

# Next Generation Science Standards



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(CCSSCC)**

## PREFACE

The CCSSCC sub-committee tasked with incorporating Catholic values into the Next Generation Science Standards is deeply indebted to the Dioceses of San Bernardino and Phoenix who have so generously allowed us to incorporate their work into this document.

From San Bernardino we have used the Philosophy, Goals, and Science Outcomes listed below. We have also incorporated the Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links found immediately after the Storylines in Grades K-5 and after the Middle School DCI Storylines as well as the Catholic Identity, Catholic/Christian Scientists, and Vocabulary found at the beginning of each Teaching Unit in Grades K-5 and Middle School. Finally, we have included the Assessment piece which can be found at the end of the CCSSCC version of the NGSS.

From Phoenix we have used their Philosophy Statement, their statement on Science Teachers as Moral Leaders, their Science Process Terminology listed below. We have also included their Catholic Identity elements into each Grade Level, Middle School, or High School Teaching Unit. Finally, we've added their alignment with the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools as well as their Glossary at the end of this document.

In acknowledgement of the work done by teachers and staff in both dioceses, we have copied the lists of both dioceses and placed them at the end of the NGSS. Without all the work done by these individuals, we would not have been able to complete this work in such a timely fashion.

This document is being published as a Word document. Dioceses and schools have the ability (right and responsibility) to add to this document and adapt it for local needs.

Before digging into the Teaching Units and the Standards themselves, take a few minutes to review the next four pages to understand the Catholic context within which the NGSS are framed. This context is critical for Catholic school teachers. Being able to discuss our faith, to highlight our values within a subject sets us apart from public and charter schools and is the reason we exist.

There is a companion document titled the CCSSCC NGSS Overview which represents an attempt to describe the organization of the Next Generation Science Standards. It can be a resource for teachers who, like the CCSSCC sub-committee, are trying to identify the underlying structure of the Standards, how they relate to the Disciplinary Core Ideas, and how they are expressed in Performance Expectations within Teaching Units. All these terms are explained in the Overview.

## Philosophy

The universe is a place subject to fundamental scientific principles. An understanding of these principles will better prepare an individual to cope with a world in which rapid technological developments are taking place. As knowledge rapidly expands, it is most important for students to learn to make rational and moral decisions based upon scientific principles and their Catholic values. The skills and knowledge afforded students to make these types of decisions should reflect an appropriate level of intellectual and emotional growth. This curriculum is designed to stimulate curiosity and to develop morally responsible, scientifically literate citizens. This curriculum stresses the process of science as a way of learning and further emphasizes that scientific knowledge is always subject to change based on additional knowledge.

### As Science Educators:

- We appreciate and respect the wonders of God's creation and seek to integrate scientific knowledge with the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- We acknowledge that science is an integral part of the whole curriculum in which the students utilize applicable skills from all disciplines.
- We foster scientific literacy in all students, which is essential in our increasingly complex world. This foundation encourages students to become actively involved with challenging global issues.
- We promote life-long learning for all students by inspiring a sense of discovery and curiosity.
- We embrace our responsibility to instill in students a moral Christian obligation to exercise good judgment, by becoming conscientious stewards of our world.
- We incorporate the use of technology and electronic resources as an integral component of student learning in science.

## GOALS

**We recognize that science is a core academic subject with an allotted share of instructional time and resources, and that there must be careful and deliberate articulation of the Diocesan Guidelines across grade levels. In order for students to succeed in meeting Diocesan and California State Science Standards, we provide the following goals:**

- Promote scientific inquiry and enthusiasm for science by motivating students to investigate the natural world in an atmosphere of curiosity, open-mindedness, integrity, and patience.
- Utilize Diocesan Guidelines as well as additional curriculum/resources to incorporate science across multiple disciplines.
- Introduce all students, starting in the primary grades, to scientific vocabulary and methods, in order to provide them with the essential knowledge necessary to
- Understand and apply scientific concepts.
- Challenge students to become active problem solvers, to differentiate fact from fiction, and to develop critical reading and thinking skills.

- Create a student-centered environment that encourages exploration and application of scientific processes. Methodologies may include hands-on experiences, cooperative learning, experimentation, inquiry-based activities, and appropriate use of technological resources.
- Evaluate student performance using a variety of assessments, including those with appropriate modifications and accommodations for differentiated learners.
- Empower students with the skills necessary to make educated and ethical decisions concerning their own lives and their local and global communities.

## ***Science Teachers as Moral Educators***

The introduction of ethics in science classes is not the only way to portray science as receptive to open-mindedness and critical questioning. But it is an effective way, and it places science squarely in the context in which it actually operates in society. In addition, the very methods of inquiry and standards of public reasoning that science advances can make a valuable contribution to the moral education of students, beginning whenever the study of science begins.

Although ethical questions cannot be answered by science alone it seems clear that a reasonable approach to an ethical question requires carefully attending to, and seeking out, all the relevant facts.\* We strive to seek God in all things, recognizing parents as the primary moral educators of the child.\*\*

*\*Michael S. Pritchard*

<http://www.onlineethics.org/CMS/edu/precol/childrenreason.aspx#teacher>

*\*\**(The Catechism of the Catholic Church #2221)**

## **Science Outcomes**

- Students will demonstrate an awareness of the universality of science.
- Students will solve problems.
- Students will exhibit behaviors that show respect for life.
- Students will discriminate between moral and immoral use of science in society and the world.
- Students will design and conduct experiments using the scientific method technique.
- Students will evaluate information for accuracy and logical consistency and applicability.
- Students will design and construct physical, theoretical and mathematical models of natural phenomena.
- Students will critically evaluate the applicability of a particular model to reality.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of fundamental concepts of life sciences and physical science.
- Students will recognize patterns and cycles in the natural world.
- Students will identify the roles of energy in biological, chemical and physical interaction.
- Students will construct and communicate a well-organized synthesis of facts and concepts to form and support a valid conclusion.
- Students will use scientific tools and technology properly and accurately.
- Students will describe the interdependence of organisms with each other and their environment.
- Students will demonstrate self-directed learning through questioning and independent research.

## THE SCIENCE PROCESS TERMINOLOGY

The processes of science are skills that develop knowledge, concepts, and application across the curriculum. The processes are often referred to as the “hands-on” laboratory approach to science and must be used throughout the program. Each of the terms has been adapted from American Association for the Advancement of Science and Science Curriculum Improvement Studies and implies active student participation.

**OBSERVING:** Using the senses to gather information about objects and events in the environment. This skill includes using scientific instruments to extend the range of the human senses and the ability to differentiate relevant from non-relevant.

**INQUIRING:** Emanates from a student generated question. The student desires to understand scientific ideas or to develop knowledge. The student develops authentic, real world investigations which foster a deeper understanding.

**CLASSIFYING:** A method for establishing order on collections of objects or events. Students use classification systems to identify objects or events, to show similarities, differences, and interrelationships. It is important to realize that all classification systems are subjective and may change as criteria change. The test for a good classification system is whether others can use it.

**MEASURING:** A procedure for using instruments to determine the length, area, volume, mass, or other physical properties of an unknown quantity. It requires the proper use of instruments and the ability to calculate the measured results.

**QUANTIFYING:** The skill includes: number sense, computation, estimation, spatial sense, and higher order mathematical operations.

**COMMUNICATING:** Transmitting the results of observations and experimental procedures to others through the use of such devices as: graphs, charts, tables, written descriptions, technology, oral presentations, expository writing, etc. Communication is fundamental to science, because it is in exchanging ideas and results of experiments that knowledge is validated by others.

**QUESTIONING:** The formulating of original questions based on observations and experiences with an event in such a way that one can experiment to seek the answers.

**RELATING:** In the sciences, information about relationships can be descriptive or experimental. relationships are based on logical arguments that encompass all data. Hypothetical reasoning, deductive reasoning, coordinate graphing, the managing of variables, and the comparison of effects of one variable upon another contribute to understanding the major concepts of science.

**INFERRING:** An inference is a tentative explanation that is based on partial observations. Available data is gathered and an evaluation made based on the observed data. These judgments are never absolute and reflect what appears to be the most probable explanation at the time and are subject to change as new data is accumulated.

**PREDICTING:** Using previously-observed information to determine probable outcomes about future events.

**FORMULATING HYPOTHESES:** Stating a probable outcome for an occurrence based on observations and inferences. The validity of the hypothesis is determined from testing and data analysis.

**IDENTIFYING AND CONTROLLING VARIABLES:** Determining what elements in a given investigation will vary or change and what will remain constant. Ideally scientists will attempt to identify all the variables before an investigation is conducted. By manipulating one variable at a time they can determine how that variable will affect the outcome.

**EXPERIMENTING:** Experimentation often begins with observations, which lead to questions that need answers. The steps for proceeding may include forming a hypothesis, identifying and controlling variables, designing the procedure for conducting tests, implementing tests, collecting and interpreting the data and reaching a conclusion.

**APPLYING:** The process of inventing, creating, problem solving, and determining probabilities are applications of using knowledge to discover further information.

**CONSTRUCTING MODELS:** Developing physical or mental representations to explain an idea, object or event. Models are usually developed on the basis of an acceptable hypothesis.

### **Topic Arrangements of the Next Generation Science Standards**

At the beginning of the NGSS development process, in order to eliminate potential redundancy, seek an appropriate grain size, and seek natural connections among the Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCIs) identified within the Framework for K-12 Science Education, the writers arranged the DCIs into topics around which to develop the standards. This structure provided the original basis of the standards, and is preferred by many states. However, **the coding structure of individual performance expectations reflects the DCI arrangement** in the Framework.

Due to the fact that the NGSS progress toward end-of-high school core ideas, the standards may be rearranged in any order within a grade level.

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## Elementary (K-5) Standards

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade begin to develop an understanding of the four disciplinary core ideas: physical sciences; life sciences; earth and space sciences; and engineering, technology, and applications of science. In the earlier grades, students begin by recognizing patterns and formulating answers to questions about the world around them. By the end of fifth grade, students are able to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in gathering, describing, and using information about the natural and designed world(s). The performance expectations in elementary school grade bands develop ideas and skills that will allow students to explain more complex phenomena in the four disciplines as they progress to middle school and high school. While the performance expectations shown in kindergarten through fifth grade couple particular practices with specific disciplinary core ideas, instructional decisions should include use of many practices that lead to the performance expectations.

### Religious Overtones In Primary Grades (K-3) Science

The wonder of the beauty of all God's creation is expanded upon through facilitated discovery and taught content. Investigation and simple experimentation play a large role in the discovery that only a Divine Being could create such beauty and keep it in a process of natural order. As students observe the unfolding of the cyclical rhythm of life, they can see God's continual work within the world today.

Students also discover that each creature that God has created possesses its own particular goodness and perfection.

Stewardship is a concept that is introduced in simple terms on the kindergarten level and is developed through the primary grades, encompassing everything from the local level to our global community. Through the wonder of creation comes the realization that we are all responsible for the well-being of God's world

“Since all that God created reflects, in its own way, a ray of God's infinite wisdom and goodness, man must therefore respect the particular goodness of every creature.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 2 #339, Part I*)

# Kindergarten

The performance expectations in kindergarten help students formulate answers to questions such as: “What happens if you push or pull an object harder? Where do animals live and why do they live there? What is the weather like today and how is it different from yesterday?” Kindergarten performance expectations include PS2, PS3, LS1, ESS2, ESS3, and ETS1 Disciplinary Core Ideas from the NRC Framework. Students are expected to develop understanding of patterns and variations in local weather and the purpose of weather forecasting to prepare for, and respond to, severe weather. 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 are also expected to develop understanding of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive and the relationship between their needs and where they live. The crosscutting concepts of patterns; cause and effect; systems and system models; interdependence of science, engineering, and technology; and influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the kindergarten performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in asking questions, developing and using models, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, designing solutions, engaging in argument from evidence, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Students are expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

## ***Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links***

- In recording observations of plant growth, students discuss how they take care of God’s creation. (Science, Math, Religion)
- While reading non-fiction selections related to nature (*The Giving Tree*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*) students understand their role as stewards of God’s creation. (Language Arts, Religion, Science)
- Create murals depicting plants, animals, and their environments. (Art)
- Take a nature hike or walk on school grounds to observe and gather objects to classify. Draw a picture about their observations. (P.E., Language Arts)
- Work together in small groups, share materials, help each other, discuss results. (Religion)
- Listen to a story about a famous scientist and find out what he/she noticed that led to a discovery. (Social Studies)

## K TEACHING UNIT ONE: Forces and Interactions: Pushes and Pulls (K-PS2)

**Catholic Identity** – God’s strength, Jeremiah 32:27; Daily strength from God, Isaiah 33:2; Strength from God, Nehemiah 6:9

- Connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things.
- Understand that God calls us to care for his creation, that we can do this by learning about facets of his creation.
- Use Catholic social teachings when working together in small groups: sharing materials, helping each other, and discussing what is learned.
- Share materials and work together in small groups, listen to the ideas of others. Show respectful interaction.
- Use simple tools to make tasks easier. Use God given intellect to approach the tasks.

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – G.G. Coriolis (Earth’s rotation); Galileo Galilei (Father of modern science); Roger Bacon (Scientific Method)

### Vocabulary

- **Direction Words:** east, left, north, right, south, west, distance, across, direction, farther, backward, circular, forward, straight, through, up, zigzag, down
- **Force:** attract, friction, horseshoe magnet, magnet, magnetism, movement, position, repel, away, force, iron, magnetic, metal, nonmagnetic, pull, ring magnet, bar magnet, gravity, location, magnetic field, motion, nonmetal, push
- **Position Words:** east, left, north, right, south, west, inside, near, outside, above, location words, around, back, between, close, far, front, high, middle, under, behind, below, in front, bottom, center, closer, low, next to, over, top
- **Simple Machines:** fixed point, inclined plane, level, rod, simple machine, wedge, fulcrum, machine, pulley, ramp, screw, wheel and axle, work

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
K-PS2-1.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>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.*</b> [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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Planning and Carrying Out	PS2.A: Forces and Motion	Cause and Effect

<p><b>Investigations</b></p> <p>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></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><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>	<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 speed up or slow down more quickly. (secondary to K-PS2-1)</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. (secondary to K- PS2-2)</li> </ul>	<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>
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Connections to other DCIs in kindergarten: <b>K.ETS1.A</b> (K-PS2-2); <b>K.ETS1.B</b> (K-PS2-2)
Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: <b>2.ETS1.B</b> (K-PS2-2); <b>3.PS2.A</b> (K-PS2-1),(K-PS2-2); <b>3.PS2.B</b> (K-PS2-1); <b>4.PS3.A</b> (K-PS2-1); <b>4.ETS1.A</b> (K-PS2-2)
Common Core State Standards Connections:
<p>ELA/Literacy –</p> <p><b>RI.K.1</b> With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (K-PS2-2)</p> <p><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-PS2-1)</p> <p><b>SL.K.3</b> Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood. (K-PS2-2)</p> <p>Mathematics –</p> <p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-PS2-1)</p> <p><b>K.MD.A.1</b> Describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length or weight. Describe several measurable attributes of a single object. (K-PS2-1)</p> <p><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”</p>

the attribute, and describe the difference. (K-PS2-1)

## **K TEACHING UNIT TWO: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems: Animals, Plants, and their Environment (K-LS1, K-ESS2, K-ESS3)**

**Catholic Identity** – Classification: Creation story, humans as stewards of the Earth; Plants, Genesis 1:29-31; Animals, Genesis 1:24-5; Human Body, Second Creation: Genesis 2; Catholic Social Teachings: Jesus values children: Matthew 18:1-6; Mark 9:42; The story of Noah: Genesis 6-8; Products of rain: Psalm 65:10-14 (etc.); Famous farmers: Genesis 4:2; 9:20, 1 Kings 19:19, 1 Chronicles 27:26-31; People’s responsibility to care for the environment: Genesis 1: 28-31, Genesis 2:13; God renews the world: Psalm 104:24-30, God’s earth remains: Psalm 119:90-91

- Connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things.
- Understand that God calls us to care for his creation; that we can do this by learning about facets of his creation.
- Use Catholic social teachings when working together in small groups: sharing materials, helping each other, and discussing what is learned.
- Share materials and work together in small groups, listen to the ideas of others. Be respectful. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Understand that all plants and animals are part of God’s creation.
- Identify practices of good stewardship and responsible conservation of resources (i.e., reduce, reuse, and recycle).
- Discuss reverence for all God’s creations.
- Identify how humans differ from other living things because of their heart, mind, and soul.

