepticism, replicability of results, and honest and ethical reporting of findings. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The sugar molecules thus formed contain carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen: their hydrocarbon backbones are used to make amino acids and other carbon-based molecules that can be assembled into larger molecules (such as proteins or DNA), used for example to form new cells. (HS-LS1-6)</li> <li>▪ As matter and energy flow through different organizational levels of living systems, chemical elements are recombined in different ways to form different products. (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7)</li> <li>▪ As a result of these chemical reactions, energy is transferred from one system of interacting molecules to another and release energy to the surrounding environment and to maintain body temperature. Cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and new compounds are formed that can transport energy to muscles. (HS-LS1-7)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-LS1-6)</li> <li>▪ Energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS1-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **HS.PS1.B** (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); **HS.PS2.B** (HS-LS1-7); **HS.PS3.B** (HS-LS1-7)

*Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands:* **MS.PS1.A** (HS-LS1-6); **MS.PS1.B** (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); **MS.PS3.D** (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); **MS.LS1.A** (HS-LS1-2),(HS-LS1-3); **MS.LS1.C** (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7); **MS.LS2.B** (HS-LS1-7); **MS.ESS2.E** (HS-LS1-6);

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

<b>RST.11-12.1</b>	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS1-6)
<b>WHST.9-12.2</b>	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS1-6)
<b>WHST.9-12.5</b>	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS1-6)
<b>WHST.9-12.7</b>	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS1-3)
<b>WHST.11-12.8</b>	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (HS-LS1-3)
<b>WHST.9-12.9</b>	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-LS1-6)

## HS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**HS-LS2-3. Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for the cycling of matter and flow of energy in aerobic and anaerobic conditions.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on conceptual understanding of the role of aerobic and anaerobic respiration in different environments.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the specific chemical processes of either aerobic or anaerobic respiration.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS2-3)</li> </ul> <i>Connections to Nature of Science</i> <b>Scientific Knowledge is Open to Revision in Light of New Evidence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Most scientific knowledge is quite durable, but is, in principle, subject to change based on new evidence and/or reinterpretation of existing evidence. (HS-LS2-3)</li> </ul>	<b>LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Photosynthesis and cellular respiration (including anaerobic processes) provide most of the energy for life processes. (HS-LS2-3)</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>	<b>Energy and Matter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Energy drives the cycling of matter within and between systems. (HS-LS2-3)</li> </ul>

*Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:* **HS.PS1.B** (HS-LS2-3)**HS.PS3.D** (HS-LS2-3), (HS-LS2-4); **HS.ESS2.A** (HS-LS2-3)

*Articulation across grade-bands:* **MS.PS1.B** (HS-LS2-3); **MS.PS3.D** (HS-LS2-3); **MS.LS1.C** (HS-LS2-3); **MS.LS2.B** (HS-LS2-3)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

**RST.11-12.1**

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS2-3)

**WHST.9-12.2**

Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS2-3)

**WHST.9-12.5**

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS2-3)

# IB ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS/SOCIETIES

## Grades 10-12 IB

**Unit of Credit:** 1 Year (Elective)

**Prerequisite:**

**Course Overview:**

**Topics of Study:**

### Environmental Systems/Societies

#### HS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS2-2.** Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations in ecosystems of different scales. [Clarification Statement: Examples of mathematical representations include finding the average, determining trends, and using graphical comparisons of multiple sets of data.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided data.]
- HS-LS2-3.** Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for the cycling of matter and flow of energy in aerobic and anaerobic conditions. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on conceptual understanding of the role of aerobic and anaerobic respiration in different environments.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the specific chemical processes of either aerobic or anaerobic respiration.]
- HS-LS2-4.** Use mathematical representations to support claims for the cycling of matter and flow of energy among organisms in an ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using a mathematical model of stored energy in biomass to describe the transfer of energy from one trophic level to another and that matter and energy are conserved as matter cycles and energy flows through ecosystems. Emphasis is on atoms and molecules such as carbon, oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen being conserved as they move through an ecosystem.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to proportional reasoning to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy.]
- HS-LS2-5.** Develop a model to illustrate the role of photosynthesis and cellular respiration in the cycling of carbon among the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include simulations and mathematical models.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the specific chemical steps of photosynthesis and respiration.]
- HS-LS2-6.** Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning that the complex interactions in ecosystems maintain relatively consistent numbers and types of organisms in stable conditions, but changing conditions may result in a new ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Examples of changes in ecosystem conditions could include modest biological or physical changes, such as moderate hunting or a seasonal flood; and, extreme changes, such as volcanic eruption or sea level rise.]
- HS-LS2-7.** Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of human activities can include urbanization, building dams, and dissemination of invasive species.]
- HS-LS2-8.** Evaluate the evidence for the role of group behavior on individual and species' chances to survive and reproduce. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on: (1) distinguishing between group and individual behavior, (2) identifying evidence supporting the outcomes of group behavior, and (3) developing logical and reasonable arguments based on evidence. Examples of group behaviors could include flocking, schooling, herding, and cooperative behaviors such as hunting, migrating, and swarming.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show how relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural	<b>LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ecosystems have carrying capacities, which are limits to the numbers of organisms and populations they can support. These limits result from such factors as the availability of living and nonliving resources and from such challenges such as predation, competition, and disease. Organisms would have the capacity to</li></ul>	<b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Using the concept of orders of magnitude allows one to understand how a model at one scale relates to a model at another scale. (HS-LS2-2)</li></ul> <b>Systems and System Models</b>

<p>and designed worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or components of a system. (HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b></p> <p>Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support and revise explanations. (HS-LS2-2)</li> <li>Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support claims. (HS-LS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS2-3)</li> <li>Design, evaluate, and refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS2-6)(HS-LS2-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Open to Revision in Light of New Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most scientific knowledge is quite durable, but is, in principle, subject to change based on new evidence and/or reinterpretation of existing evidence. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-3)</li> <li>Scientific argumentation is a mode of</li> </ul>	<p>produce populations of great size were it not for the fact that environments and resources are finite. This fundamental tension affects the abundance (number of individuals) of species in any given ecosystem. (HS-LS2-2)</p> <p><b>LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photosynthesis and cellular respiration (including anaerobic processes) provide most of the energy for life processes. (HS-LS2-3)</li> <li>Plants or algae form the lowest level of the food web. At each link upward in a food web, only a small fraction of the matter consumed at the lower level is transferred upward, to produce growth and release energy in cellular respiration at the higher level. Given this inefficiency, there are generally fewer organisms at higher levels of a food web. Some matter reacts to release energy for life functions, some matter is stored in newly made structures, and much is discarded. The chemical elements that make up the molecules of organisms pass through food webs and into and out of the atmosphere and soil, and they are combined and recombined in different ways. At each link in an ecosystem, matter and energy are conserved. (HS-LS2-4)</li> <li>Photosynthesis and cellular respiration are important components of the carbon cycle, in which carbon is exchanged among the biosphere, atmosphere, oceans, and geosphere through chemical, physical, geological, and biological processes. (HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A complex set of interactions within an ecosystem can keep its numbers and types of organisms relatively constant over long periods of time under stable conditions. If a modest biological or physical disturbance to an ecosystem occurs, it may return to its more or less original status (i.e., the ecosystem is resilient), as opposed to becoming a very different ecosystem. Extreme fluctuations in conditions or the size of any population, however, can challenge the functioning of ecosystems in terms of resources and habitat availability. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6)</li> <li>Moreover, anthropogenic changes (induced by human activity) in the environment—including habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, overexploitation, and climate change—can disrupt an ecosystem and threaten the survival of some species. (HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS2.D: Social Interactions and Group Behavior</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group behavior has evolved because membership can increase the chances of survival for individuals and their genetic relatives. (HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity is increased by the formation of new species (speciation) and decreased by the loss of species (extinction). (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>)</li> <li>Humans depend on the living world for the resources and other benefits provided by biodiversity. But human activity is also having adverse impacts on biodiversity through overpopulation, overexploitation, habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, and climate change. Thus sustaining biodiversity so that ecosystem functioning and productivity are maintained is essential to supporting and enhancing life on Earth. Sustaining biodiversity also aids humanity by preserving landscapes of recreational or inspirational value. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>) (<i>Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS4-6</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The main way that solar energy is captured and stored on Earth is through the complex chemical process known as photosynthesis. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-5</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—with and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS2-4)</li> <li>Energy drives the cycling of matter within and between systems. (HS-LS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS2-8)</li> </ul>
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<p>logical discourse used to clarify the strength of relationships between ideas and evidence that may result in revision of an explanation. (HS-LS2-6)(HS-LS2-8)</p>	<p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When evaluating solutions it is important to take into account a range of constraints including cost, safety, reliability and aesthetics and to consider social, cultural and environmental impacts. (<i>secondary to HS-LS2-7</i>)</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:</i> <b>HS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-5); <b>HS.PS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-7); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4); <b>HS.PS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-3); <b>HS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-LS2-5),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7); <b>HS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-2)</p>		
<p><i>Articulation across grade-bands:</i> <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (HS-LS2-3); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS1.B</b> (HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (HS-LS2-5),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS1-6); <b>MS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-LS2-1); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS3.D</b> (HS-LS2-7); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS2-6)</p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p>		
<p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p>		
<p><b>RST.11-12.1</b> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-6), (HS-LS2-8)</p> <p><b>RST.11-12.7</b> Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7), (HS-LS2-8)</p> <p><b>RST.9-10.8</b> Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claim or a recommendation for solving a scientific or technical problem. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7), (HS-LS2-8)</p> <p><b>RST.11-12.8</b> Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7), (HS-LS2-8)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.2</b> Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-3)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.5</b> Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS2-3)</p> <p><b>WHST.9-12.7</b> Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS2-7)</p>	<p><i>Mathematics –</i></p>	
<p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)</p> <p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.1</b> Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.2</b> Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4), (HS-LS2-7)</p> <p><b>HSN-Q.A.3</b> Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)</p> <p><b>HSS-ID.A.1</b> Represent data with plots on the real number line. (HS-LS2-6)</p> <p><b>HSS-IC.A.1</b> Understand statistics as a process for making inferences about population parameters based on a random sample from that population. (HS-LS2-6)</p> <p><b>HSS-IC.B.6</b> Evaluate reports based on data. (HS-LS2-6)</p>		
<p><i>Connections to PLTW: Principles of Biomedical Science (HS.LS2.5)</i></p>		