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – Louis Pasteur (bacteriology); Gregor Mendel (genetics through plant research); Ignaz Semmelweis (antiseptic procedures), Roger Bacon (Franciscan friar and early advocate of the scientific method); Theodoric of Freiberg (Gave the first geometrical analysis of the rainbow); Evangelista Torricelli (Inventor of the barometer); James Britten (Botanist, member of the Catholic Truth Society and Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great); Nicolas Steno (Bishop, and father of stratigraphy)

### **Vocabulary**

- **Animal Body Parts:** claw, fin, flipper, fur, gills, paw, scale, tail
- **Animal Types:** animal, zoology, amphibian, fish, mammal, reptile, bird, insect
- **Birds:** beak, bird, egg, feather, fly, hatch, wing, talon
- **Body Functions:** backbone, breathe, see, hear, jaw, lungs, feel, sense, skin
- **Ecosystems:** conservation, ecosystem, endangered, location, nutrients, shelter, sunlight, pond, habitat, desert, forest, grassland, lake, ocean, river
- **Metamorphosis:** wing, butterfly, caterpillar, chrysalis, pupa, larva, metamorphosis
- **Plants:** fruit, plant, seedling, soil, sprout, sunlight
- **The Food Chain:** carnivore, consumer, energy, herbivore, predator, prey, producer, food chain
- **The Life Cycle:** organism, growth, inherit, offspring, parent, life cycle, life form, trait
- **The Needs of Living Things:** basic needs, oxygen, nutrients, water, living, nonliving, energy
- **The Parts of a Plant:** flower, leaves, root, seed, stem, tree
- **Resources:** conservation, environment, pollution, recover, resource, farm, recycle, air pollution, reduce, reuse, water, water cycle, water pollution, nutrient
- **The Environment:** community, forest, ocean, pond, population, river, sand, land

- **Structures:** core, flood, land, lava, mineral, movement, ocean, rock, stream, weathering, crust, earth, erosion, landform, mantle, mining, nonmetal, oil, sand, valley, cycle, earthquake, fossil fuels, glacier, lake, landslide, metal, mountain, river, volcano
- **The Water Cycle:** water, cloud, melt, accumulation, condensation, evaporate, evaporation, water cycle
- **The Weather:** air, cloud, heat, precipitation, sunshine, storm, sun, weather patterns, flood, hail, hot, rain, temperature, thaw, tropical climate, weather, melt, snow, sleet, sunlight, wind
- **Energy Resources:** coal, fossil, gasoline, nonrenewable, plastic, resource, rubber, renewable, wind energy, fossil fuel, natural gas, energy, gas, recycle, reduce, reuse, rust, wood, battery
- **Light & Heat:** absorb, heat, reflect, solar energy, temperature, light, light waves, refract, electricity

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
K-LS1-1.	Use observations to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include that animals need to take in food but plants do not; the different kinds of food needed by different types of animals; the requirement of plants to have light; and that all living things need water.]
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.]
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-ESS3-3	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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <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>• Use a model to represent relationships in the natural world. (K-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to</p>	<p><b>LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in</b></p> <p><b>Organisms</b></p> <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> <p><b>ESS2.E: Biogeology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plants and animals can change their environment. (K-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS3.A: Natural Resources</b></p> <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</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 and used as evidence. (K-LS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events have causes that generate observable patterns. (K-ESS3-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systems in the natural and designed world have parts that work together. (K-ESS2-2),(K-ESS3-1)</li> </ul>



<p>collecting, recording, and sharing observations.</p> <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> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>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. (K-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <p>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>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> <p>-----</p> <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>Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (K-LS1-1)</li> </ul>	<p>need. Humans use natural resources for everything they do. (K-ESS3-1)</p> <p><b>ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems</b></p> <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. (secondary to K-ESS2-2),(K-ESS3-3)</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. (secondary to K-ESS3-3)</li> </ul>	
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Connections to other DCIs in kindergarten: <b>K.ETS1.A</b> (K-ESS3-3)
Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: <b>1.LS1.A</b> (K-LS1-1),(K-ESS3-1); <b>2.LS2.A</b> (K-LS1-1); <b>2.ETS1.B</b> (K-ESS3-3); <b>3.LS2.C</b> (K-LS1-1); <b>3.LS4.B</b> (K-LS1-1); <b>4.ESS2.E</b> (K-ESS2-2); <b>4.ESS3.A</b> (K-ESS3-3); <b>5.LS1.C</b> (K-LS1-1); <b>5.LS2.A</b> (K-LS1-1),(K-ESS3-1); <b>5.ESS2.A</b> (K-ESS2-2),(K-ESS3-1); <b>5.ESS3.C</b> (K-ESS3-3)
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 tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing about and state an opinion or preference about the topic or book. (K-ESS2-2)

<b>W.K.2</b>	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. (K-ESS2-2),(K-ESS3-3)
<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)
<b>SL.K.5</b>	Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail. (K-ESS3-1)
Mathematics –	
<b>MP.2</b>	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-ESS3-1)
<b>MP.4</b>	Model with mathematics. (K-ESS3-1)
<b>K.CC</b>	Counting and Cardinality (K-ESS3-1)
<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 TEACHING UNIT THREE: Weather and Climate (K-PS3, K-ESS2, K-ESS3)

**Catholic Identity** – The world forever stays, Ecclesiastes 1:5-7; God causes rain, Amos 9:6; Brighter than sunshine, Acts 26:13; Voice of the Lord, Psalm 29:3-9

- Connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things.
- Understand that God calls us to care for his creation, that we can do this by learning about facets of his creation.
- Use Catholic social teachings when working together in small groups: sharing materials, helping each other, and discussing what is learned.
- Share materials and work together in small groups, listen to the ideas of others. Show respectful interaction. Treat others as you want to be treated.
- Share Biblical stories related to weather and climate: Creation story or Noah. Consider what it would be like to spend 40 days in the desert.
- How do other life forms utilize the sun for sustenance?
- Relate various seasons to different cycles of the Church.
  - Why did God create the sun?
  - What do we use the sun for?
  - What other life forms, (i.e. plants and insects) need the sun?.

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – Theodoric of Freiberg (rainbows); Marin Mersenne (acoustics); Albertus Magnus (patron saint of natural sciences); Roger Bacon (Franciscan friar and early advocate of the scientific method); Theodoric of Freiberg (Gave the first geometrical analysis of the rainbow); Evangelista Torricelli (Inventor of the barometer); James Britten (Botanist, member of the Catholic Truth Society and Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great); Nicolas Steno (Bishop, and father of stratigraphy)

### Vocabulary

- **Ecosystems:** conservation, ecosystem, endangered, location, nutrients, shelter, sunlight, pond, habitat, desert, forest, grassland, lake, ocean, river
- **The Weather:** rain, water, water cycle, sunlight, climate, cloud, cold, wind
- **The Changes in Matter:** alter, boil, evaporate, condense, freeze, melt, separate, combine, change, condensation, evaporation, phase, physical change, vibrate, dissolve, matter
- **The Properties of Matter:** appearance, atom, color, dull, light, made up of, physical property, shiny, smooth, weight, takes up space, solid, shine, mixture, mass, liquid, hot, definite, cold, characteristics, composition, luster, matter, mix, property, rough, sink, size, texture, volume
- **Resources:** conservation, environment, pollution, recover, resource, farm, recycle, air pollution, reduce, reuse, water, water cycle, water pollution, nutrient
- **The Environment:** community, forest, ocean, pond, population, river, sand, land
- **Structures:** core, flood, land, lava, mineral, movement, ocean, rock, stream, weathering, crust, earth, erosion, landform, mantle, mining, nonmetal, oil, sand, valley, cycle, earthquake, fossil fuels, glacier, lake, landslide, metal, mountain, river, volcano
- **The Water Cycle:** water, cloud, melt, accumulation, condensation, evaporate, evaporation, water cycle
- **The Environment:** community, forest, ocean, pond, population, river, sand, land
- **Plants:** fruit, plant, seedling, soil, sprout, sunlight

- **Energy Resources:** coal, fossil, gasoline, nonrenewable, plastic, resource, rubber, renewable, wind energy, fossil fuel, natural gas, energy, gas, recycle, reduce, reuse, rust, wood, battery
- **Light & Heat:** absorb, heat, reflect, solar energy, temperature, light, light waves, refract, electricity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:	
K-PS3-1.	<b>Make observations to determine the effect of sunlight on Earth’s surface.</b> [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.	<b>Use tools and materials to design and build a structure that will reduce the warming effect of sunlight on an area.*</b> [Clarification Statement: Examples of structures could include umbrellas, canopies, and tents that minimize the warming effect of the sun.]
K-ESS2-1	<b>Use and share observations of local weather conditions to describe patterns over time.</b> [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-ESS3-2	<b>Ask questions to obtain information about the purpose of weather forecasting to prepare for, and respond to, severe weather.*</b> [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on local forms of severe weather.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>Asking questions and defining problems in grades K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions that can be tested.</p> <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> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b></p> <p>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>• Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons. (K-PS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior</p>	<p><b>PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunlight warms Earth’s surface. (K-PS3-1),(K-PS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS2.D: Weather and Climate</b></p> <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> <p><b>ESS3.B: Natural Hazards</b></p> <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> <p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting an Engineering Problem</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems. (secondary to K-</li> </ul>	<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. (K-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events have causes that generate observable patterns. (K-PS3-1),(K-PS3-2),(K-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <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>• People encounter questions about the natural world every day. (K-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b></p>

<p>experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.</p> <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> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>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 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> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <p>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/or use media to obtain scientific information to describe patterns in the natural world. (K-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <p>-----</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>• Scientists use different ways to study the world. (K-PS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Science Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (K-ESS2-1)</li> </ul>	<p>ESS3-2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People depend on various technologies in their lives; human life would be very different without technology. (K-ESS3-2)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in Kindergarten: **K.ETS1.A** (K-PS3-2),(K-ESS3-2); **K.ETS1.B** (K-PS3-2)

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: **1.PS4.B** (K-PS3-1),(K-PS3-2); **2.ESS1.C** (K-ESS3-2); **2.ESS2.A** (K-ESS2-1); **2.ETS1.B** (K-PS3-2); **3.ESS2.D** (K-PS3-1),(K-ESS2-1); **3.ESS3.B**

(K-ESS3-2); **4.ESS2.A** (K-ESS2-1); **4.ESS3.B** (K-ESS3-2); **4.ETS1.A** (K-PS3-2)

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-ESS3-2)
- 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-PS3-1),(K-PS3-2),(K-ESS2-1)
- SL.K.3** Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood. (K-ESS3-2)

Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-ESS2-1)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (K-ESS2-1),(K-ESS3-2)
- K.CC** Counting and Cardinality (K-ESS3-2)
- K.CC.A** Know number names and the count sequence. (K-ESS2-1)
- K.MD.A.1** Describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length or weight. Describe several measurable attributes of a single object. (K-ESS2-1)
- 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-PS3-1),(K- PS3-2)
- K.MD.B.3** Classify objects into given categories; count the number of objects in each category and sort the categories by count. (K-ESS2-1)
- K.MD.A.1** Describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length or weight. Describe several measurable attributes of a single object. (K-ESS2-1)
- 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-PS3-1),(K- PS3-2)
- K.MD.B.3** Classify objects into given categories; count the number of objects in each category and sort the categories by count. (K-ESS2-1)

## K TEACHING UNIT FOUR: Engineering Design (K-2-ETS1)

**Catholic Identity** – Noah’s ark, Genesis 6:14-21; Noah tests the water, Genesis 8:6-12; Moses was given precise directions to build a boat to withstand the flood, Genesis 6:14-16; Just as God directed Biblical writers to record his words for all to read, scientists record data so it can be shared.

- Connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things.
- Use Catholic social teachings when working together in small groups: sharing materials, helping each other, and discussing what is learned.
- Share materials and work together in small groups, listen to the ideas of others. Be respectful. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Use simple tools to make tasks easier. Use God given intellect to approach the tasks.
- Consider Biblical stories that highlight building, moving structures, etc., such as the building of the pyramids. (Consider: Can a mountain be moved? A building? A brick? Demonstrate.)
- Compare engineering design and God’s intellectual design of life forms.
- Compare designs of cathedral structures and their components. Use blocks to show complexity of design elements.

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – Johannes Gutenberg (Inventor of the printing press); André-Marie Ampère (One of the main discoverers of electromagnetism); Antoine César Becquerel (Pioneer in the study of electric and luminescent phenomena); Guglielmo Marconi (Father of long-distance radio transmission); Francesco Lana de Terzi (Jesuit priest who has been called the father of aeronautics); Alessandro Volta (Physicist known for the invention of the battery)

### Vocabulary

- **Direction Words:** east, left, north, right, south, west, distance, across, direction, farther, backward, circular, forward, straight, through, up, zigzag, down
- **Force:** attract, friction, horseshoe magnet, magnet, magnetism, movement, position, repel, away, force, iron, magnetic, metal, nonmagnetic, pull, ring magnet, bar magnet, gravity, location, magnetic field, motion, nonmetal, push
- **Position Words:** east, left, north, right, south, west, inside, near, outside, above, location words, around, back, between, close, far, front, high, middle, under, behind, below, in front, bottom, center, closer, low, next to, over, top
- **Simple Machines:** fixed point, inclined plane, level, rod, simple machine, wedge, fulcrum, machine, pulley, ramp, screw, wheel and axle, work
- **Actions:** classify, combine, decrease, increase, alter, respond, freeze, melt, boil prevent, contract, expand, separate, mix, thaw, change, produce, grow, explore, create, sort, add, subtract, attempt, definite, imprint, magnify, map, share
- **Appearance:** rough, appearance, color, combination, luster, shape size, smooth, texture, circle, circular, dull, rectangle, characteristics, shiny, surface, soft, straight, triangle
- **Behavior:** made up of, characteristics, composition, gas, liquid, solid, temperature, heat, rust, cold, float, hot, magnetic, sink, slide, stronger, warm, weaker, observe
- **Direction:** east, left, north, right, south, west, backward, direction, down, up, zigzag, across, back, angle, far, farther, forward, in front, through
- **Position:** high, position, around, behind, outside, between, center, over, under, east, inside, left, location, north, below, above, right, south, west, away, bottom, close, closer, front, low, middle, near, next to, top

- **Properties:** gas, liquid, solid, takes up space, mass, phase, property, science, material, matter, mixture, object, substance, volume
- **The Scientific Method:** graph, record data, relationship, sequence, tally chart, compare, observe, test, measure, scientific method, bar graph, analyze, control, data, experiment, hypothesize, observation, variable, make conclusions, describe, investigate, science, teamwork, communicate, identify, imagine, pattern, predict, problem, trials

Students who demonstrate understanding can:	
K.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.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.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.

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>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. (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></p> <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>• 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></p> <p>Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing</p>	<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>



observations.  • Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. (K-2-ETS1-3)		
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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 to Problems include: **Kindergarten:** K-ESS3-3,

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

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),(K-2-ETS1-3); **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. (K-2-ETS1-1)

**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)

# First Grade

The performance expectations in first grade help students formulate answers to questions such as: “What happens when materials vibrate? What happens when there is no light? What are some ways plants and animals meet their needs so that they can survive and grow? How are parents and their children similar and different? What objects are in the sky and how do they seem to move?” First grade performance expectations include PS4, LS1, LS3, and ESS1 Disciplinary Core Ideas from the NRC Framework. Students are expected to develop understanding of the relationship between sound and vibrating materials as well as 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 are also expected to develop 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. The understanding is developed that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly the same as, their parents. Students are able to observe, describe, and predict some patterns of the movement of objects in the sky. The crosscutting concepts of patterns; cause and effect; structure and function; and influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the first grade performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, constructing explanations and designing solutions, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Students are expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

## ***Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links***

- In recording observations of plant growth, students discuss how they take care of God’s creation. (Science, Math, Religion)
- While reading non-fiction selections related to nature (*The Giving Tree*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*) students understand their role as stewards of God’s creation. (Language Arts, Religion, Science)
- Create murals depicting plants, animals, and their environments. (Art)
- Take a nature hike or walk on school grounds to observe and gather objects to classify. Write about their observations. (P.E., Language Arts)
- Work together in small groups, share materials, help each other, discuss results. (Religion)
- Listen to a story about a famous scientist and find out what he/she noticed that led to a discovery. (Social Studies)

# 1<sup>st</sup> TEACHING UNIT ONE: Waves: Light and Sound (1-PS4)

## Catholic Identity –

- *Connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things*

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – Antoine César Becquerel (Pioneer in the study of electric and luminescent phenomena); Vincenzo Viviani (Mathematician known for Viviani's theorem, Viviani's curve and his work in determining the speed of sound); Albertus Magnus (Patron saint of natural sciences); Galileo Galilei (Father of modern science); Hippolyte Fizeau (The first person to determine experimentally the velocity of light)

## Vocabulary

- **Sound:** Sound, loud, volume, vibrate, pitch, soft, hear, absorb, speed, sound wave, longest, shortest, wave, frequency
- **Light:** Transparent, translucent, opaque, reflect, refract, light, light ray

Students who demonstrate understanding can:	
1.PS4.1.	<b>Plan and conduct investigations to provide evidence that vibrating materials can make sound and that sound can make materials vibrate.</b> [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.	<b>Make observations to construct an evidence-based account that objects in darkness can be seen only when illuminated.</b> [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.	<b>Plan and conduct investigations to determine the effect of placing objects made with different materials in the path of a beam of light.</b> [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.	<b>Use tools and materials to design and build a device that uses light or sound to solve the problem of communicating over a distance.*</b> [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.]