## Environmental Systems/Societies

### HS-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- HS-LS4-4.** Construct an explanation based on evidence for how natural selection leads to adaptation of populations. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using data to provide evidence for how specific biotic and abiotic differences in ecosystems (such as ranges of seasonal temperature, long-term climate change, acidity, light, geographic barriers, or evolution of other organisms) contribute to a change in gene frequency over time, leading to adaptation of populations.]
- HS-LS4-5.** Evaluate the evidence supporting claims that changes in environmental conditions may result in: (1) increases in the number of individuals of some species, (2) the emergence of new species over time, and (3) the extinction of other species. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on determining cause and effect relationships for how changes to the environment such as deforestation, fishing, application of fertilizers, drought, flood, and the rate of change of the environment affect distribution or disappearance of traits in species.]
- HS-LS4-6.** Create or revise a simulation to test a solution to mitigate adverse impacts of human activity on biodiversity.\* [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on designing solutions for a proposed problem related to threatened or endangered species, or to genetic variation of organisms for multiple species.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-4)</li> </ul>	<b>LS4.C: Adaptation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Natural selection leads to adaptation, that is, to a population dominated by organisms that are anatomically, behaviorally, and physiologically well suited to survive and reproduce in a specific environment. That is, the differential survival and reproduction of organisms in a population that have an advantageous heritable trait leads to an increase in the proportion of individuals in future generations that have the trait and to a decrease in the proportion of individuals that do not. (HS-LS4-4)</li> <li>▪ Changes in the physical environment, whether naturally occurring or human induced, have thus contributed to the expansion of some species, the emergence of new distinct species as populations diverge under different conditions, and the decline—and sometimes the extinction—of some species. (HS-LS4-5), (HS-LS4-6)</li> <li>▪ Species become extinct because they can no longer survive and reproduce in their altered environment. If members cannot adjust to change that is too fast or drastic, the opportunity for the species' evolution is lost. (HS-LS4-5)</li> </ul>	<b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5). (HS-LS4-6)</li> </ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Nature of Science</b>
<b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create or revise a simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system. (HS-LS4-6)</li> </ul>		<b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientific knowledge is based on the assumption that natural laws operate today as they did in the past and they will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-4)</li> </ul>
<b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b> Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current or historical episodes in science. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluate the evidence behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS4-5)</li> </ul>		

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **HS.LS2.A** (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); **HS.LS2.D** (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); **HS.LS3.A** (HS-LS4-1); **HS.LS3.B** (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2) (HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-5); **HS.ESS1.C** (HS-LS4-1); **HS.ESS2.E** (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-5) **HS.ESS3.A** (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-5);

Articulation across grade-bands: **MS.LS2.A** (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-5); **MS.LS2.C** (HS-LS4-5); **MS.LS3.A** (HS-LS4-1); **MS.LS3.B** (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3); **MS.LS4.A** (HS-LS4-1); **MS.LS4.B** (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4); **MS.LS4.C** (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); **MS.ESS1.C** (HS-LS4-1); **MS.ESS3.C** (HS-LS4-5)

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

*ELA/Literacy –*

- RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)
- RST.11-12.8** Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-LS4-5)
- WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)
- WHST.9-12.9** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5)
- SL.11-12.4** Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2)

*Mathematics –*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-LS4-2)

*Connections to PLTW: Principals of Biomedical Science (HS.LS4.3), Medical Interventions (HS.LS4.2), (HS.LS4.4), (HS.LS4.5)*

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## APPENDIX II

### Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects

#### **Key Ideas and Details**

1. Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts.
2. Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
3. Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.

#### **Craft and Structure**

4. Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics.
5. Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to an understanding of the topic.
6. Analyze the author’s purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text.

#### **Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

7. Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
8. Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. Include texts by and about American Indians. Grades 6-8 Montana Common Core Standards for English Language Arts Content by grade level Page 18 November 2011
9. Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic. Range of

#### **Reading Level of Text Complexity**

10. By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

### Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects

#### **Text Types and Purposes**

1. Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
  - a. Introduce claim(s) about a topic or issue, acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
  - b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text, using credible sources.
  - c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
  - d. Establish and maintain a formal style.
  - e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
2. Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
  - a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
  - b. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
  - c. Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
  - d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
  - e. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
  - f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
3. (See note; not applicable as a separate requirement)

**Production and Distribution of Writing**

4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently.

**Research to Build and Present Knowledge**

7. Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
8. Gather relevant information from multiple oral, print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
9. Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Include texts by and about American Indians.

**Range of Writing**

10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

# I-AIM

Inquiry-Application Instructional Model (I-AIM)			
EPE	Stage	Function	Description
<b>Experiences</b>  <b>Patterns</b>  <b>Explanations</b>  <b>Application</b>	<b>Question</b>	Establish A Question	Pose a question that will drive the overall inquiry and provide a sense of purpose. The question should be comprehensible, relevant, & motivating.
		Elicit Students' Initial Ideas	Invite students to share initial ideas about possible answers to question. Probe students' ideas to find out how they understand the question.
	<b>Explore &amp; Investigate</b>	Explore Phenomena For Patterns	Provide opportunities for students to explore scientific phenomena related to the question to find & understand patterns. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducting investigations to try out &amp; test ideas</li> <li>Making &amp; recording observations of first hand observations</li> <li>Looking for patterns in observations</li> </ul>
		Explore Ideas About Patterns	Provide opportunities for students to share their ideas about patterns. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharing ideas about patterns &amp; evidence for them</li> <li>Comparing/coming to agreement about observed patterns</li> </ul>
	<b>Explain</b>	Students Explain Patterns	Provide opportunities for students to express their ideas. They can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share their own explanations (reasons) for the patterns</li> <li>Share ideas of how their explanations answer the question.</li> </ul>
		Introduce Scientific Ideas	Provide accurate & comprehensible representations of the scientific idea(s). This is a grade level appropriate scientific explanation for the patterns students observed.
		Compare Student & Scientific Ideas	Help students compare their own explanations with the scientific explanation provided by the teacher. Students can compare, test & revise their own explanations. Students use the scientific explanation to answer the question.
	<b>Apply</b>	Apply To Near & Distant Contexts With Support	Provide opportunities for students to apply the scientific explanation in new contexts. Initially, provide support through modeling & coaching. Students can answer questions about new experiences involving the same patterns & explanation. New questions can be more similar to or different from the original question.
		Apply With Fading Support	Provide opportunities for students to apply the scientific explanation in new contexts with diminishing support from the teacher.

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## TOPICS MATRIX

# NGSS Matrix Organized by Disciplinary Core Ideas

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		Life Science	Earth & Space Science	Physical Science	Engineering
Elementary School	K	K-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes	K-ESS2 Earth's Systems K-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity	K-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions K-PS3 Energy	K-2-ETS1 Engineering Design
	1	1-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes  1-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits	1-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe	1-PS4 Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer	
	2	2-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics 2-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity	2-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe 2-ESS2 Earth's Systems	2-PS1 Matter and Its Interactions	
	3	3-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes  3-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics 3-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits 3-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity	3-ESS2 Earth's Systems 3-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity	3-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions	3-5-ETS1 Engineering Design
	4	4-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes	4-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe 4-ESS2 Earth's Systems 4-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity	4-PS3 Energy 4-PS4 Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer	
	5	5-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes  5-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics	5-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe 5-ESS2 Earth's Systems 5-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity	5-PS1 Matter and Its Interactions 5-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions 5-PS3 Energy	
Middle School	MS-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes  MS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics MS-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits MS-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity		MS-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe MS-ESS2 Earth's Systems MS-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity	MS-PS1 Matter and Its Interactions MS-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions MS-PS3 Energy  HS-PS4 Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer	MS-ETS1 Engineering Design
High School	HS-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes  HS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics HS-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits HS-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity		HS-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe HS-ESS2 Earth's Systems HS-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity	HS-PS1 Matter and Its Interactions HS-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions HS-PS3 Energy  HS-PS4 Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer	HS-ETS1 Engineering Design

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## Asking Questions and Defining Problems

A practice of science is to ask and refine questions that lead to descriptions and explanations of how the natural and designed world(s) works and which can be empirically tested. Engineering questions clarify problems to determine criteria for successful solutions and identify constraints to solve problems about the designed world. Both scientists and engineers also ask questions to clarify ideas.

K–2 Condensed	3–5 Condensed	6–8 Condensed Practices	9–12 Condensed Practices
Asking questions and defining problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions that can be tested.	Asking questions and defining problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships.	Asking questions and defining problems in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to specifying relationships between variables, clarify arguments and models.	Asking questions and defining problems in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to formulating, refining, and evaluating empirically testable questions and design problems using models and simulations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask questions about what would happen if a variable is changed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask questions that arise from careful observation of phenomena, models, or unexpected results, to clarify and/or seek additional information.</li> <li>Ask questions to identify and/or clarify evidence and/or the premise(s) of an argument.</li> <li>Ask questions to determine relationships between independent and dependent variables and relationships in models..</li> <li>Ask questions to clarify and/or refine a model, an explanation, or an engineering problem.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask questions that arise from careful observation of phenomena, or unexpected results, to clarify and/or seek additional information.</li> <li>Ask questions that arise from examining models or a theory, to clarify and/or seek additional information and relationships.</li> <li>Ask questions to determine relationships, including quantitative relationships, between independent and dependent variables.</li> <li>Ask questions to clarify and refine a model, an explanation, or an engineering problem.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask and/or identify questions that can be answered by an investigation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify scientific (testable) and non-scientific (non-testable) questions.</li> <li>Ask questions that can be investigated and predict reasonable outcomes based on patterns such as cause and effect relationships.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask questions that require sufficient and appropriate empirical evidence to answer.</li> <li>Ask questions that can be investigated within the scope of the classroom, outdoor environment, and museums and other public facilities with available resources and, when appropriate, frame a hypothesis based on observations and scientific principles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate a question to determine if it is testable and relevant.</li> <li>Ask questions that can be investigated within the scope of the school laboratory, research facilities, or field (e.g., outdoor environment) with available resources and, when appropriate, frame a hypothesis based on a model or theory.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask questions that challenge the premise(s) of an argument or the interpretation of a data set.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask and/or evaluate questions that challenge the premise(s) of an argument, the interpretation of a data set, or the suitability of the design.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use prior knowledge to describe problems that can be solved.</li> <li>Define a simple design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process, or system and includes several criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define a design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process or system and includes multiple criteria and constraints, including scientific knowledge that may limit possible solutions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define a design problem that involves the development of a process or system with interacting components and criteria and constraints that may include social, technical and/or environmental considerations.</li> </ul>

**Science &  
Engineering  
Practices**  
**Developing  
and Using  
Models**

A practice of both science and engineering is to use and construct models as helpful tools for representing ideas and explanations. These tools include diagrams, drawings, physical replicas, mathematical representations, analogies, and computer simulations. Modeling tools are used to develop questions, predictions and explanations; analyze and identify flaws in systems; and communicate ideas. Models are used to build and revise scientific explanations and proposed engineered systems.