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	<b>PS4.A: Wave Properties</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sound can make matter vibrate, and vibrating matter can make sound. (1-PS4-1)</li> </ul> <b>PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Objects can be seen if light is available to illuminate them or if they</li> </ul>	<b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes. (1-PS4-1),(1-PS4-2),(1-PS4-3)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p>

<p>design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and conduct investigations collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question. (1-PS4-1),(1-PS4-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence</p> <p>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 (1-PS4-2)</li> <li>Use tools and materials provided to design a device that solves a specific problem. (1-PS4-4)</li> </ul> <p>-----</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>Science investigations begin with a question. (1-PS4-1)</li> <li>Scientists use different ways to study the world. (1-PS4-1)</li> </ul>	<p>give off their own light. (1-PS4-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some materials allow light to pass through them, others allow only some light through and others block all the light and create a dark shadow on any surface beyond them, where the light cannot reach. Mirrors can be used to redirect a light beam. (Boundary: The idea that light travels from place to place is developed through experiences with light sources, mirrors, and shadows, but no attempt is made to discuss the speed of light.) (1-PS4-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS4.C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People also use a variety of devices to communicate (send and receive information) over long distances. (1-PS4-4)</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>People depend on various technologies in their lives; human life would be very different without technology. (1-PS4-4)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: **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)

Common Core State Standards Connections: ELA/Literacy –

- W.1.2** 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)
- 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-PS4-1),(1-PS4-2),(1-PS4-3),(1-PS4-4)
- W.1.8** 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)
- SL.1.1** 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)

Mathematics –

**MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (1-PS4-4)

**1.MD.A.1** Order three objects by length; compare the lengths of two objects indirectly by using a third object. (1-PS4-4)

**1.MD.A.2** 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)

# 1<sup>st</sup> TEACHING UNIT TWO: Structure, Function, and Information Processing (1-LS1, 1-LS3)

**Catholic Identity** – Understand that God calls us to care for His creations.

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – Albertus Magnus (Patron saint of natural sciences); Bartolomeo Eustachi (One of the founders of human anatomy); Stephan Endlicher (Botanist who formulated a major system of plant classification); Paula González (Roman Catholic sister and professor of biology); Antoine Laurent de Jussieu (The first to propose a natural classification of flowering plants); Jean-Baptiste Lamarck (French naturalist, biologist and academic whose theories on evolution preceded those of Darwin); Andreas Vesalius (Father of modern human anatomy); Theodor Schwann (Founder of the theory of the cellular structure of animal organisms); Gregor Mendel (Father of genetics); Jérôme Lejeune (Pediatrician and geneticist, best known for his discovery of the link of diseases to chromosome abnormalities).

## Vocabulary

- **Structures and Processes:** Predator, ecosystem, prey, consumer, interact, relationship, food chain, offspring, food web, organism, food web, herbivore, omnivore, nutrients, producer, carnivore, community, life cycle, hatch, metamorphosis, embryo, adult, grow, parent, eggs, seed, stem, root, plant, flower, sprout, shrub, leaf, adapt, trait, organism, genetic, inherit, reproduce, animal, bird, amphibian, mammal, reptile, insect, fish
- **Heredity:** adapt, trait, organism, genetic, inherit, reproduce, animal, bird, amphibian, mammal, reptile, insect, fish, embryo, adult, grow, parent, eggs

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
.LS1.1.	<b>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.*</b> [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.	<b>Read texts and use media to determine patterns in behavior of parents and offspring that help offspring survive.</b> [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).]
1.LS3.1.	<b>Make observations to construct an evidence-based account that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly like, their parents.</b> [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

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	<b>LS1.A: Structure and Function</b> <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</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. (1-LS1-2),(1-LS3-</li> </ul>

<p>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. (1-LS3-1)</li> <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></p> <p>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in K–</p> <p>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>-----</p> <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>• Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (1-LS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p>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)</p> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Young animals are very much, but not exactly, like their parents.</li> <li>• Plants also are very much, but not exactly, like their parents. (1-LS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS3.B: Variation of Traits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals of the same kind of plant or animal are recognizable as similar but can also vary in many ways. (1-LS3-1)</li> </ul>	<p>1)</p> <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> <p>-----</p> <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>• Every human-made product is designed by applying some knowledge of the natural world and is built by built using materials derived from the natural world. (1-LS1-1)-4)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A	
Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: <b>K.ETS1.A</b> (1-LS1-1); <b>3.LS2.D</b> (1-LS1-2) <b>3.LS3.A</b> (1-LS3-1); <b>3.LS3.B</b> (1-LS3-1); <b>4.LS1.A</b> (1-LS1-1); <b>4.LS1.D</b> (1-LS1-1); <b>4.ETS1.A</b> (1-LS1-1)	
Common Core State Standards Connections:	
ELA/Literacy –	
<b>RI.1.1</b>	Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (1-LS1-2),(1-LS3-1)
<b>RI.1.2</b>	Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text. (1-LS1-2)
<b>RI.1.10</b>	With prompting and support, read informational texts appropriately complex for grade. (1-LS1-2)
<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-LS1-1),(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)

Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (1-LS3-1)
- MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (1-LS3-1)
- 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 uses. 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.MD.A.1** Order three objects by length; compare the lengths of two objects indirectly by using a third object. (1-LS3-1)



# 1<sup>st</sup> TEACHING UNIT THREE: Space Systems: Patterns and Cycles (1-ESS1)

**Catholic Identity** – Connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things.

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – Martin Stanislaus Brennan (Priest, astronomer and writer ); Giovanni Domenico Cassini (First to observe four of Saturn's moons and the co-discoverer of the Great Red Spot on Jupiter); Christopher Clavius (Jesuit who was the main architect of the Gregorian calendar); Nicolas Louis de Lacaille (French astronomer noted for cataloguing stars, nebulous objects, and constellations ); Pierre-Simon Laplace (Famed mathematician and astronomer who has been called the "Newton of France"); Jérôme Lejeune (Pediatrician and geneticist, best known for his discovery of the link of diseases to chromosome abnormalities); Paolo dal Pozzo Toscanelli (Italian mathematician, astronomer and cosmographer); Eduard Heis (Astronomer who contributed the first true delineation of the Milky Way).

## Vocabulary

- **Solar System:** Solar system, star, Milky Way Galaxy, mass, space, universe, planets, Earth, seasons, moon, gravity, orbit, lunar, solar, surface, shiny, shimmer, calendar, phase, waxing, waning, new moon, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter moon, full moon, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter moon, revolve, motion

	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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b></p> <p>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>• Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons. (1-ESS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS1.A: The Universe and its Stars</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patterns of the motion of the sun, moon, and stars in the sky can be observed, described, and predicted. (1-ESS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seasonal patterns of sunrise and sunset can be observed, described, and predicted. (1-ESS1-2)</li> </ul>	<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-ESS1-1),(1-ESS1-2)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and</b></p>

<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>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>• Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. (1- ESS1-1)</li> </ul>		<p><b>Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science assumes natural events happen today as they happened in the past. (1-ESS1-1)</li> <li>• Many events are repeated. (1-ESS1-1)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A
Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: <b>3.PS2.A</b> (1-ESS1-1); <b>5.PS2.B</b> (1-ESS1-1),(1-ESS1-2) <b>5-ESS1.B</b> (1-ESS1-1),(1-ESS1-2)
<p>Common Core State Standards Connections:</p> <p>ELA/Literacy –</p> <p><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- ESS1-1),(1-ESS1-2)</p> <p><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-ESS1-1),(1-ESS1-2)</p> <p>Mathematics –</p> <p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (1-ESS1-2)</p> <p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (1-ESS1-2)</p> <p><b>MP.5</b> Use appropriate tools strategically. (1-ESS1-2)</p> <p><b>1.OA.A.1</b> 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)</p> <p><b>1.MD.C.4</b> 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)</p>

## 1<sup>st</sup> TEACHING UNIT FOUR: Engineering Design (K-2-ETS1)

**Catholic Identity** – Noah’s ark, Genesis 6:14-21; Noah tests the water, Genesis 8:6-12; Moses was given precise directions to build a boat to withstand the flood, Genesis 6:14-16; Just as God directed Biblical writers to record his words for all to read, scientists record data so it can be shared.

- Connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things.
- Use Catholic social teachings when working together in small groups: sharing materials, helping each other, and discussing what is learned.
- Share materials and work together in small groups, listen to the ideas of others. Be respectful. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Use simple tools to make tasks easier. Use God given intellect to approach the tasks.
- Consider Biblical stories that highlight building, moving structures, etc., such as the building of the pyramids. (Consider: Can a mountain be moved? A building? A brick? Demonstrate.)
- Compare engineering design and God’s intellectual design of life forms.
- Compare designs of cathedral structures and their components. Use blocks to show complexity of design elements.

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – Johannes Gutenberg (Inventor of the printing press); André-Marie Ampère (One of the main discoverers of electromagnetism); Antoine César Becquerel (Pioneer in the study of electric and luminescent phenomena); Guglielmo Marconi (Father of long-distance radio transmission); Francesco Lana de Terzi (Jesuit priest who has been called the father of aeronautics); Alessandro Volta (Physicist known for the invention of the battery)

### **Vocabulary**

- **Direction Words:** east, left, north, right, south, west, distance, across, direction, farther, backward, circular, forward, straight, through, up, zigzag, down
- **Force:** attract, friction, horseshoe magnet, magnet, magnetism, movement, position, repel, away, force, iron, magnetic, metal, nonmagnetic, pull, ring magnet, bar magnet, gravity, location, magnetic field, motion, nonmetal, push
- **Position Words:** east, left, north, right, south, west, inside, near, outside, above, location words, around, back, between, close, far, front, high, middle, under, behind, below, in front, bottom, center, closer, low, next to, over, top
- **Simple Machines:** fixed point, inclined plane, level, rod, simple machine, wedge, fulcrum, machine, pulley, ramp, screw, wheel and axle, work
- **Actions:** classify, combine, decrease, increase, alter, respond, freeze, melt, boil prevent, contract, expand, separate, mix, thaw, change, produce, grow, explore, create, sort, add, subtract, attempt, definite, imprint, magnify, map, share
- **Appearance:** rough, appearance, color, combination, luster, shape size, smooth, texture, circle, circular, dull, rectangle, characteristics, shiny, surface, soft, straight, triangle
- **Behavior:** made up of, characteristics, composition, gas, liquid, solid, temperature, heat, rust, cold, float, hot, magnetic, sink, slide, stronger, warm, weaker, observe
- **Direction:** east, left, north, right, south, west, backward, direction, down, up, zigzag, across, back, angle, far, farther, forward, in front, through
- **Position:** high, position, around, behind, outside, between, center, over, under, east, inside, left, location, north, below, above, right, south, west, away, bottom, close, closer, front, low, middle, near, next to, top

- **Properties:** gas, liquid, solid, takes up space, mass, phase, property, science, material, matter, mixture, object, substance, volume
- **The Scientific Method:** graph, record data, relationship, sequence, tally chart, compare, observe, test, measure, scientific method, bar graph, analyze, control, data, experiment, hypothesize, observation, variable, make conclusions, describe, investigate, science, teamwork, communicate, identify, imagine, pattern, predict, problem, trials

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
1-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.
1-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.
1-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.

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>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. (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></p> <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>• 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></p> <p>Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior</p>	<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>

<p>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>		
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<p>Connections to K-2-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include: N/A</p> <p>Connections to K-2-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions to Problems include: <b>First Grade:</b> 1-PS4-4</p> <p>Connections to K-2-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include: N/A</p>
<p>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: <b>3-5.ETS1.A</b> (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-2),(K-2-ETS1-3); <b>3-5.ETS1.B</b> (K-2-ETS1-2),(K-2-ETS1-3); <b>3-5.ETS1.C</b> (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-2),(K-2-ETS1-3)</p>
<p>Common Core State Standards Connections:</p> <p>ELA/Literacy –</p> <p><b>RI.2.1</b> Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (K-2-ETS1-1)</p> <p><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. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)</p> <p><b>W.2.8</b> Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)</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. (K-2-ETS1-2)</p> <p>Mathematics –</p> <p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)</p> <p><b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)</p> <p><b>MP.5</b> Use appropriate tools strategically. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)</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 using information presented in a bar graph. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)</p>

## Second Grade

The performance expectations in second grade help students formulate answers to questions such as: “How does land change and what are some things that cause it to change? What are the different kinds of land and bodies of water? How are materials similar and different from one another, and how do the properties of the materials relate to their use? What do plants need to grow? How many types of living things live in a place?” Second grade performance expectations include PS1, LS2, LS4, ESS1, ESS2, and ETS1 Disciplinary Core Ideas from the NRC Framework. Students are expected to develop an understanding of what plants need to grow and how plants depend on animals for seed dispersal and pollination. Students are also expected to compare the diversity of life in different habitats. An understanding of observable properties of materials is developed by students at this level through analysis and classification of different materials. Students are able to apply their understanding of the idea that wind and water can change the shape of the land to compare design solutions to slow or prevent such change. 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. The crosscutting concepts of patterns; cause and effect; energy and matter; structure and function; stability and change; and influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the second grade performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate grade- appropriate proficiency in developing and using models, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, constructing explanations and designing solutions, engaging in argument from evidence, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Students are expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

### ***Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links***

- Students write life stories from the point of view of a frog going through its life cycle. (Science, Language Arts)
- Students write poems and prayers about the miracle of growth and life. (Science, Religion, Language Arts)
- Connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things.
- Use Catholic social teachings when working together in small groups: sharing materials, helping each other, and discussing what is learned.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> TEACHING UNIT ONE: Structure and Properties of Matter (2-PS1)

**Catholic Identity** – Understand that God calls us to care for His creation and their responsibility to take care of their own physical and spiritual well-being, Genesis 1-2; The world forever stays, Ecclesiastes 1:5-7.

**Catholic Scientists** – Blaise Pascal (French mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer and philosopher); Charles-Augustin de Coulomb (Forces of attraction and repulsion)

### Vocabulary

- **The Changes in Matter:** boil, chemical change, condense, cool, evaporate, irreversible change, mix, phase changes, physical change, water vapor, phase, freeze, heat, melt, mixture, reversible change, irreversible change, rust, contract, condensation, change of state
- **The Properties of Matter:** matter, nonmetal, phase, rubber, size, solution, substance, volume, wood, trait, atoms, chemical properties, light, mass, metal, molecules, physical property, solar energy, states of matter, texture, steam, solid, similarities, plastic, phases of matter, nonmagnetic, material, liquid, float, characteristics

	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.]