Measurements and observations are used to revise models and designs.



K–2 Condensed	3–5 Condensed	6–8 Condensed Practices	9–12 Condensed Practices
<p>Modeling in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) that represent concrete events or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distinguish between a model and the actual object, process, and/or events the model represents.</li> <li>Compare models to identify common features and differences.</li> </ul>	<p>Modeling in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to building and revising simple models and using models to represent events and design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify limitations of models.</li> </ul>	<p>Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to developing, using, and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate limitations of a model for a proposed object or tool.</li> </ul>	<p>Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate merits and limitations of two different models of the same proposed tool, process, mechanism, or system in order to select or revise a model that best fits the evidence or design criteria.</li> <li>Design a test of a model to ascertain its reliability.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and/or use a model to represent amounts, relationships, relative scales (bigger, smaller), and/or patterns in the natural and designed world(s).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaboratively develop and/or revise a model based on evidence that shows the relationships among variables for frequent and regular occurring events.</li> <li>Develop a model using an analogy, example, or abstract representation to describe a scientific principle or design solution.</li> <li>Develop and/or use models to describe and/or predict phenomena.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop or modify a model—based on evidence – to match what happens if a variable or component of a system is changed.</li> <li>Use and/or develop a model of simple systems with uncertain and less predictable factors.</li> <li>Develop and/or revise a model to show the relationships among variables, including those that are not observable but predict observable phenomena.</li> <li>Develop and/or use a model to predict and/or describe phenomena.</li> <li>Develop a model to describe unobservable mechanisms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop, revise, and/or use a model based on evidence to illustrate and/or predict the relationships between systems or between components of a system.</li> <li>Develop and/or use multiple types of models to provide mechanistic accounts and/or predict phenomena, and move flexibly between model types based on merits and limitations.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a diagram or simple physical prototype to convey a proposed object, tool, or process.</li> <li>Use a model to test cause and effect relationships or interactions concerning the functioning of a natural or designed system.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and/or use a model to generate data to test ideas about phenomena in natural or designed systems, including those representing inputs and outputs, and those at unobservable scales.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a complex model that allows for manipulation and testing of a proposed process or system.</li> <li>Develop and/or use a model (including mathematical and computational) to generate data to support explanations, predict phenomena, analyze systems, and/or solve problems.</li> </ul>

## Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

Scientists and engineers plan and carry out investigations in the field or laboratory, working collaboratively as well as individually.

Their investigations are systematic and require clarifying what counts as data and identifying variables or parameters. Engineering investigations identify the effectiveness, efficiency, and durability of designs under different conditions.

K–2 Condensed	3–5 Condensed	6–8 Condensed	9–12 Condensed Practices
Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions.	Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions.	Planning and carrying out investigations in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include investigations that use multiple variables and provide evidence to support explanations or solutions.	Planning and carrying out investigations in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With guidance, plan and conduct an investigation in collaboration with peers (for K).</li> <li>Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan an investigation individually and collaboratively, and in the design: identify independent and dependent variables and controls, what tools are needed to do the gathering, how measurements will be recorded, and how many data are needed to support a claim.</li> <li>Conduct an investigation and/or evaluate and/or revise the experimental design to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence that meet the goals of the investigation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan an investigation or test a design individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence as part of building and revising models, supporting explanations for phenomena, or testing solutions to problems. Consider possible variables or effects and evaluate the confounding investigation’s design to ensure variables are controlled.</li> <li>Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly.</li> <li>Plan and conduct an investigation or test a design solution in a safe and ethical manner including considerations of environmental, social, and personal impacts.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate different ways of observing and/or measuring a phenomenon to determine which way can answer a question.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate appropriate methods and/or tools for collecting data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate the accuracy of various methods for collecting data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select appropriate tools to collect, record, analyze, and evaluate data.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make observations (firsthand or from media) and/or measurements to collect data that can be used to make comparisons.</li> <li>Make observations (firsthand or from media) and/or measurements of a proposed object or tool or solution to determine if it solves a problem or meets a goal.</li> <li>Make predictions based on prior experiences.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make observations and/or measurements to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence for an explanation of a phenomenon or test a design solution.</li> <li>Make predictions about what would happen if a variable changes.</li> <li>Test two different models of the same proposed object, tool, or process to determine which better meets criteria for success.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect data to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer scientific questions or test design solutions under a range of conditions.</li> <li>Collect data about the performance of a proposed object, tool, process, or system under a range of conditions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make directional hypotheses that specify what happens to a dependent variable when an independent variable is manipulated.</li> <li>Manipulate variables and collect data about a complex model of a proposed process or system to identify failure points or improve performance relative to criteria for success or other variables.</li> </ul>

**Science &  
Engineering  
Practices**  
**Analyzing and  
Interpreting  
Data**

Scientific investigations produce data that must be analyzed in order to derive meaning. Because data patterns and trends are not always obvious, scientists use a range of tools—including tabulation, graphical interpretation, visualization, and statistical analysis—to identify the significant features and patterns in the data. Scientists identify sources of error in the investigations and calculate the degree of certainty in the results. Modern technology makes the collection of large data sets much easier, providing secondary sources for analysis. Engineering investigations include analysis of data collected in the tests of designs. This allows comparison of different solutions and determines how well each meets specific design criteria—that is, which design best solves the problem within given constraints. Like scientists, engineers require a range of tools to identify patterns within data and interpret the results. Advances in science make analysis of proposed solutions more efficient and effective.

K–2 Condensed	3–5 Condensed Practices	6–8 Condensed Practices	9–12 Condensed
Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.	Analyzing data in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to introducing quantitative approaches to collecting data and conducting multiple trials of qualitative observations. When possible and feasible, digital tools should be used.	Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.	Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record information (observations, thoughts, and ideas).</li> <li>Use and share pictures, drawings, and/or writings of observations.</li> <li>Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns and/or relationships in the natural and designed world(s) in order to answer scientific questions and solve problems.</li> <li>Compare predictions (based on prior experiences) to what occurred (observable events).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Represent data in tables and/or various graphical displays (bar graphs, pictographs, and/or pie charts) to reveal patterns that indicate relationships.</li> <li>Analyze and interpret data to make sense of phenomena, using logical reasoning, mathematics, and/or computation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct, analyze, and/or interpret graphical displays of data and/or large data sets to identify linear and nonlinear relationships.</li> <li>Use graphical displays (e.g., maps, charts, graphs, and/or tables) of large data sets to identify temporal and spatial relationships.</li> <li>Distinguish between causal and correlational relationships in data.</li> <li>Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for phenomena.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze data using tools, technologies, and/or models (e.g., computational, mathematical) in order to make valid and reliable scientific claims or determine an optimal design solution.</li> <li>Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including mean, median, mode, and variability) to analyze and characterize data, using digital tools when feasible.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider limitations of data analysis (e.g., measurement error), and/or seek to improve precision and accuracy of data with better technological tools and methods (e.g., multiple trials).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider limitations of data analysis (e.g., measurement error, sample selection) when analyzing and interpreting data.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare and contrast data collected by different group in order to discuss similarities and differences in their findings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze and interpret data to determine similarities and differences in findings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare and contrast various types of data sets (e.g., self-generated, archival) to examine consistency of measurements and observations.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze data to refine a problem statement or the design of a proposed object, tool, or process.</li> <li>Use data to evaluate and refine design solutions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze data to define an optimal operational range for a proposed object, tool, process or system that best meets criteria for success.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate the impact of new data on a working explanation and/or model of a proposed process or system.</li> <li>Analyze data to identify design features or characteristics of the components of a proposed process or system to optimize it relative to criteria for success.</li> </ul>

**Science &  
Engineering  
Practices  
Using  
Mathematics  
and  
Computational  
Thinking**

A practice of science is to ask and refine questions that lead to descriptions and explanations of how the natural and designed world(s) works and which can be empirically tested. Engineering questions clarify problems to determine criteria for successful solutions and identify constraints to solve problems about the designed world. Both scientists and engineers also ask questions to clarify ideas.



K–2 Condensed	3–5 Condensed	6–8 Condensed Practices	9–12 Condensed Practices
Mathematical and computational thinking in K–2 builds on prior experience and progresses to recognizing that mathematics can be used to describe the natural and designed world(s).	Mathematical and computational thinking in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to extending quantitative measurements to a variety of physical properties and using computation and mathematics to analyze data and compare alternative design solutions.	Mathematical and computational thinking in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to identifying patterns in large data sets and using mathematical concepts to support explanations and arguments.	Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 and experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decide when to use qualitative vs. quantitative data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decide if qualitative or quantitative data are best to determine whether a proposed object or tool meets criteria for success.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use counting and numbers to identify and describe patterns in the natural and designed world(s).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize simple data sets to reveal patterns that suggest relationships.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use digital tools (e.g., computers) to analyze very large data sets for patterns and trends.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create and/or revise a computational model or simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe, measure, and/or compare quantitative attributes of different objects and display the data using simple graphs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe, measure, estimate, and/or graph quantities such as area, volume, weight, and time to address scientific and engineering questions and problems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use mathematical representations to describe and/or support scientific conclusions and design solutions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use mathematical, computational, and/or algorithmic representations of phenomena or design solutions to describe and/or support claims and/or explanations.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use quantitative data to compare two alternative solutions to a problem.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create and/or use graphs and/or charts generated from simple algorithms to compare alternative solutions to an engineering problem.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create algorithms (a series of ordered steps) to solve a problem.</li> <li>Apply mathematical concepts and/or processes (such as ratio, rate, percent, basic operations, and simple algebra) to scientific and engineering questions and problems.</li> <li>Use digital tools and/or mathematical concepts and arguments to test and compare proposed solutions to an engineering design problem.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply techniques of algebra and functions to represent and solve scientific and engineering problems.</li> <li>Use simple limit cases to test mathematical expressions, computer programs, algorithms, or simulations of a process or system to see if a model “makes sense” by comparing the outcomes with what is known about the real world.</li> <li>Apply ratios, rates, percentages, and unit conversions in the context of complicated measurement problems involving quantities with derived or compound units (such as mg/mL, kg/m<sup>3</sup>, acre-feet, etc.).</li> </ul>

**Science & Engineering Practices**
**Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions**

The end-products of science are explanations and the end-products of engineering are solutions. The goal of science is the construction of theories that provide explanatory accounts of the world. A theory becomes accepted when it has multiple lines of empirical evidence and greater explanatory power of phenomena than previous theories. The goal of engineering design is to find a systematic solution to problems that is based on scientific knowledge and models of the material world. Each proposed solution results from a process of balancing competing criteria of desired functions, technical feasibility, cost, safety, aesthetics, and compliance with legal requirements. The optimal choice depends on how well the proposed solutions meet criteria and constraints.