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>• Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to</li> </ul>	<b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b> <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-</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patterns in the natural and human designed world can be observed. (2-PS1-1)</li> </ul> <b>Cause and Effect</b> <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>serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question. (2-PS1-1)</p> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>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</p> <p>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></p> <p>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> <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>Scientists search for cause and effect relationships to explain natural events. (2-PS1-4)</li> </ul>	<p>3)</p> <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>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><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>Every human-made product is designed by applying some knowledge of the natural world and is built using materials derived from the natural world</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in second grade: N/A

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: **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 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)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> TEACHING UNIT TWO: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems (2-LS2, 2-LS4)

**Catholic Identity** – God’s strength: Jeremiah 32:27. Daily strength from God, Isaiah 33:2. Strength from God: Nehemiah 6:9

- Understand that God calls us to care for His creation and their responsibility to take care of their own physical and spiritual well-being: Genesis 1-2.
- Catholic Social Teaching: Jesus values children: Matthew 18:1-6, Mark 9:42

**Catholic Scientists** – Louis Pasteur (bacteriology); Gregor Mendel (genetics through plant research); Ignaz Semmelweis (antiseptic procedures); Stephan Endlicher (botanist who formulated a major system of plant classification); Bartolomeo Eustachi (early work with human anatomy)

### **Vocabulary**

- **Animal Body Parts:** scales, beak, tail, paw, wing, claw, feather, fin, flipper, gills
- **Animals:** amphibian, animal, bird, fish, insect, mammal, population, reptile
- **Ecosystems:** community, conservation, cycle, endangered, habitat, nonliving, relationship, savannah, tundra, Arctic, biosphere, desert, environment, forest, fresh water, grassland, lake, rain forest, salt water, ecosystem, aquarium, everglades, mangrove, ocean, pond, river, shelter, terrarium, marsh
- **Electricity:** circuit, coal, electricity, fossil fuel, heat energy, light, nonrenewable, power, renewable, electric current
- **Energy:** Calories: calories, energy, heat gain, model energy system, nutrients, nutrition, resource, digestion, power, heat loss
- **Force:** attract, bar magnet, friction, horseshoe magnet, magnet, iron, motion, nonmetal, position, push, ring magnet, metal, repel, magnetic field, force, magnetism, pull, poles, away, nonmagnetic, gravity
- **Heredity:** offspring, parent, heredity, inherit, survival, reproduction, characteristics, differences, trait, adap
- **Human Body:** backbone, breathe, digestion, ears, eyes, lungs, mouth, nose, skeleton, teeth
- **Life Cycle:** life cycle, grow, adult, life form, hatch, egg, embryo, metamorphosis
- **Living Things:** organism, appearance, basic needs, classify, community, extinct, cells, need, habitat
- **Natural Selection:** adapt, adapt, characteristics, compete, differences, survival, want, population, variation, natural selection
- **Plants:** flower, leaf, root, stem, blade, photosynthesis, root, absorb
- **Resources:** air pollution, energy, fossil fuel, gasoline, need, recycle, renewable resource, nonrenewable resource, smog, natural resource, water, farm, garbage, heat energy, natural gas, oil, plastic, pollution
- **The Food Chain:** community, plants, species, carnivore, consumer, herbivore, omnivore, predator, prey, producer, consumer, organism, food chain, nutrients, predator, prey, producer, food, compete, water, carnivore, food web, herbivore, omnivore
- **The Weather:** accumulation, climate, evaporation, freeze, hail, melt, precipitation, rain, snow
- **Spatial Relationships:** heavy, center, loud, down, far, zigzag, above, back, below, power, direction, between, across, balance, in front, spring, behind, middle, greater, position, around, east, bottom, distance, equal, front, less, next to, weight, location
- **Simple Machines:** fixed point, fulcrum, inclined plane, pulley, ramp, screw, simple machine, wedge, wheel and axle, work

Students who demonstrate understanding can:	
2.LS2.1.	Plan and conduct an investigation to determine if plants need sunlight and water to grow. <i>[Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to testing one variable at a time.]</i>
2.LS2.2.	Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or Pollinating plants.*
2.LS4.1.	Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats. <i>[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the diversity of living things in each of a variety of different habitats.]</i> <i>[Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific animal and plant names in specific habitats.]</i>

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <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>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></p> <p>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> <li>Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data which can be used to make comparisons. (2-LS4-1)</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>Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (2-LS4-1)</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>LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans</b></p> <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> <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. (secondary to 2-LS2-2)</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>

Connections to other DCIs in second grade: N/A

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: **K.LS1.C** (2-LS2-1); **K-ESS3.A** (2-LS2-1); **K.ETS1.A** (2-LS2-2); **3.LS4.C** (2-LS4-1); **3.LS4.D** (2-LS4-1); **5.LS1.C** (2-LS2-1); **5.LS2.A** (2-LS2-2),(2-LS4-1)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

- 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-LS2-1),(2-LS4-1)
- W.2.8** Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-LS2-1),(2-LS4-1)
- 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. (2-LS2-2)

Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-LS2-1),(2-LS4-1)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (2-LS2-1),(2-LS2-2),(2-LS4-1)
- MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-LS2-1)
- 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. (2-LS2-2),(2-LS4-1)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> TEACHING UNIT THREE: Earth's Systems: Processes that Shape the Earth (2-ESS1, 2-ESS2)

**Catholic Identity** – The story of Noah: Genesis 6-8. Products of rain: Psalm 65:10-14 (etc.); Famous farmers: Genesis 4:2; 9:20, 1Kings 19:19, 1 Chronicles 27:26-31; People's responsibility to care for the environment: Genesis 1: 28-31, Genesis 2:13; God renews the world: Psalm 104:24-30; God's earth remains: Psalm 119:90-91

**Catholic Scientists** – Georgius Agricola (Father of mineralogy); Gaspard-Gustave Coriolis (Formulated laws regarding rotating systems, which later became known as the Coriolis effect); Léon Foucault (Invented the Foucault pendulum to measure the effect of the earth's rotation); Jean Baptiste Julien d'Omalius d'Halloy (One of the pioneers of modern geology); René Just Haüy (priest and father of crystallography); Abraham Ortelius (created the first modern atlas and theorized on continental drift); Nicolas Steno (Bishop, and father of stratigraphy); Wilhelm Heinrich Waagen (Geologist and paleontologist); Johann Joachim Winckelmann (One of the founders of scientific archaeology)

### Vocabulary

- **Earth's Surface:** heat energy, map, surface, cast, Earth's surface, gravity, plants, sand, soil
- **Formation:** erosion, flood, glacier, water, weathering, wind energy, physical change, water energy, landslide, substance
- **History of the Earth:** air, big bang, absolute age, archaeologist, earth, extinct, imprint, ocean, paleontologist, reconstruct, ancient, cast, earth science, fossils, geologist, continent, land mass, lava, prehistoric animals, water

- **Inside the Earth:** axis, core, crust, earthquake, equator, lava, magnetic field, mantle, north pole, south pole
- **Landforms:** appearance, boulder, characteristics, crater, landform, map, mountain, plain, surface, valley, volcano
- **Minerals:** geologist, luster, material, metal, mineral, mining, rock properties, silver, heat energy, rock
- **Resources:** natural gas, natural resource, nonrenewable, oil, pollution, recover, recycle, renewable, water, biosphere, gasoline, nutrients, ocean, reduce , resource, heat energy, litter, nonliving, fossil fuel, gas , reuse, water pollution
- **Water Cycle:** ocean, freeze, accumulation, condensation, evaporation, water cycle, water, humidity, melt, weather, evaporate, liquid, water vapor
- **Weather:** air, climate, cloud, cold, cycle, drought, precipitation, sleet, temperate climate, tropical climate, water , rain, snow, thaw, smog, weather, humidity, cirrus clouds, cumulus clouds, freeze, hail, melt, stratus clouds

Students who demonstrate understanding can:	
2.ESS1.1.	<b>Use information from several sources to provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly.</b> [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.]
2.ESS2.1.	<b>Compare multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land.*</b> [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.	<b>Develop a model to represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area.</b> [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative scaling in models.]
2.ESS2.3.	<b>Obtain information to identify where water is found on Earth and that it can be solid or liquid.</b>

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	<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>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</b>	<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- ESS1-1),(2-ESS2-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Engineering, Technology and Applications of Science</b>  <b>Influence of Engineering,</b>

<p>designing solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make observations from several sources to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena. (2-ESS1-1)</li> <li>• Compare multiple solutions to a problem. (2-ESS2-1)</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>• 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>	<p><b>Earth’s Surface Processes</b></p> <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> <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. (secondary to 2-ESS2-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing and using technology has impacts on the natural world. (2-ESS2-1)</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>• Scientists study the natural and material world. (2-ESS2-1)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in second grade: **2.PS1.A** (2-ESS2-3)

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: **K.ETS1.A** (2-ESS2-1); **3.LS2.C** (2-ESS1-1); **4.ESS1.C** (2-ESS1-1); **4.ESS2.A** (2-ESS1-1),(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)

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 text. (2-ESS1-1)
- 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-ESS1-1), (2-ESS2-1)
- RI.2.9** Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic. (2-ESS2-1)
- 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. (2-ESS1-1),(2-ESS2-3)
- 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-ESS1-1)
- W.2.8** Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-ESS1-1),(2-ESS2-3)
- SL.2.2** Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. (2-ESS1-1)
- 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. (2-ESS2-2)

Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-ESS2-1),(2-ESS2-1),(2-ESS2-2)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (2-ESS1-1),(2-ESS2-1),(2-ESS2-2)

**MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-ESS2-1)

**2.NBT.A** Understand place value. (2-ESS1-1)

**2.NBT.A.3** Read and write numbers to 1000 using base-ten numerals, number names, and expanded form. (2-ESS2-2)

**2.MD.B.5** 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)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> TEACHING UNIT FOUR: Engineering Design (K-2-ETS1)

**Catholic Identity** – Noah’s ark, Genesis 6:14-21; Noah tests the water, Genesis 8:6-12; Moses was given precise directions to build a boat to withstand the flood, Genesis 6:14-16; Just as God directed Biblical writers to record his words for all to read, scientists record data so it can be shared.

- Connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things.
- Use Catholic social teachings when working together in small groups: sharing materials, helping each other, and discussing what is learned.
- Share materials and work together in small groups, listen to the ideas of others. Be respectful. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Use simple tools to make tasks easier. Use God given intellect to approach the tasks.
- Consider Biblical stories that highlight building, moving structures, etc., such as the building of the pyramids. (Consider: Can a mountain be moved? A building? A brick? Demonstrate.)
- Compare engineering design and God’s intellectual design of life forms.
- Compare designs of cathedral structures and their components. Use blocks to show complexity of design elements.

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – Johannes Gutenberg (Inventor of the printing press); André-Marie Ampère (One of the main discoverers of electromagnetism); Antoine César Becquerel (Pioneer in the study of electric and luminescent phenomena); Guglielmo Marconi (Father of long-distance radio transmission); Francesco Lana de Terzi (Jesuit priest who has been called the father of aeronautics); Alessandro Volta (Physicist known for the invention of the battery)

### **Vocabulary**

- **Direction Words:** east, left, north, right, south, west, distance, across, direction, farther, backward, circular, forward, straight, through, up, zigzag, down
- **Force:** attract, friction, horseshoe magnet, magnet, magnetism, movement, position, repel, away, force, iron, magnetic, metal, nonmagnetic, pull, ring magnet, bar magnet, gravity, location, magnetic field, motion, nonmetal, push
- **Position Words:** east, left, north, right, south, west, inside, near, outside, above, location words, around, back, between, close, far, front, high, middle, under, behind, below, in front, bottom, center, closer, low, next to, over, top
- **Simple Machines:** fixed point, inclined plane, level, rod, simple machine, wedge, fulcrum, machine, pulley, ramp, screw, wheel and axle, work
- **Actions:** classify, combine, decrease, increase, alter, respond, freeze, melt, boil prevent, contract, expand, separate, mix, thaw, change, produce, grow, explore, create, sort, add, subtract, attempt, definite, imprint, magnify, map, share
- **Appearance:** rough, appearance, color, combination, luster, shape size, smooth, texture, circle, circular, dull, rectangle, characteristics, shiny, surface, soft, straight, triangle
- **Behavior:** made up of, characteristics, composition, gas, liquid, solid, temperature, heat, rust, cold, float, hot, magnetic, sink, slide, stronger, warm, weaker, observe
- **Direction:** east, left, north, right, south, west, backward, direction, down, up, zigzag, across, back, angle, far, farther, forward, in front, through
- **Position:** high, position, around, behind, outside, between, center, over, under, east, inside, left, location, north, below, above, right, south, west, away, bottom, close, closer, front, low, middle, near, next to, top



- **Properties:** gas, liquid, solid, takes up space, mass, phase, property, science, material, matter, mixture, object, substance, volume
- **The Scientific Method:** graph, record data, relationship, sequence, tally chart, compare, observe, test, measure, scientific method, bar graph, analyze, control, data, experiment, hypothesize, observation, variable, make conclusions, describe, investigate, science, teamwork, communicate, identify, imagine, pattern, predict, problem, trials

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
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.
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.
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.

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>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. (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></p> <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>• 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></p> <p>Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing</p>	<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>

observations.  • Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. (K-2-ETS1-3)		
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Connections to K-2-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include: N/A  Connections to K-2-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions to Problems include: <b>Second Grade:</b> 2-LS2-2  Connections to K-2-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include: <b>Second Grade:</b> 2-ESS2-1
Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: <b>3-5.ETS1.A</b> (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-2),(K-2-ETS1-3); <b>3-5.ETS1.B</b> (K-2-ETS1-2),(K-2-ETS1-3); <b>3-5.ETS1.C</b> (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-2),(K-2-ETS1-3)
Common Core State Standards Connections:  ELA/Literacy –  <b>RI.2.1</b> Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (K-2-ETS1-1)  <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. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)  <b>W.2.8</b> Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)  <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. (K-2-ETS1-2)  Mathematics –  <b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)  <b>MP.4</b> Model with mathematics. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)  <b>MP.5</b> Use appropriate tools strategically. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)  <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 using information presented in a bar graph. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

## Third Grade

The performance expectations in third grade help students formulate answers to questions such as: “What is typical weather in different parts of the world and during different times of the year? How can the impact of weather-related hazards be reduced? How do organisms vary in their traits? How are plants, animals, and environments of the past similar or different from current plants, animals, and environments? What happens to organisms when their environment changes? How do equal and unequal forces on an object affect the object? How can magnets be used?” Third grade performance expectations include PS2, LS1, LS2, LS3, LS4, ESS2, and ESS3 Disciplinary Core Ideas from the NRC Framework. Students are able to organize and use data to describe typical weather conditions expected during a particular season. 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 are expected to develop an understanding of the similarities and differences of organisms’ life cycles. An understanding that organisms have different inherited traits, and that the environment can also affect the traits that an organism develops, is acquired by students at this level. 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 are expected to develop an understanding of 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 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. The crosscutting concepts of patterns; cause and effect; scale, proportion, and quantity; systems and system models; interdependence of science, engineering, and technology; and influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the third grade performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in asking questions and defining problems; developing and using models, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, constructing explanations and designing solutions, engaging in argument from evidence, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Students are expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

### ***Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links***

- Students listing ways their communities can use renewable and non-renewable resources wisely. (Science, Religion, SocialStudies)
- Students write a story based on why God wants us to be stewards (protectors) of our planet Earth, and relate this to how all living things (organisms) have a special role to play in the ecosystems around them. (Science, Language Arts, Religion)
- Prepare a storyboard (a series of cartoon-like illustrations) on a topic related to a “good neighbor’s or “a whole community’s responsibility to recycle, preserve wildlife habitats, etc.
- Students write a story about how we are responsible for taking care of planet Earth and develop two different endings – one in which we protect our natural resources and one in which we do not.
- Students visit a community resource such as a park or natural habitat; find examples that show evidence of caring for the environment and present visual displays of their findings.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> TEACHING UNIT ONE: Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions (3-PS2)

**Catholic Identity** – Students understand the importance of scientific literacy as a necessity for good stewardship of God’s world and its inhabitation.

**Catholic-Christian Scientists** – Albertus Magnus – Patron Saint of Natural Sciences; Roger Bacon – Franciscan friar and early advocate of the scientific method; Galileo Galilei – Father of modern science; Robert Grosseteste – Called "the first man to write down a complete set of steps for performing a scientific experiment."

**Vocabulary** – position, Newton, inertia, transfer, mass, attraction, friction, balanced force, push

Students who demonstrate understanding can:	
3.PS2.1.	<b>Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence of the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object.</b> [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.	<b>Make observations and/or measurements of an object’s motion to provide evidence that a pattern can be used to predict future motion.</b> [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.	<b>Ask questions to determine cause and effect relationships of electric or magnetic interactions between two objects not in contact with each other.</b> [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.	<b>Identify and explain a simple design problem that can be solved by applying scientific ideas about magnets.*</b> [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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<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	<b>ESS1.C: The History of Planet Earth</b> • Some events happen very quickly; others occur very slowly, over a time period much longer than one can observe. (2-ESS1-1)	<b>Patterns</b> • Patterns in the natural world can be observed. (2-ESS2-2),(2-ESS2-3)

<p>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></p> <p>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> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></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>ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wind and water can change the shape of the land. (2-ESS2-1)</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>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Things may change slowly or rapidly. (2-ESS1-1),(2-ESS2-1)</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>• 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>
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Connections to other DCIs in third grade: N/A
Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: <b>K.PS2.A</b> (3-PS2-1); <b>K.PS2.B</b> (3-PS2-1); <b>K.PS3.C</b> (3-PS2-1); <b>K.ETS1.A</b> (3-PS2-4); <b>1.ESS1.A</b> (3-PS2-2); <b>4.PS4.A</b> (3-PS2-2); <b>4.ETS1.A</b> (3-PS2-4); <b>5.PS2.B</b> (3-PS2-1); <b>MS.PS2.A</b> (3-PS2-1),(3-PS2-2); <b>MS.PS2.B</b> (3-PS2-3),(3-PS2-4); <b>MS.ESS1.B</b> (3-PS2-1),(3-PS2-2); <b>MS.ESS2.C</b> (3-PS2-1)
Common Core State Standards Connections:
ELA/Literacy –
<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-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)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> TEACHING UNIT TWO: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems (3-LS2, 3-LS4)

#### Catholic Identity –

- Students will be able to discuss the theory of evolution in the context of Catholic teaching about the origin of life; Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other’s ideas, roles and abilities
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**Catholic Scientists** – Albertus Magnus (Patron saint of natural sciences); Paula González (Roman Catholic Sister and professor of biology); Jean-Baptiste Lamarck (French naturalist, biologist and academic whose theories on evolution preceded those of Darwin); Gregor Mendel (Father of Genetics)

#### Vocabulary

- **The Food Chain:** consumer, organisms, energy pyramid, interact, food web, predator, prey, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, producer, transfer, decomposer, compete, food chain
- **Earth:** biosphere, biome, community, adaptation, interact, climate, water cycle, population, organism, species, air, carbon dioxide, diversity, evolution, fresh water, soil, forest, habitat, food web, energy pyramid, predator, prey– competitor, predation, species, biodiversity, dominance, evolution, extinction, mutation, natural selection, population dynamics, probability, recessive, trait

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
3.LS2.1.	Construct an argument that some animals form groups that help members survive.
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.LS4.3.	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.	Defend 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.]