K–2 Condensed	3–5 Condensed Practices	6–8 Condensed Practices	9–12 Condensed Practices
Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions.	Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems.	Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to include constructing explanations and designing solutions supported by multiple sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.	Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use information from observations (firsthand and from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct an explanation of observed relationships (e.g., the distribution of plants in the back yard).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct an explanation that includes qualitative or quantitative relationships between variables that predict(s) and/or describe(s) phenomena.</li> <li>• Construct an explanation using models or representations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a quantitative and/or qualitative claim regarding the relationship between dependent and independent variables.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use evidence (e.g., measurements, observations, patterns) to construct or support an explanation or design a solution to a problem.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct a scientific explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from sources (including the students' own experiments) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future.</li> <li>• Apply scientific ideas, principles, and/or evidence to construct, revise and/or use an explanation for real-world phenomena, examples, or events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future.</li> <li>• Apply scientific ideas, principles, and/or evidence to provide an explanation of phenomena and solve design problems, taking into account possible unanticipated effects.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the evidence that supports particular points in an explanation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply scientific reasoning to show why the data or evidence is adequate for the explanation or conclusion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply scientific reasoning, theory, and/or models to link evidence to the claims to assess the extent to which the reasoning and data support the explanation or conclusion.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use tools and/or materials to design and/or build a device that solves a specific problem or a solution to a specific problem.</li> <li>• Generate and/or compare multiple solutions to a problem.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply scientific ideas to solve design problems.</li> <li>• Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design solution.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply scientific ideas or principles to design, construct, and/or test a design of an object, tool, process or system.</li> <li>• Undertake a design project, engaging in the design cycle, to construct and/or implement a solution that meets specific design criteria and constraints.</li> <li>• Optimize performance of a design by prioritizing criteria, making tradeoffs, testing, revising, and re-testing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design, evaluate, and/or refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations.</li> </ul>

**Science &  
Engineering Practices**  
**Engaging in  
Argument from  
Evidence**

Argumentation is the process by which evidence-based conclusions and solutions are reached. In science and engineering, reasoning and argument based on evidence are essential to identifying the best explanation for a natural phenomenon or the best solution to a design problem. Scientists and engineers use argumentation to listen to, compare, and evaluate competing ideas and methods based on merits. Scientists and engineers engage in argumentation when investigating a phenomenon, testing a design solution, resolving questions about measurements, building data models, and using evidence to evaluate claims.

K–2 Condensed Practices	3–5 Condensed	6–8 Condensed	9–12 Condensed Practices
Engaging in argument from evidence in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to comparing ideas and representations about the natural and designed world(s).	Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s).	Engaging in argument from evidence in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to constructing a convincing argument that supports or refutes claims for either explanations or solutions about the natural and designed world(s).	Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify arguments that are supported by evidence.</li> <li>Distinguish between explanations that account for all gathered evidence and those that do not.</li> <li>Analyze why some evidence is relevant to a scientific question and some is not.</li> <li>Distinguish between opinions and evidence in one's own explanations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare and refine arguments based on an evaluation of the evidence presented.</li> <li>Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in an explanation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare and critique two arguments on the same topic and analyze whether they emphasize similar or different evidence and/or interpretations of facts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare and evaluate competing arguments or design solutions in light of currently accepted explanations, new evidence, limitations (e.g., trade-offs), constraints, and ethical issues.</li> <li>Evaluate the claims, evidence, and/or reasoning behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen actively to arguments to indicate agreement or disagreement based on evidence, and/or to retell the main points of the argument.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respectfully provide and receive critiques from peers about a proposed procedure, explanation or model by citing relevant evidence and posing specific questions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respectfully provide and receive critiques about one's explanations, procedures, models and questions by citing relevant evidence and posing and responding to questions that elicit pertinent elaboration and detail.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respectfully provide and/or receive critiques on scientific arguments by probing reasoning and evidence and challenging ideas and conclusions, responding thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, and determining what additional information is required to resolve contradictions.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct an argument with evidence to support a claim.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct and/or support an argument with evidence, data, and/or a model.</li> <li>Use data to evaluate claims about cause and effect.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct, use, and/or present an oral and written argument supported by empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to support or refute an explanation or a model for a phenomenon or a solution to a problem.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct, use, and/or present an oral and written argument or counter-arguments based on data and evidence.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make a claim about the effectiveness of an object, tool, or solution that is supported by relevant evidence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem by citing relevant evidence about how it meets the criteria and constraints of the problem.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make an oral or written argument that supports or refutes the advertised performance of a device, process, or system, based on empirical evidence concerning whether or not the technology meets relevant criteria and constraints.</li> <li>Evaluate competing design solutions based on jointly developed and agreed-upon design criteria.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make and defend a claim based on evidence about the natural world or the effectiveness of a design solution that reflects scientific knowledge, and student-generated evidence.</li> <li>Evaluate competing design solutions to a real-world problem based on scientific ideas and principles, empirical evidence, and/or logical arguments regarding relevant factors (e.g. economic, societal, environmental, ethical considerations).</li> </ul>

**Science & Engineering Practices**  
**Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information**

Scientists and engineers must be able to communicate clearly and persuasively the ideas and methods they generate. Critiquing and communicating ideas individually and in groups is a critical professional activity. Communicating information and ideas can be done in multiple ways: using tables, diagrams, graphs, models, and equations as well as orally, in writing, and through extended discussions. Scientists and engineers employ multiple sources to obtain information that is used to evaluate the merit and validity of claims, methods, and designs.



K–2 Condensed	3–5 Condensed	6–8 Condensed Practices	9–12 Condensed Practices
Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in K–2 builds on prior experiences and uses observations and texts to communicate new information.	Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to evaluating the merit and accuracy of ideas and methods.	Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to evaluating the merit and validity of ideas and methods.	Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to evaluating the validity and reliability of the claims, methods, and designs.
Read grade-appropriate texts and/or use media to obtain scientific and/or technical information to determine patterns in and/or evidence about the natural and designed world(s).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read and comprehend grade-appropriate complex texts and/or other reliable media to summarize and obtain scientific and technical ideas and describe how they are supported by evidence.</li> <li>Compare and/or combine across complex texts and/or other reliable media to support the engagement in other scientific and/or engineering practices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critically read scientific texts adapted for classroom use to determine the central ideas and/or obtain scientific and/or technical information to describe patterns in and/or evidence about the natural and designed world(s).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critically read scientific literature adapted for classroom use to determine the central ideas or conclusions and/or to obtain scientific and/or technical information to summarize complex evidence, concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.</li> </ul>
Describe how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) support a scientific or engineering idea.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combine information in written text with that contained in corresponding tables, diagrams, and/or charts to support the engagement in other scientific and/or engineering practices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate qualitative and/or quantitative scientific and/or technical information in written text with that contained in media and visual displays to clarify claims and findings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare, integrate and evaluate sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a scientific question or solve a problem.</li> </ul>
Obtain information using various texts, text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons), and other media that will be useful in answering a scientific question and/or supporting a scientific claim.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain and combine information from books and/or other reliable media to explain phenomena or solutions to a design problem.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather, read, synthesize information from multiple appropriate sources and assess the credibility, accuracy, and possible bias of each publication and methods used, and describe how they are supported or not supported by evidence.</li> <li>Evaluate data, hypotheses, and/or conclusions in scientific and technical texts in light of competing information or accounts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather, read, and evaluate scientific and/or technical information from multiple authoritative sources, assessing the evidence and usefulness of each source.</li> <li>Evaluate the validity and reliability of and/or synthesize multiple claims, methods, and/or designs that appear in scientific and technical texts or media reports, verifying the data when possible.</li> </ul>
Communicate information or design ideas and/or solutions with others in oral and/or written forms using models, drawings, writing, or numbers that provide detail about scientific ideas, practices, and/or design ideas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate scientific and/or technical information orally and/or in written formats, including various forms of media and may include tables, diagrams, and charts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate scientific and/or technical information (e.g. about a proposed object, tool, process, system) in writing and/or through oral presentations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate scientific and/or technical information or ideas (e.g. about phenomena and/or the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically).</li> </ul>

## APPENDIX VI

### **Materials Adopted During 2010 Review and Earlier**

#### **Elementary**

Elementary is currently under a materials review. This page will be updated when new materials are adopted.

#### **Middle School**

Grades 6-8      Interactive Science, 2011, Pearson  
                  Grade 6: Earth, Grade 7: Life, Grade 8: Physical  
Supplements      ScienceSaurus 6-8, 2005, Great Source  
                  Diversity of Life (FOSS), Delta Publications

#### **High School Course**

	<b><u>Text</u></b>
Integrated Earth, Space,	<u>Physical Science: Concepts in Action</u> , by Wysession, Frank, & & Physical Science (IESPS) Yancopoulos, 2009, Pearson Prentice Hall <u>BSCS: An Inquiry Approach 1.5</u> , 2009, Kendall Hunt <u>Earth Science</u> , by Tarbuck & Lutgens, 2006, Prentice Hall
Biology 1	<u>Biology</u> , by Miller & Levine, 2010, Pearson <u>BSCS Biology: A Human Approach</u> , 2006, Kendall Hunt
Advanced Problems In Science	<u>Students &amp; Research, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.</u> , by Cothron
AP Biology	<u>AP Biology, 8<sup>th</sup> Ed.</u> , by Campbell/Reece, 2008, Pearson
Biology 2	<u>Biology: An Inquiry Approach</u> , by Lawson, 2008, Kendall Hunt
Ecology	<u>Water: A Natural Resource</u> , by Outwater, 1997, Basic Books <u>Silent Spring</u> , by Carson, Mariner Books
Human Anatomy & Physiology	<u>Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology 9<sup>th</sup> Ed.</u> , by Marieb, 2009, Pearson
Wildlife Biology	<u>Wildlife &amp; Natural Resource Management, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.</u> , by Deal, 2011, Cengage
Geology	<u>The Earth: An Intro to Physical Geology 8<sup>th</sup> Ed.</u> , by Tarbuck & Lutgens, Prentice Hall
Chemistry 1	<u>Modern Chemistry</u> , by Davis, Frey, & Sarquis, 2009, Holt
Chemistry 2	<u>Chemistry, 8<sup>th</sup> Ed, High School AP Version</u> , by Zumdahl, 2010, Holt McDougal
Physics 1	<u>Physics</u> , by Serway & Faughn, 2009, Holt
Physics 2	<u>Foundations of Astronomy, 11<sup>th</sup> Ed.</u> , 2011, Cengage



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