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<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	<b>LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the environment changes in ways that affect a place’s physical</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-LS2-1),(3-LS4-3)</li> </ul>

<p>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>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>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 worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct an argument with evidence, data, and/or a model. (3-LS2-1)</li> <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>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. (secondary to 3-LS4-4)</p> <p><b>LS2.D: Social Interactions and Group Behavior</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Note: Moved from K–2) (3-LS2-1)</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. (Note: Moved from K–2) (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.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>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> <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-LS4-4)</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>Science assumes consistent patterns in natural systems. (3-LS4-1)</li> </ul>
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<p>Connections to other DCIs in third grade: <b>3.ESS2.D</b> (3-LS4-3); <b>3.ESS3.B</b> (3-LS4-4)</p>	
<p>Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: <b>K.ESS3.A</b> (3-LS4-3)(3-LS4-4); <b>K.ETS1.A</b> (3-LS4-4); <b>1.LS1.B</b> (3-LS2-1); <b>2.LS2.A</b> (3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4); <b>2.LS4.D</b> (3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4); <b>4.ESS1.C</b> (3-LS4-1); <b>4.ESS3.B</b> (3-LS4-4); <b>4.ETS1.A</b> (3-LS4-4); <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (3-LS2-1),(3-LS4-1)(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4); <b>MS.LS2.C</b> (3-LS4-4); <b>MS.LS4.A</b> (3-LS4-1); <b>MS.LS4.B</b> (3-LS4-3); <b>MS.LS4.C</b> (3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4); <b>MS.ESS1.C</b> (3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4); <b>MS.ESS2.B</b> (3-LS4-1); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (3-LS4-4)</p>	
<p>Common Core State Standards Connections:</p> <p>ELA/Literacy –</p> <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),(3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)</p> <p><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-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)</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),(3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)</p>	



- W.3.1** Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons. (3-LS2-1),(3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)
- W.3.2** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. (3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)
- 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-LS4-1)
- 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-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)

Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (3-LS2-1),(3-LS4-1),(3-LS4-3),(3-LS4-4)
- MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (3-LS4-1)
- 3.NBT** Number and Operations in Base Ten (3-LS2-1)
- 3.MD.B.3** 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. (3-LS4-3)
- 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-LS4-1)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> TEACHING THREE: Inheritance and Variation of Traits: Life Cycles and Traits (3-LS1, LS3, LS4)

#### Catholic Identity –

- Students will be able to discuss the theory of evolution in the context of Catholic teaching about the origin of life;
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other’s ideas, roles and abilities.
- Students will be able to compare/describe life from the fossil record with modern life forms and discuss Biblical implications;
- Students will be able to discuss the theory of evolution in the context of Catholic teaching about the origin of life;
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other’s ideas, roles and abilities.

**Catholic Scientists** – Albertus Magnus (patron saint of natural sciences); Paula González (Roman Catholic Sister and professor of biology); Jean-Baptiste Lamarck (French naturalist, biologist and academic whose theories on evolution preceded those of Darwin); Gregor Mendel (Father of Genetics and Established Patterns of Inheritance)

#### Vocabulary

- **Living Things:** mammal, plant, cell, classify, growth, inherit, offspring, organism, reproduction, tissue
- **Plants:** bulb, chlorophyll, cone, germinate, plant, root, seed, seed coat, seedling, stem
- **Animals:** amphibian, arthropod, invertebrate, mammal, reptile, insect, fish, bird, vertebrate-offspring, reproduction, classify, inherit, growth

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
3.LS1.1.	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.]
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.]
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.]

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<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <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>• Develop models to describe phenomena. (3-LS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>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-LS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>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 support an explanation. (3-LS3-2)</li> <li>• Use evidence (e.g., observations, patterns) to construct an explanation. (3-LS4-2)</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>LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits</b></p> <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> <p><b>LS3.B: Variation of Traits</b></p> <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> <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>Patterns</b></p> <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> <li>• Patterns of change can be used to make predictions. (3-LS1-1)</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-LS3-2),(3-LS4-2)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in third grade: **3.LS4.C** (3-LS4-2)

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: **1.LS3.A** (3-LS3-1),(3-LS4-2); **1.LS3.B** (3-LS3-1); **MS.LS1.B** (3-LS1-1), (3-LS3-2); **MS.LS2.A** (3-LS4-2); **MS.LS3.A** (3-LS3-1); **MS.LS3.B** (3-LS3-1),(3-LS4-2); **MS.LS4.B** (3-LS4-2)

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),(3-LS4-2)
- 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),(3-LS4-2)
- 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),(3-LS4-2)
- RI.3.7** 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)
- W.3.2** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. (3-LS3-1),(3-LS3-2),(3-LS4-2)
- 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),(3-LS4-2)
- SL.3.5** 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)

Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-LS3-1),(3-LS3-2),(3-LS4-2)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (3-LS1-1),(3-LS3-1),(3-LS3-2),(3-LS4-2)
- 3.NBT** Number and Operations in Base Ten (3-LS1-1)
- 3.NF** Number and Operations—Fractions (3-LS1-1)
- 3.MD.B.3** 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. (3-LS4-2)
- 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)

**3<sup>rd</sup> TEACHING UNIT FOUR: Weather and Climate (3-ESS2, 3-ESS3)**

*Catholic Identity* –

- Students will be able to discuss weather-related topics in the context of Catholic teachings about social justice, in relationship to natural disasters;
- Students will be able to work cooperatively and respect each other’s ideas, roles and abilities;
- Students will be able to understand that the scope of God’s creation exists past Earth and encompasses the universe;
- Students will be able to understand that God calls us to care for His creation;
- Students will be able to connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things;
- Students will be able to demonstrate stewardship imbued with Catholic values in the care of local and global environments in the event of a weather- related hazard.

**Catholic Scientists** – Gaspard-Gustave Coriolis (Formulated laws regarding rotating systems, which later became known as the Coriolis effect); Theodoric of Freiberg (Gave the first geometrical analysis of the rainbow); Evangelista Torricelli (Inventor of the barometer); Albertus Magnus (Patron saint of natural sciences); Roger Bacon (Franciscan friar and early advocate of the scientific method); Max Turman (“*Humans are called to a special task of caring for creation in a shepherdly manner, since they reflect God’s image in a unique way.*”)

**Vocabulary**

- **Ecology:**, community, decomposer, energy pyramid, evolution, nonrenewable, pollution, renewable resource, symbiosis, biomass, conservation, diffusion, energy transfer, food chain, habitat, population, producer, resource, biome, commensalism, consumer, ecosystem, environment, greenhouse effect, natural resource, reusable resource
- **The Water Cycle:** water table, clouds, atmosphere, condensation, evaporation, glacier, groundwater, ocean, water cycle, water vapor
- **The Weather:** biome, habitat, savannah, tundra, arctic, taiga, biosphere, desert, rain forest, nimbus, warm front, climate, cold front, force freeze, hail, melt, precipitation, thunderstorm, weather conditions, sleet, forecast, heat, hurricane, lightning, meteorologist, tornado, weather, weather vane

Students who demonstrate understanding can:	
3.ESS2.1.	Represent data in tables and graphical displays to describe typical weather conditions during a particular season. [Clarification Statement: Examples of data 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.
3.ESS3.1.	Defend 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 lightning rods.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>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 tables and various</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS2.D: Weather and Climate</b></p> <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Patterns</b></li> <li>• Patterns of change can be used to make predictions. (3-ESS2-1),(3-ESS2-2)</li> <li>• <b>Cause and Effect</b></li> <li>• Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain change. (3-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Engineering,</b></p>

<p>graphical displays (bar graphs and pictographs) to reveal patterns that indicate relationships. (3-ESS2-1)</p> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>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>• 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> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <p>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.</p> <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>	<p><b>ESS3.B: Natural Hazards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A variety of natural hazards result from natural processes.</li> <li>• Humans cannot eliminate natural hazards but can take steps to reduce their impacts. (3-ESS3-1) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by 4-ESS3-2.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>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>• 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><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 affects everyday life. (3-ESS3-1)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in third grade: N/A

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: **K.ESS2.D** (3-ESS2-1); **K.ESS3.B** (3-ESS3-1); **K.ETS1.A** (3-ESS3-1); **4.ESS2.A** (3-ESS2-1); **4.ESS3.B** (3-ESS3-1); **4.ETS1.A** (3-ESS3-1); **5.ESS2.A** (3-ESS2-1); **MS.ESS2.C** (3-ESS2-1),(3-ESS2-2); **MS.ESS2.D** (3-ESS2-1),(3-ESS2-2); **MS.ESS3.B** (3-ESS3-1)

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-ESS2-2)
- RI.3.9** Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic. (3-ESS2-2)
- W.3.1** Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons. (3-ESS3-1)
- W.3.7** Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic. (3-ESS3-1)
- 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-ESS2-2)

Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-ESS2-1),(3-ESS2-2),(3-ESS3-1)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (3-ESS2-1),(3-ESS2-2), (3-ESS3-1)
- MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (3-ESS2-1)

- 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-ESS2-1)
- 3.MD.B.3** 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)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> TEACHING UNIT FIVE: Engineering Design

#### *Catholic Identity*

- Students will be able to understand the responsibility to take care of their own spiritual and physical well-being;
- Students will be able to understand that God calls us to care for His creation;
- Students will be able to connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things;
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other’s ideas, roles, and abilities. Students will be able to demonstrate stewardship imbued with Catholic values in the care of local and global environments.

#### *Catholic/Christian Scientists* – (Pertinent to subject of Research)

#### *Vocabulary* – (Pertinent to subject of research)

Students who demonstrate understanding can:	
3.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.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.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.

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>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></p> <p>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</p>	<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</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>• 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>



<p>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></p> <p>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>is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs. (3-5-ETS1-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	
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<p>Connections to 3-5-ETS1.A: N/A</p> <p>Connections to 3-5-ETS1.B: N/A</p> <p>Connections to 3-5-ETS1.C: N/A</p>
<p>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: <b>K-2.ETS1.A</b> (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); <b>K-2.ETS1.B</b> (3-5-ETS1-2); <b>K-2.ETS1.C</b> (3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); <b>MS.ETS1.A</b> (3-5-ETS1-1); <b>MS.ETS1.B</b> (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); <b>MS.ETS1.C</b> (3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)</p>
<p>Common Core State Standards Connections:</p> <p>ELA/Literacy –</p> <p><b>RI.5.1</b> Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (3-5-ETS1-2)</p> <p><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. (3-5-ETS1-2)</p> <p><b>RI.5.9</b> Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (3-5-ETS1-2)</p> <p><b>W.5.7</b> 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)</p> <p><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. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3)</p> <p><b>W.5.9</b> Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3)</p> <p>Mathematics –</p>

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

## Religious Overtones in Intermediate Grades (4-5) Science

In the intermediate grades, science takes on a more complex aspect. Although the beauty of God's creation is still the foundation, natural processes of life are seen to be the planned thoughtfulness of God.

Even in the natural order of things, the Physical, Life, and Earth Sciences show that all of God's creation works in perfect harmony. Students explore the fact that “creatures exist only in dependence on each other, to complete each other, in the service of each other.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 2 #340, Part I*)

How creation changes through evolution again shows that God is still with us, guiding our ever-changing world. The biblical story of creation is put into the context of today in exhibiting that God's beauty is still unfolding into ultimate perfection in spite of evil. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 2 #310, Part I*)

The concept of stewardship is again emphasized, pointing out our role in caring for creation and using all of what God gave us. Therefore, ecological concerns are addressed within this context of stewardship. As caretakers of the Earth, students have the responsibility of learning to use and protect our resources in ways that will benefit future generations

### Fourth Grade

The performance expectations in fourth grade help students formulate answers to questions such as: “What are waves and what are some things they can do? How can water, ice, wind and vegetation change the land? What patterns of Earth’s features can be determined with the use of maps? How do internal and external structures support the survival, growth, behavior, and reproduction of plants and animals? What is energy and how is it related to motion? How is energy transferred? How can energy be used to solve a problem?” Fourth grade performance expectations include PS3, PS4, LS1, ESS1, ESS2, ESS3, and ETS1 Disciplinary Core Ideas from the NRC Framework. 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. Students are expected to develop understanding of the effects of weathering or the rate of erosion by water, ice, wind, or vegetation. They apply their knowledge of natural Earth processes to generate and compare multiple solutions to reduce the impacts of such processes on humans. In order to describe patterns of Earth’s features, students analyze and interpret data from maps. Fourth graders are expected to develop an understanding that plants and animals have internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, behavior, and reproduction. By developing a model, they describe that an object can be seen when light reflected from its surface enters the eye. 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. They apply their understanding of energy to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another. The crosscutting concepts of patterns; cause and effect; energy and matter; systems and system models; interdependence of science, engineering, and technology; and influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the fourth grade performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in asking questions, developing and using models, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, constructing explanations and designing solutions, engaging in argument from evidence, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Students are expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

#### ***Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links***

- Students will write essays explaining how and why we need to balance our use of energy with our responsibility to protect God’s creation. (Religion, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts)

## 4<sup>th</sup> TEACHING UNIT ONE: Energy (4-PS3)

**Catholic Identity** – God’s strength, Jeremiah 32:27; Daily strength from God, Isaiah 33:2; Strength from God, Nehemiah 6:9

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – G.G. Coriolis (Earth’s rotation); Galileo Galilei (Father of modern science); Roger Bacon (Scientific Method); Isaac Newton (Gravity and Laws of Motion); Tycho Brahe; Johannes Kepler, Nicholas Copernicus

### Vocabulary

- **Force:** acceleration, conductor, effort force, frame of reference, gravity, magnet, magnetic pole, newton, relative motion, unbalanced force, balanced force, electromagnet, force, friction, inertia, magnetic field, motion, position, speed, work
- **Simple Machines:** fulcrum, inclined plane, lever, pulley, screw, simple machine, wedge, wheel and axle, load, work

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
4.PS3.1.	Use observations to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include that animals need to take in food but plants do not; the different kinds of food needed by different types of animals; the requirement of plants to have light; and that all living things need water.]
4.PS3.2.	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.]
4.PS3.3.	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-ESS3-3	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.]
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.]

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	<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.</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>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events have causes that generate observable patterns. (K-ESS3-3)</li> </ul>

<p>solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a model to represent relationships in the natural world. (K-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>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>Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. (K-LS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>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. (K-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <p>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>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> <p>-----</p> <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>Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (K-LS1-1)</li> </ul>	<p>(K-LS1-1)</p> <p><b>ESS2.E: Biogeology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plants and animals can change their environment. (K-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS3.A: Natural Resources</b></p> <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> <p><b>ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems</b></p> <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. (secondary to K-ESS2-2),(K-ESS3-3)</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. (secondary to K-ESS3-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systems in the natural and designed world have parts that work together. (K-ESS2-2),(K-ESS3-1)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in kindergarten: **K.ETS1.A** (K-ESS3-3)

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: **1.LS1.A** (K-LS1-1),(K-ESS3-1); **2.LS2.A** (K-LS1-1); **2.ETS1.B** (K-ESS3-3); **3.LS2.C** (K-LS1-1); **3.LS4.B** (K-LS1-1); **4.ESS2.E** (K-ESS2-2); **4.ESS3.A** (K-ESS3-3); **5.LS1.C** (K-LS1-1); **5.LS2.A** (K-LS1-1),(K-ESS3-1); **5.ESS2.A** (K-ESS2-2),(K-ESS3-1); **5.ESS3.C** (K-ESS3-3)

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-ESS2-2)
- W.K.1** Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing about and state an opinion or preference about the topic or book. (K-ESS2-2)
- W.K.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. (K-ESS2-2),(K-ESS3-3)
- 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-LS1-1)
- SL.K.5** Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail. (K-ESS3-1)

Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-ESS3-1)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (K-ESS3-1)
- K.CC** Counting and Cardinality (K-ESS3-1)
- 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-LS1-1)

## 4<sup>th</sup> TEACHING UNIT TWO: Waves: Waves and Information (4-PS4)

### *Catholic Identity*

- Understand the responsibility to take care of their own spiritual and physical well-being.
- Understand that God calls us to care for His creation; Connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things.
- Students will be able to identify the relationships between the roles of science, technology, and Catholic ethics in the global community.
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other’s ideas, roles, and abilities.

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – Christian Doppler (Discovered that the frequency of a wave depends on the relative speed of the source and the observer, developing the *Doppler Effect*); August Kundt (Worked in the domains of sound and light); Ernst Chladni (Developed the calculation of the speed of sound for different gases); Isaac Newton (Identified sound as a longitudinal wave)

**Vocabulary** – acoustics, amplification, amplitude, decibel, trough, frequency, wavelength, waves, wave length, sound energy, frequency, pitch, sound wave, vibrations, volume

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
4.PS4.1.	<b>Develop a model of waves to describe patterns in terms of amplitude and wavelength and that waves can cause objects to move.</b> [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.PS4.3.	<b>Generate and compare multiple solutions that use patterns to transfer information.*</b> [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
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <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>• Develop a model using an analogy, example, or abstract representation to describe a scientific principle. (4-PS4-1)</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</p>	<p><b>PS4.A: Wave Properties</b></p> <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; there is no net motion in the direction of the wave except when the water meets a beach. (Note: This grade band endpoint was moved from K–2). (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> <p><b>PS4.C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digitized information can be transmitted over long distances</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <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> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <p><b>Interdependence of Science,</b></p>

<p>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-PS4-3)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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. (4- PS4-1)</li> </ul>	<p>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)</p> <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. (secondary to 4-PS4-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>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-PS4-3)</li> </ul>
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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-levels: **K.ETS1.A** (4-PS4-3); **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.C** (4-PS4-3); **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)

Mathematics –

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (4-PS4-1)

**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<sup>th</sup> TEACHING UNIT THREE: Structure, Function, and Information Processing (4-PS4, 4-LS1)

### *Catholic Identity*

- Students will be able to understand the responsibility to take care of their own spiritual and physical well-being;
- Students will be able to understand that God calls us to care for His creation;
- Students will be able to connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things;
- Students will be able to identify the relationships between the roles of science, technology, and Catholic ethics in the global community;
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other's ideas, roles, and abilities;
- Students will be able to demonstrate stewardship imbued with Catholic values in the care of local and global environments;
- Students will be able to relate concepts of heredity and reproduction to Catholic teaching;
- Students will be able to discuss the theory of evolution in the context of Catholic teaching about the origin of life.

***Catholic/Christian Scientists*** – Christian Doppler (Discovered that the frequency of a wave depends on the relative speed of the source and the observer, developing the *Doppler Effect*); August Kundt (Worked in the domains of sound and light); Ernst Chladni (Developed the calculation of the speed of sound for different gases); Isaac Newton (Identified sound as a longitudinal wave); Carl Linnaeus (plants) Louis Pasteur (bacteriology); Gregor Mendel (genetics through plant research); Ignaz Semmelweis (antiseptic procedures); Stephen Hales (botany, pneumatic chemistry, physiology)

***Vocabulary***- acoustics, amplification, amplitude, decibel, trough, frequency, wavelength, waves, wave length, sound energy, frequency, pitch, sound wave, vibrations, volume

- ***Animals:*** arthropod, camouflage, invertebrate, mammal, birds, metamorphosis, mollusk, vertebrate, amphibian
- ***Body Systems:*** digestive system, circulatory system, nervous system, muscular system, respiratory system, skeletal system, heart, nerve
- ***Classification:*** Domain, kingdom, diversity, plants, animals, protist, reptile, fungi, taxonomy, classify
- ***Ecology:*** camouflage, classification, decomposer, energy pyramid, habitat, natural resource, oxygen, population, primary consumer, succession, water cycle, secondary consumer, producer, predator, photosynthesis, migration, herbivore, energy transfer, ecosystem, community, carnivore, consumer, endangered species, food chain, mimicry, nutrient, pollution, prey,
- recycling, shelter
- ***Ecosystems and Resources:*** endangered species, population, classification, heredity, inherited traits, photosynthesis, community, migration, mimicry, oxygen, nonrenewable, nutrient, shelter, natural resource, pollution, succession, renewable resource, recycling, habitat, ecosystem
- ***Living Things:*** fertilization, life cycle, offspring, organism, parent, sexual reproduction, spore, variation, cell
- ***Organs:*** cell, organ, tissue, organ system (all organs depending on the chosen curriculum; for example, but not limited to: esophagus, large intestine, stomach, brain, lungs, small intestine)
- ***Plants:*** germinate, germination, nonvascular plant, pollen, pollination, transpiration, vascular plant, chlorophyll

- **The Energy Pyramid:** herbivore, prey, food chain, energy transfer, consumer, carnivore, energy pyramid, decomposer, producer, predator adaptation, ecosystem, species, environment, migration, biotic, abiotic, niche, resources, camouflage

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
4.PS4.2.	<b>Develop a model of waves to describe patterns in terms of amplitude and wavelength and that waves can cause objects to move.</b> [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.LS1.1.	<b>Generate and compare multiple solutions that use patterns to transfer information.*</b> [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.]
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.</b> [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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <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>• Develop a model to describe phenomena. (4-PS4-2)</li> <li>• Use a model to test interactions concerning the functioning of a natural system. (4-LS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>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> </ul>	<p><b>PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation</b></p> <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> <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>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified. (4-PS4-2)</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), (LS1-2)</li> </ul>

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-level: N/A

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: **1.PS4.B** (4-PS4-2); **1.LS1.A** (4-LS1-1); **1.LS1.D** (4-LS1-2); **3.LS3.B** (4-LS1-1); **MS.PS4.B** (4-PS4-2); **MS.LS1.A** (4-LS1-1),(4-LS1-2); **MS.LS1.D** (4-PS4-2),(4-LS1-2)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

**W.4.1** Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. (4-LS1-1)

**SL.4.5** Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes. (4-PS4-2),(4-LS1-2)

Mathematics –

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (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-PS4-2)

**4.G.A.3** 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)

## 4<sup>th</sup> TEACHING UNIT FOUR: Earth's Systems: Processes that Shape the Earth (4-ESS1, 4-ESS2, 4-ESS3)

### *Catholic Identity*

- Students will be able to compare/describe life from the fossil record with modern life forms and discuss Biblical implications;
- Students will be able to discuss the theory of evolution in the context of Catholic teaching about the origin of life;
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other's ideas, roles and abilities;
- Students will be able to demonstrate stewardship imbued with Catholic values in the case of local and global environments;
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other's ideas, roles and abilities;
- Students will be able to identify the relationships between the roles of science, technology and Catholic ethics in the global community.

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – Charles Doolittle Walcott (Paleontology, geological survey & stratigraphy); Alfred Wegener (non-Christian; continental drift, plate tectonics); Nicolas Steno (Bishop, and Father of Stratigraphy); Gaspard-Gustave Coriolis (Formulated laws regarding rotating systems, which later became known as the Coriolis effect); Abraham Ortelius (Created the first modern atlas and theorized on continental drift); Albertus Magnus (Patron saint of natural sciences); Roger Bacon (Franciscan friar and early advocate of the scientific method); Johannes Gutenberg (Inventor of the printing press); Léon Foucault (Invented the Foucault pendulum to measure the effect of the earth's rotation); – Galileo Galilei (1564–1642) – Father of modern science

### *Vocabulary*

- **Earthquakes:** crust, pressure, continental drift, fault line, oceanic crust, seismograph, shock waves, subduction zone, compression, earthquake, earthquake focus, epicenter, fault, plate, plate tectonics, transverse wave, tsunami
- **Ecology:** camouflage, classification, decomposer, energy pyramid, habitat, natural resource, oxygen, population, primary consumer, succession, water cycle, secondary consumer, producer, predator, photosynthesis, migration, herbivore, energy transfer, ecosystem, community, carnivore, consumer, endangered species, food chain, mimicry, nutrient, pollution, prey, recycling, shelter
- **Ecosystems and Resources:** endangered species, population, classification, heredity, inherited traits, photosynthesis, community, migration, mimicry, oxygen, nonrenewable, nutrient, shelter, natural resource, pollution, succession, renewable resource, recycling, habitat, ecosystem
- **Formation:** deposition, erosion, glacier, sediment, storm surge, tide, weathering, gravity, sedimentary rock, soil composition
- **History of the Earth:** active volcano, compression, continental crust, continental drift, convection, earthquake, fossil, glacier, magma, plate tectonics
- **Inside the Earth:** volcano, continental crust, convection, igneous rock, magma chamber, rock cycle, vent, oceanic crust, axis, core, crust, equator, inner core, mantle, outer core
- **Landforms:** boundary, cave, crater, dome volcano, ridge, topography, volcano, map, contours, contour lines
- **Minerals:** deposition, hardness, luster, metamorphic rock, mineral, rift, sedimentary rock, stalactite, stalagmite, streak

- **The Energy Pyramid:** herbivore, prey, food chain, energy transfer, consumer, carnivore, energy pyramid, decomposer, producer, predator
- **The Environment:** adaptation, ecosystem, species, environment, migration, biotic, abiotic, niche, resources
- **Processes:** atmosphere, climate, convection, drought, flood, front, greenhouse effect, humidity, lithosphere, water cycle, weathering

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
4.ESS1.1.	<b>Identify evidence from patterns in rock formations and fossils in rock layers to support an explanation for changes in a landscape over time.</b> [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence from patterns could include rock layers with marine shell fossils above rock layers with plant fossils and no shells, indicating a change from land to water 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.]
4.ESS2.1.	<b>Make observations and/or measurements to provide evidence of the effects of weathering or the rate of erosion by water, ice, wind, or vegetation.</b> [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.	<b>Analyze and interpret data from maps to describe patterns of Earth’s features.</b>  [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.]
4.ESS3.2.	<b>Generate and compare multiple solutions to reduce the impacts of natural Earth processes on humans.*</b> [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>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 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><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in 3–5 builds on K–2</p>	<p><b>ESS1.C: The History of Planet Earth</b></p> <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> <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-</b></p>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patterns can be used as evidence to support an explanation. (4-ESS1-1),(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),(4-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p>

<p>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>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>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>Identify the evidence that supports particular points in an explanation. (4-ESS1-1)</li> <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>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>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) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea can also be found in 3.WC.)</li> </ul> <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>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <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. (4-ESS1-1)</li> </ul>
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<p>Connections to other DCIs in fourth grade: <b>4.ETS1.C</b> (4-ESS3-2)</p>	
<p>Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: <b>K.ETS1.A</b> (4-ESS3-2); <b>2.ESS1.C</b> (4-ESS1-1),(4-ESS2-1); <b>2.ESS2.A</b> (4-ESS2-1); <b>2.ESS2.B</b> (4-ESS2-2); <b>2.ESS2.C</b> (4-ESS2-2); <b>2.ETS1.B</b> (4-ESS3-2); <b>2.ETS1.C</b> (4-ESS3-2); <b>3.LS4.A</b> (4-ESS1-1); <b>5.ESS2.A</b> (4-ESS2-1); <b>5.ESS2.C</b> (4-ESS2-2); <b>MS.LS4.A</b> (4-ESS1-1); <b>MS.ESS1.C</b> (4-ESS1-1),(4-ESS2-2); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (4-ESS1-1),(4-ESS2-2),(4-ESS3-2); <b>MS.ESS2.B</b> (4-ESS1-1),(4-ESS2-2); <b>MS.ESS3.B</b> (4-ESS3-2); <b>MS.ETS1.B</b> (4-ESS3-2)</p>	
<p>Common Core State Standards Connections:</p> <p>ELA/Literacy –</p> <p><b>RI.4.1</b> 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)</p> <p><b>RI.4.7</b> 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)</p> <p><b>RI.4.9</b> Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (4-ESS3-2)</p> <p><b>W.4.7</b> Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. (4-ESS1-1),(4-ESS2-1)</p>	

- 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),(4-ESS2-1)
- 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),(4-ESS2-1),(4-ESS3-2)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (4-ESS1-1),(4-ESS2-1),(4-ESS3-2)
- 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. (4-ESS1-1),(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.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-ESS3-2)

## 4<sup>th</sup> TEACHING UNIT FIVE: Engineering Design

### *Catholic Identity*

- Students will be able to understand the responsibility to take care of their own spiritual and physical well-being;
- Students will be able to understand that God calls us to care for His creation;
- Students will be able to connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things;
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other’s ideas, roles, and abilities. Students will be able to demonstrate stewardship imbued with Catholic values in the care of local and global environments.

### *Catholic/Christian Scientists* – (Pertinent to subject of Research)

### *Vocabulary* – (Pertinent to subject of research)

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
4.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.
4.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.
4.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.

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>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></p> <p>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</p>	<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</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>• 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>



<p>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>proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs. (3-5-ETS1-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	
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<p>Connections to 3-5-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include: <b>Fourth Grade:</b> 4-PS3-4</p> <p>Connections to 3-5-ETS1.B: Designing Solutions to Engineering Problems include: <b>Fourth Grade:</b> 4-ESS3-2</p> <p>Connections to 3-5-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include: <b>Fourth Grade:</b> 4-PS4-3</p>
<p>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: <b>K-2.ETS1.A</b> (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); <b>K-2.ETS1.B</b> (3-5-ETS1-2); <b>K-2.ETS1.C</b> (3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); <b>MS.ETS1.A</b> (3-5-ETS1-1); <b>MS.ETS1.B</b> (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); <b>MS.ETS1.C</b> (3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)</p>
<p>Common Core State Standards Connections:</p> <p>ELA/Literacy –</p> <p><b>RI.5.1</b> Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (3-5-ETS1-2)</p> <p><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. (3-5-ETS1-2)</p> <p><b>RI.5.9</b> Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (3-5-ETS1-2)</p> <p><b>W.5.7</b> 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)</p> <p><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. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3)</p> <p><b>W.5.9</b> Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3)</p> <p>Mathematics –</p>

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

## Fifth Grade

The performance expectations in fifth grade help students formulate answers to questions such as: “When matter changes, does its weight change? How much water can be found in different places on Earth? Can new substances be created by combining other substances? How does matter cycle through ecosystems? Where does the energy in food come from and what is it used for? 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?” Fifth grade performance expectations include PS1, PS2, PS3, LS1, LS2, ESS1, ESS2, and ESS3 Disciplinary Core Ideas from the NRC Framework. Students are able to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen through the development of a model. 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. Through the development of a model using an example, 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. Students develop an understanding of the idea that plants get the materials they need for growth chiefly from air and water. 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. Students are expected to develop an understanding of patterns of daily changes in length and direction of shadows, day and night, and the seasonal appearance of some stars in the night sky. The crosscutting concepts of patterns; cause and effect; scale, proportion, and quantity; energy and matter; and systems and systems models are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the fifth grade performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in developing and using models, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, using mathematics and computational thinking, engaging in argument from evidence, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

### ***Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links***

- Students will investigate the life and work of an acknowledged science figure (researcher, inventor, physicist, etc.) and write an essay on how this individual’s life and work showed respect for humanity as well as for scientific discovery and progress. (Science, Language Arts, Religion)
- Students will discuss various forms of carbon and debate which form is more important to our quality of life (e.g., carbon in the form of diamonds or coal?) (Science, Social Studies)
- Produce a classroom newsletter that focuses on protecting and conserving our natural resources (coastal beach erosion, wildlife habitats, and ways to reuse/recycle). (Science)
- Students will develop an ongoing list of community service activities that can sensitize them to individual and collective responsibility for caring for local water and other energy-generating resources. (Social Studies, Science, Religion)
- Students will analyze and debate how the earth’s ecosystems can be changed if individuals or groups of people act irresponsibly. (Science, Language Arts, Social Studies)
- Students will discuss the many effects of pollution on all forms of life and create visuals that illustrate how the local community can protect the health of all of its citizens. (Science, Social Studies, Art)
- Students write poems/prayers/songs that celebrate the gifts of creation. (Language Arts, Science, Religion)

## 5<sup>th</sup> TEACHING UNIT ONE: Structure and Properties of Matter (5-PS1)

**Catholic Identity** – Students understand that a scientific view of the intricacies of the world around us allows a more profound understanding of God’s creation.

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – Amedeo Avogadro (noted for contributions to molecular theory and Avogadro's Law); Roger Joseph Boscovich (Jesuit priest and polymath known for his atomic theory and many other scientific contributions)

**Vocabulary** – physical property, weight, phases of matter, attribute, melting point, temperature, boiling point, ductile, mass, chemical property, evaporation, change of state, nonmetals, element, atom, reactivity, metals, solute, solvent, solubility, conservation of matter

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
5.PS1.1.	<b>Create a model to explain that matter is made of particles too small to be seen.</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [Clarification Statement: Examples of reactions or changes could include phase changes, dissolving, and mixing that form new substances.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include distinguishing mass and weight.]
5.PS1.3.	<b>Make observations and measurements to identify materials based on their properties.</b> [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.	<b>Conduct an investigation to determine whether the mixing of two or more substances results in new substances.</b>

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <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>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</p>	<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 showing 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 and 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,</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>

<p>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></p> <p>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>even in transitions in which it seems to vanish. (5-PS1-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>-----</p> <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>
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Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade: N/A	
Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: <b>2.PS1.A</b> (5-PS1-1),(5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3); <b>2.PS1.B</b> (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-4); <b>MS.PS1.A</b> (5-PS1-1),(5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3),(5-PS1-4); <b>MS.PS1.B</b> (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-4)	
Common Core State Standards Connections:	
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-PS1-1)
<b>W.5.7</b>	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)
<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-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3),(5-PS1-4)
<b>W.5.9</b>	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3),(5-PS1-4)
Mathematics –	
<b>MP.2</b>	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-PS1-1),(5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3)
<b>MP.4</b>	Model with mathematics. (5-PS1-1),(5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3)

<b>MP.5</b>	Use appropriate tools strategically. (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3)
<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-PS1-1)
<b>5.NF.B.7</b>	Apply and extend previous understandings of division to divide unit fractions by whole numbers and whole numbers by unit fractions. (5-PS1-1)
<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-PS1-2)
<b>5.MD.C.3</b>	Recognize volume as an attribute of solid figures and understand concepts of volume measurement. (5-PS1-1)
<b>5.MD.C.4</b>	Measure volumes by counting unit cubes, using cubic cm, cubic in, cubic ft, and improvised units. (5-PS1-1)

## 5<sup>th</sup> TEACHING UNIT TWO: Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems (5-PS3, 5-LS1, 5-LS2)

### Catholic Identity –

- Students will be able to demonstrate stewardship imbued with Catholic values in the care of local and global environments;
- Students will be able to relate concepts of heredity and reproduction to Catholic teaching;
- Students will be able to discuss the theory of evolution in the context of Catholic teaching about the origin of life.

**Catholic/Christian Scientists** – Carl Linnaeus (plants) Louis Pasteur (bacteriology); Gregor Mendel (genetics through plant research); Stephen Hales (botany, pneumatic chemistry, physiology)

### Vocabulary

- **Living Things:** fertilization, life cycle, offspring, organism, parent, sexual reproduction, spore, variation, cell
- **Plants:** germinate, germination, nonvascular plant, pollen, pollination, transpiration, vascular plant, chlorophyll
- **The Energy Pyramid:** herbivore, prey, food chain, energy transfer, consumer, carnivore, energy pyramid, decomposer, producer, predator adaptation, ecosystem, species, environment, migration, biotic, abiotic, niche, resources, camouflage

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
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. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include diagrams, and flow charts.]mechanism of evaporation and condensation or defining the unseen particles.]
5.LS1.1.	Support an argument that plants get the materials they need for growth chiefly from air and water. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that plant matter comes mostly from air and water, not from the soil.]
5.LS2.1.	Create 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.]

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> <li>• Develop a model to describe</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</b>	<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-LS2-1)</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> <li>• Energy can be transferred in various ways and between objects. (5-PS3-</li> </ul>

<p>phenomena. (5-LS2-1)  <b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>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-LS1-1)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><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>Energy Flow in Organisms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food provides animals with the materials they need for body repair and growth and the energy they need to maintain body warmth and for motion. (secondary to 5-PS3-1)</li> <li>Plants acquire their material for growth chiefly from air and water. (5-LS1-1)</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>1)</p>
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Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade: <b>5.PS1.A</b> (5-LS1-1),(5-LS2-1); <b>5.ESS2.A</b> (5-LS2-1)	
Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: <b>K.LS1.C</b> (5-PS3-1),(5-LS1-1); <b>2.PS1.A</b> (5-LS2-1); <b>2.LS2.A</b> (5-PS3-1),(5-LS1-1); <b>2.LS4.D</b> (5-LS2-1); <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>4.ESS2.E</b> (5-LS2-1); <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (5-PS3-1),(5-LS2-1); <b>MS.PS4.B</b> (5-PS3-1); <b>MS.LS1.C</b> (5-PS3-1),(5-LS1-1),(5-LS2-1); <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (5-LS2-1); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (5-PS3-1),(5-LS2-1)	
Common Core State Standards Connections:	
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-LS1-1)
<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-PS3-1),(5-LS2-1)

**RI.5.9** Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (5-LS1-1)

**W.5.1** Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. (5-LS1-1)

**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- PS3-1),(5-LS2-1)

Mathematics –

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-LS1-1),(5-LS2-1)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (5-LS1-1),(5-LS2-1)

**MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (5-LS1-1)

**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-LS1-1)

## 5<sup>th</sup> TEACHING UNIT THREE: Earth’s Systems (5-ESS2, 5-ESS3)

### *Catholic Identity* –

- Students will be able to compare/describe life from the fossil record with modern life forms and discuss Biblical implications;
- Students will be able to discuss the theory of evolution in the context of Catholic teaching about the origin of life;
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, respecting each other’s ideas, roles and abilities;
- Students will be able to understand that the scope of God’s creation exists past Earth and encompasses the universe;
- Students will be able to understand that God calls us to care for His creation;
- Students will be able to connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things;
- Students will be able to demonstrate stewardship imbued with Catholic values in the care of local and global environments.

*Catholic/Christian Scientists* – G.G. Coriolis (Earth’s rotation); Galileo Galilei (Father of Modern Science); Roger Bacon (Scientific Method); Isaac Newton (Gravity and Laws of Motion); Tycho Brahe; Johannes Kepler; Nicholaus Copernicus; Albertus Magnus (Patron saint of natural sciences); Roger Bacon (Franciscan friar and early advocate of the scientific method); Max Turman (“*Humans are called to a special task of caring for creation in a shepherdly manner, since they reflect God’s image in a unique way.*”)

### *Vocabulary*

- **Earthquakes:** earthquake, fault, subduction zone, plate, continental crust, oceanic crust, epicenter
- **Ecology:** community, decomposer, energy pyramid, evolution, nonrenewable, pollution, renewable resource, symbiosis, biomass, conservation, diffusion, energy transfer, food chain, habitat, population, producer, resource, biome, commensalism, consumer, ecosystem, environment, greenhouse effect, natural resource, reusable resource
- **Formation Processes:** sediment, freeze, deposition, erosion, weathering, gravity, heat, ice wedging, thermal energy, wind energy.
- **History of the Earth:** continent, fault, crust, earthquake, fossil, glaciers, Big Bang Theory, continental drift, prehistoric, continental shelf, heat, plate tectonics, pangea, epicenter, model, plate, mass movement, core, volcano, magnetic field
- **Inside the Earth:** thermal energy, metamorphic, core, igneous rock, magma, mantle, crust, magnetic field
- **Landforms & Mapping:** delta, glaciers, landforms, model, topography, volcano, latitude, longitude, equator

	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.]
<b>5.ESS3.1.</b>	<b>Obtain and compare information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth’s resources and environment.</b>

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <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>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>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain and combine information from books and/or other reliable media to explain phenomena or</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>ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems</b></p> <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>	<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),(5-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World</b></p> <p>Science findings are limited to questions that can be answered with empirical evidence. (5-ESS3-1)</p>

Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade: N/A	
Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: <b>2.ESS2.A</b> (5-ESS2-1); <b>2.ESS2.C</b> (5-ESS2-2); <b>3.ESS2.D</b> (5-ESS2-1); <b>4.ESS2.A</b> (5-ESS2-1); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (5-ESS2-1); <b>MS.ESS2.C</b> (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2); <b>MS.ESS2.D</b> (5-ESS2-1); <b>MS.ESS3.A</b> (5-ESS2-2),(5-ESS3-1); <b>MS.ESS3.C</b> (5-ESS3-1); <b>MS.ESS3.D</b> (5-ESS3-1)	
Common Core State Standards Connections:	
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-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-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2),(5-ESS3-1)

**RI.5.9** Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (5-ESS3-1)

**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),(5-ESS3-1)

**W.5.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (5-ESS3-1)

**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-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2)

Mathematics –

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2),(5-ESS3-1)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2),(5-ESS3-1)

**5.G.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<sup>th</sup> TEACHING UNIT FOUR: Space Systems: Stars and the Solar System (5-PS2, 5-ESS1)

### *Catholic Identity* –

- Students understand the importance of scientific understanding as a necessary tool for responsible stewardship of the earth and its many inhabitants.
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other’s ideas, roles and abilities.
- Students will be able to discuss the theory of evolution in the context of Catholic teaching about the origin of life;
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other’s ideas, roles and abilities.

***Catholic/Christian Scientists*** – Giovanni Domenico Cassini (1625–1712) – First to observe four of Saturn's moons and the co- discoverer of the Great Red Spot on Jupiter; Nicolaus Copernicus (1473–1543) – First person to formulate a comprehensive heliocentric cosmology; Léon Foucault (1819–1868) – Invented the Foucault pendulum to measure the effect of the earth's rotation; Jean Picard (1620–1682) – French priest and father of modern astronomy in France; G.G. Coriolis (Earth’s rotation); Galileo Galilei (Father of modern science); Roger Bacon (Scientific Method)

### *Vocabulary*

- **Force:** acceleration, balanced forces, deceleration, force, friction, gravity, joules, magnetism, motion, poles, velocity, speed, reaction force, position, net force, momentum, magnetic field, inertia, gravitation, frame of reference, resistance, repulsion, unbalanced forces, conservation of momentum, effort, action force, work, power, watts, energy
- **The Earth in Space:** cycle, gravity, moon, orbit, rotate, satellite, solar eclipse, space shuttle, axis, solstice, earth, lunar eclipse, moon phases, planet, revolve, seasons, solar system, telescope, north pole, south pole
- **The Planets:** Earth, Jupiter, Mercury, moon, Neptune, planet, Saturn, Uranus, Venus, axis, barometric pressure, ellipse, elliptical, gravitation, lithosphere, model, orbit, revolution, Mars
- **The Sun & Other Stars:** star, constellation, eclipse, light year, magnitude, main sequence, nebula, prominence, protostar, radiation zone, absolute magnitude, apparent magnitude, convection zone, corona, photosphere, solar flare, solar wind, sun, sunspot, gas
- **Light Energy:** radiation, solar energy, waves, light energy, light year, wave length, reflection, ultraviolet light, convex, concave, lens, opaque, refraction, transparent
- **The Universe:** asteroid, astronomy, galaxy, Milky Way Galaxy, space probe, model, comet

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
5.PS2.1.	Support an argument that the gravitational force exerted by Earth on objects is directed toward the center of the planet. [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.]
5.ESS1.1.	Support an argument that differences in the brightness of the sun compared to other 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

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>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></p> <p>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- PS2-1),(5-ESS1-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS2.B: Types of Interactions</b></p> <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> <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>Cause and Effect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change. (5-PS2-1)</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-levels: <b>1.ESS1.A</b> (5-ESS1-2); <b>1.ESS1.B</b> (5-ESS1-2); <b>3.PS2.A</b> (5-PS2-1),(5-ESS1-2); <b>3.PS2.B</b> (5-PS2-1); <b>MS.PS2.B</b> (5-PS2-1); <b>MS.ESS1.A</b> (5-ESS1-1),(5-ESS1-2); <b>MS.ESS1.B</b> (5-PS2-1),(5-ESS1-1),(5-ESS1-2); <b>MS.ESS2.C</b> (5-PS2-1)	
Common Core State Standards Connections:  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),(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-PS2-1),(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-PS2-1),(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)

Mathematics –

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-ESS1-1),(5-ESS1-2)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (5-ESS1-1),(5-ESS1-2)

**5.NBT.A.2** 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)

**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-ESS1-2)

## 5<sup>th</sup> TEACHING UNIT FIVE: Engineering Design

### *Catholic Identity*

- Students will be able to understand the responsibility to take care of their own spiritual and physical well-being;
- Students will be able to understand that God calls us to care for His creation;
- Students will be able to connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things;
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other’s ideas, roles, and abilities. Students will be able to demonstrate stewardship imbued with Catholic values in the care of local and global environments.

### *Catholic/Christian Scientists* – (Pertinent to subject of Research)

### *Vocabulary* – (Pertinent to subject of research)

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
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.
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.
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.

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>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></p> <p>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</p>	<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</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>• 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>



<p>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>an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs. (3-5-ETS1-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	
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Connections to 3-5-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include: N/A

Connections to 3-5-ETS1.B: Designing Solutions to Engineering Problems include: N/A

Connections to 3-5-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include: N/A

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-ETS1-2)
- 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-ETS1-2)
- RI.5.9** Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (3-5-ETS1-2)
- 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)

<b>MP.4</b>	Model with mathematics. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)
<b>MP.5</b>	Use appropriate tools strategically. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)
<b>3-5.OA</b>	Operations and Algebraic Thinking (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2)

## Religious Overtones in Middle School Science

In the middle grades, curricular content becomes of prime importance as students continue to increase their scientific literacy. Students explore science topics that relate to the structure and function of organisms, ecology, evolution, and biodiversity. These topics should align with church teachings and should guide the development of the student's moral compass. Reinforcing God's grace and presence teaches students to have the utmost respect for all of God's creatures and creation. This should be demonstrated by their actions and incorporated into their personal belief systems. "Consequently, methodical research in all branches of knowledge, provided it is carried out in a truly scientific manner and does not override moral laws, can never conflict with faith, because the things of the world and the things of faith derive from the same God. The humble and persevering investigator of the secrets of nature is being led, as it were, by the hand of God in spite of himself, for it is God, the conservator of all things, who made them what they are." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 159, Part I*)

Students are dynamic in their growth and development. Their personal choices begin to define both who they are and what they are becoming physically, socially, and emotionally. Instilling a sense of health and well-being within students should be integral to the science curriculum. This should establish a foundation for ethical decision-making skills as students become increasingly independent. Students should exercise good judgment as knowledge is put into practice. "The virtue of temperance disposes us to avoid every kind of excess: the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco, or medicine. Those incur grave guilt who, by drunkenness or love of speed, endanger their own and other's safety on the road, at sea, or in the air." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 2290 Part III*)

As students become active members of the world community, it is essential that a connection between faith and science be cultivated. Students constantly challenge and are challenged by the world around them. They become ever more aware of the global diversity of beliefs, opinions, and lifestyles. It is important to cement a foundation in faith so that students are increasingly compassionate and reasonable in their decision-making. "Faith and science: "Though faith is above reason, there can never be any real discrepancy between faith and reason. Since the same God who reveals mysteries and infuses faith has bestowed the light of reason on the human mind, God cannot deny himself, nor can truth ever contradict truth." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 159, Part I*)

## Middle School: Grades 6-8

### *Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links*

- Students write and perform plays to demonstrate the importance of proper hygiene and care of our bodies for younger students. (Science, Health, Language Arts)
- Students use online and text resources to research a famous scientist and explain how his/her contributions have added to the quality of life on Earth. (Science, Language Arts)
- Students formulate a fitness plan to maintain good health. (Science, Health, Language Arts)
- Write a story such as “I Am a Red Blood Cell” and trace its journey through the body.
- Student interview transplant patients as part of a case study or essay about the benefits and challenges of technology.
- Students listen to speeches on the internet with themes centered on environmental issues and use those speeches as models in their own presentation on similar issues. (Social Studies, Science, Religion, Listening Skills)
- Students read and discuss novels that deal with personal growth, overcoming obstacles, interaction with nature and the environment, the advancement of technology (*Hatchet*, *The Giver*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Lyddie*), and articulate an understanding of the dignity of the human person and the responsibility of Christians to work for justice in the workplace. (Religion, History, Literature)
- Students read a variety of nonfiction pieces about environmental issues and natural resources to develop an understanding of themselves as guardians of creation. (Science, Religion, Literature)
- Students research topics for essays in science, history, geography in both text and online sources and consistently observe copyright laws, demonstrating respect for the rights and dignity of others. (History, Geography, Science)
- Students read and write essays and speeches that connect excessive economic, social and cultural inequalities to conflicts between nations and among peoples (both in the present and past), articulating the link between peace and justice. (Social Studies, Science, Religion, Literature, Written Language)
- Students write persuasive essays and speeches supporting one political leader over another because he/she better reflects an understanding of society’s moral responsibility to use resources well. (Religion, Social Studies, Science, Written Language)
- Students write short stories describing the consequences of environmental or personal health choices. (Religion, Written Language, Science)
- Students calculate the environmental and economic cost of war, natural disasters, unemployment, etc.), expressing an understanding that, as Catholic Christians, we are called to work globally and locally for justice. (Math, Social Studies, Science)

## 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 the topic **Structure and Properties of Matter** help students to formulate an answer to the questions: “How can particles combine to produce a substance with different properties? How does thermal energy affect particles?” by building understanding of what occurs at the atomic and molecular scale. By the end of middle school, students will be able to apply understanding that pure substances have characteristic 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. The crosscutting concepts of cause and effect; scale, proportion and quantity; 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 these performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Students use these scientific and engineering practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in the topic **Chemical Reactions** help students to formulate an answer to the questions: “What happens when new materials are formed? What stays the same and what changes?” by building understanding of what occurs at the atomic and molecular scale during chemical reactions. By the end of middle school, students will be able to provide molecular level accounts to explain 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 and energy and matter are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In these performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models, analyzing and interpreting data, and designing solutions. Students use these scientific and engineering practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in the topic **Forces and Interactions** focus 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 other 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 these 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 the topic **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 that 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. These performance expectations 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 the topic **Waves and Electromagnetic Radiation** 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. These performance expectations 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-PS TEACHING UNIT ONE: Structure and Properties of Matter (MS-PS1)

### *Catholic Social Teaching –*

- Students will be prepared in a way that encourages them to explore the links between their Christian faith and scientific inquiry, understand the world they live in, and develop a sense of who they and others are as people respecting creation and their beliefs.
- Students will learn to utilize the scientific method in their study of Physical Science by creating questions, doing a research, forming a hypothesis based on experiment observations, analyzing and drawing conclusions, and then communicating their findings.

### *Catholic/Christian Scientists:*

- **Chemistry:** Amedeo Avogadro, Roger Joseph Bosovich, Jean-Baptiste Dumas, Joseph Louis Gay Lussac, Antoine Lavoisier,
- **Physics:** Charles de Coloumb, Blaise Pascal, Francesco Lana de Terzi

**Vocabulary Words for Physical Science** – hypothesis, observation, atom, density, states of matter, mixture, compound, physical properties of matter, Periodic Table of Elements, kinetic energy, potential energy, electromagnetic wave, electromagnetism, conduction, convection, radiation, energy transformation, velocity, acceleration, unbalanced forces, reflection, diffraction, gravity, inertia, work, inclined plane, amplitude, pitch, series circuits, parallel circuits

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
MS-PS1-1.	<b>Develop models to describe the atomic composition of simple molecules and extended structures.</b> [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 depiction of all individual atoms in a complex molecule or extended structure.]
MS-PS1-3.	<b>Gather and make sense of information to describe that synthetic materials come from natural resources and impact society.</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<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	<b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substances are made from different types of atoms, which combine with one another in various ways. Atoms</li> </ul>	<b>Cause and Effect</b> <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>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> </ul> <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>form molecules that range in size from two to thousands of atoms. (MS-PS1-1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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-PS1-3) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by MS-PS1-2.)</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-PS1-3) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by MS-PS1-2 and MS-PS1-5.)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.A: Definitions of Energy</b></p> <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</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>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> <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>
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	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)	
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **MS.LS2.A** (MS-PS1-3); **MS.LS4.D** (MS-PS1-3); **MS.ESS2.C** (MS-PS1-1),(MS-PS1-4); **MS.ESS3.A** (MS-PS1-3); **MS.ESS3.C** (MS-PS1-3)

Articulation across grade-bands: **5.PS1.A** (MS-PS1-1); **HS.PS1.A** (MS-PS1-1),(MS-PS1-3),(MS-PS1-4); **HS.PS1.B** (MS-PS1-4); **HS.PS3.A** (MS-PS1-4); **HS.LS2.A** (MS-PS1-3); **HS.LS4.D** (MS-PS1-3); **HS.ESS1.A** (MS-PS1-1); **HS.ESS3.A** (MS-PS1-3)

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-PS1-3)
- RST.6-8.7** 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). (MS-PS1-1),(MS-PS1-4)
- WHST.6-8.8** 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)

Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-PS1-1)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (MS-PS1-1)
- 6.RP.A.3** Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems. (MS-PS1-1)
- 6.NS.C.5** 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)
- 8.EE.A.3** 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-PS1-1)

## MS-PS TEACHING UNIT TWO: Chemical Reactions (MS-PS1)

### *Catholic Social Teaching –*

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**Vocabulary Words for Physical Science** – hypothesis, observation, atom, density, states of matter, mixture, compound, physical properties of matter, Periodic Table of Elements, kinetic energy, potential energy, electromagnetic wave, electromagnetism, conduction, convection, radiation, energy transformation, velocity, acceleration, unbalanced forces, reflection, diffraction, gravity, inertia, work, inclined plane, amplitude, pitch, series circuits, parallel circuits

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
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-PS1-5.	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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<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.	<b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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) (Note: This</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <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> <b>Energy and Matter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matter is conserved because atoms</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a model to describe unobservable mechanisms. (MS-PS1-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>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></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 knowledge, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake a design project, engaging in the design cycle, to construct and/or implement a solution that meets specific design criteria and constraints. (MS-PS1-6)</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 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>	<p>Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by MS-PS1-3.)</p> <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-PS1-5) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by MS-PS1-3.)</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>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)material. (secondary to MS-PS1-4)</li> </ul>	<p>are conserved in physical and chemical processes. (MS-PS1-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The transfer of energy can be tracked as energy flows through a designed or natural system. (MS-PS1-6)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **MS.PS3.D** (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-6); **MS.LS1.C** (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-5); **MS.LS2.B** (MS-PS1-5); **MS.ESS2.A** (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-5)

Articulation across grade-bands: **5.PS1.B** (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-5); **HS.PS1.A** (MS-PS1-6); **HS.PS1.B** (MS-PS1-2)(MS-PS1-5),(MS-PS1-6); **HS.PS3.A** (MS-PS1-6); **HS.PS3.B** (MS-PS1-

6); **HS.PS3.D** (MS-PS1-6)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

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- WHST.6-8.7** 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. (MS-PS1-6)

Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-5)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (MS-PS1-5)
- 6.RP.A.3** Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems. (MS-PS1-2),(MS-PS1-5)
- 6.SP.B.4** Display numerical data in plots on a number line, including dot plots, histograms, and box plots. (MS-PS1-2)
- 6.SP.B.5** Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context (MS-PS1-2)

## MS-PS TEACHING UNIT THREE: Forces and Interactions (MS-PS2)

### *Catholic Social Teaching –*

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
MS-PS2-1.	<b>Apply Newton’s Third Law to design a solution to a problem involving the motion of two colliding objects.*</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>Ask questions about data to determine the factors that affect the strength of electric and magnetic forces.</b> [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.	<b>Construct and present arguments using evidence to support the claim that gravitational interactions are attractive and depend on the masses of interacting objects.</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [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 is limited to qualitative evidence for the existence of fields.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>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></p> <p>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></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>Apply scientific ideas or principles to</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 an arbitrarily chosen reference frame and arbitrarily chosen units of size. In order to share information with other people, these choices must also be shared. (MS-PS2-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS2.B: Types of Interactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electric 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> <p>-----</p> <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>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. (MS-PS2-1)</li> </ul>

<p>design an 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>-----</p> <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-PS2-2),(MS-PS2-4)</li> </ul>		
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **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)

Articulation across grade-bands: **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)

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**6.NS.C.5** Understand that positive and negative numbers are used together to describe quantities having opposite directions or values; use positive and negative numbers to represent quantities in real-world contexts, explaining the meaning of 0 in each situation. (MS-PS2-1)

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| <b>6.EE.A.2</b> | Write, read, and evaluate expressions in which letters stand for numbers. (MS-PS2-1),(MS-PS2-2)   |
| <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) |
| <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)   |



## MS-PS TEACHING UNIT FOUR: Energy (MS-PS3)

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
MS-PS3-1.	<b>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.</b> [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 wiffle ball versus a tennis ball.]
MS-PS3-2.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>Apply scientific principles to design, construct, and test a device that either minimizes or maximizes thermal energy transfer.*</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<p><b>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.</b> [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.]</p>
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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p>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></p>	<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>Energy 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 of scientific principles and other relevant knowledge that is</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 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 to 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, 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>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 or system. (MS-PS3-3)</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 worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct, use, 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. (MS-PS3-5)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <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>likely to limit possible solutions. (secondary to MS-PS3-3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></li> <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>	
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<p>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: <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>Articulation across grade-bands: <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>Common Core State Standards Connections:</p> <p>ELA/Literacy –</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</p>

technical tasks. (MS-PS3-3),(MS-PS3-4)

**RST.6-8.7** 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). (MS-PS3-1)

**WHST.6-8.1** Write arguments focused on discipline content. (MS-PS3-5)

**WHST.6-8.7** 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. (MS-PS3-3),(MS-PS3-4)

**SL.8.5** Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest. (MS-PS3-2)

Mathematics –

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-PS3-1),(MS-PS3-4),(MS-PS3-5)

**6.RP.A.1** Understand the concept of ratio and use ratio language to describe a ratio relationship between two quantities. (MS-PS3-1),(MS-PS3-5)

**6.RP.A.2** Understand the concept of a unit rate  $a/b$  associated with a ratio  $a:b$  with  $b \neq 0$ , and use rate language in the context of a ratio relationship. (MS-PS3-1)

**7.RP.A.2** Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities. (MS-PS3-1),(MS-PS3-5)

**8.EE.A.1** Know and apply the properties of integer exponents to generate equivalent numerical expressions. (MS-PS3-1)

**8.EE.A.2** Use square root and cube root symbols to represent solutions to equations of the form  $x^2 = p$  and  $x^3 = p$ , where  $p$  is a positive rational number. Evaluate square roots of small perfect squares and cube roots of small perfect cubes. Know that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational. (MS-PS3-1)

**8.F.A.3** 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-PS3-1),(MS-PS3-5)

**6.SP.B.5** Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context. (MS-PS3-4)

## MS-PS TEACHING UNIT FIVE: Waves and Electromagnetic Radiation (MS-PS4)

### *Catholic Social Teaching –*

- Students will be prepared in a way that encourages them to explore the links between their Christian faith and scientific inquiry, understand the world they live in, and develop a sense of who they and others are as people respecting creation and their beliefs.
- Students will learn to utilize the scientific method in their study of Physical Science by creating questions, doing a research, forming a hypothesis based on experiment observations, analyzing and drawing conclusions, and then communicating their findings.

### *Catholic/Christian Scientists:*

- **Chemistry:** Amedeo Avogadro, Roger Joseph Bosovich, Jean-Baptiste Dumas, Joseph Louis Gay Lussac, Antoine Lavoisier,
- **Physics:** Charles de Coloumb, Blaise Pascal, Francesco Lana de Terzi

**Vocabulary Words for Physical Science** – hypothesis, observation, atom, density, states of matter, mixture, compound, physical properties of matter, Periodic Table of Elements, kinetic energy, potential energy, electromagnetic wave, electromagnetism, conduction, convection, radiation, energy transformation, velocity, acceleration, unbalanced forces, reflection, diffraction, gravity, inertia, work, inclined plane, amplitude, pitch, series circuits, parallel circuits

	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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<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	<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>	<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</li> </ul>

<p>phenomena. (MS-PS4-2) <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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use mathematical representations to describe and/or support scientific conclusions and design solutions. (MS-PS4-1)</li> </ul> <p><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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><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-PS4-1)</li> </ul>	<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 the 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> <p><b>PS4.C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation</b></p> <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>	<p>shaped and used. (MS-PS4-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structures can be designed to serve particular functions. (MS-PS4-3)</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>Technologies extend the measurement, exploration, modeling, and computational capacity of scientific investigations. (MS-PS4-3)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science is a Human Endeavor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advances in technology influence the progress of science and science has influenced advances in</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: <b>MS.LS1.D</b> (MS-PS4-2)
Articulation across grade-bands: <b>4.PS3.A</b> (MS-PS4-1); <b>4.PS3.B</b> (MS-PS4-1); <b>4.PS4.A</b> (MS-PS4-1); <b>4.PS4.B</b> (MS-PS4-2); <b>4.PS4.C</b> (MS-PS4-3); <b>HS.PS4.A</b> (MS-PS4-1),(MS-PS4-2),(MS-PS4-3); <b>HS.PS4.B</b> (MS-PS4-1),(MS-PS4-2); <b>HS.PS4.C</b> (MS-PS4-3); <b>HS.ESS1.A</b> (MS-PS4-2); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (MS-PS4-2); <b>HS.ESS2.C</b> (MS-PS4-2); <b>HS.ESS2.D</b> (MS-PS4-2)
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-PS4-3)
<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) Mathematics –

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-PS4-1)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (MS-PS4-1)

**6.RP.A.1** Understand the concept of a ratio and use ratio language to describe a ratio relationship between two quantities. (MS-PS4-1)

**6.RP.A.3** Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems. (MS-PS4-1)

**7.RP.A.2** Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities. (MS-PS4-1)

**8.F.A.3** 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)

## 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-LS TEACHING UNIT ONE: Structure, Function, and Information Processing (MS – LS1)

### *Catholic Social Teaching*

- Students will be prepared in a way that encourages them to explore the links between their Christian faith and scientific inquiry, understand the world they live in, and develop a sense of who they and others are as people respecting creation and their beliefs.
- Students will learn to utilize the scientific method in their study of Life Science by creating questions, doing a research, forming a hypothesis based on experiment observations, analyzing and drawing conclusions, and then communicating their findings.

### *Catholic/ Christian Scientists*

- **Genetics:** Jean-Baptiste Lamarck, Gregor Mendel, Louis Pasteur, Theodor Schwann
- **Physiology/Medicine:** Karl Landsteiner, Leonardo da Vinci, Lazzaro Spallanzani, Andreas Vesalius
- **Botany:** Stephan Endlicher
- **Ecology:** Roger Bacon, Jean-Francois Champollion, Galileo Galilei

### *Vocabulary*

**Life Science** – ecosystem, biotic, abiotic, producer, consumer, herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, scavenger, decomposer, food web, energy pyramid, niche, limiting factor, carrying capacity, biome, marine, estuary, wetland, eukaryote, prokaryote, equilibrium, osmosis, diffusion, endocytosis, exocytosis, tissue, organ system, gene, allele, phenotype, genotype, dominant allele, recessive allele, evolution, natural selection, survival of the fittest, adaptation, artificial selection

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
MS-LS1-1.	<b>Conduct an investigation to provide evidence that living things are made of cells; either one cell or many different numbers and types of cells.</b> [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.	<b>Develop and use a model to describe the function of a cell as a whole and ways parts of cells contribute to the function.</b> [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.	<b>Use argument supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells.</b> [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-LS1-8.	<b>Gather and synthesize information that sensory receptors respond to stimuli by sending messages to the brain for immediate behavior or storage as memories.</b> [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include mechanisms for the transmission of this information.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<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 and use a model to describe phenomena. (MS-LS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b></p> <p>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>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> </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>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.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>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> </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>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 structures/systems can be analyzed to determine how they function. (MS-LS1-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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</li> </ul>

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **MS.LS3.A** (MS-LS1-2)

Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands: **4.LS1.A** (MS-LS1-2); **4.LS1.D** (MS-LS1-8); **HS.LS1.A** (MS-LS1-1),(MS-LS1-2),(MS-LS1-3),(MS-LS1-8)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

**RST.6-8.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-LS1-3)

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**WHST.6-8.8** 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)

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## **MS-LS TEACHING UNIT TWO: Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems (MS – LS1)**

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
MS-LS1-6.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [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-LS1-1.	<b>Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for the effects of resource availability on organisms and populations of organisms in an ecosystem.</b> [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-LS1-3.	<b>Develop a model to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy among living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem.</b> [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-LS1-4.	<b>Construct an argument supported by empirical evidence that changes to physical or biological components of an ecosystem affect populations.</b> [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.]

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<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 describe phenomena. (MS-LS2-3)</li> <li>Develop a model to describe unobservable mechanisms. (MS-LS1-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5</p>	<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>Within 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>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>Matter is conserved because atoms are conserved in physical and chemical processes. (MS-LS1-7)</li> <li>Within a natural system, the transfer of energy drives the motion and/or cycling of matter. (MS-LS1-6)</li> <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>

experiences and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.

- Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for phenomena. (MS-LS2-1)

**Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions**

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.

- 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-LS1-6)

**Engaging in Argument from Evidence**

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).

- 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)

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**Connections to Nature of Science**

**Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence**

- Science knowledge is based upon logical connections between evidence and explanations. (MS-LS1-6)
- Science disciplines share common rules of obtaining and evaluating empirical evidence. (MS-LS2-4)

**LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems**

- Organisms, and populations of organisms, are dependent on their environmental interactions both with other living things and with nonliving factors. (MS-LS2-1)
- 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)
- Growth of organisms and population increases are limited by access to resources. (MS-LS2-1)

**LS2.B: Cycle of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems**

- 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)

**LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience**

- 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)

**PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life**

- 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)
- § 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

- Small changes in one part of a system might cause large changes in another part. (MS-LS2-4)

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**Connections to Nature of Science**

**Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems**

- Science assumes that objects and events in natural systems occur in consistent patterns that are understandable through measurement and observation. (MS-LS2-3)

other materials. (secondary to MS-LS1-7)

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **MS.PS1.B** (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7),(MS-LS2-3); **MS.LS4.C** (MS-LS2-4); **MS.LS4.D** (MS-LS2-4); **MS.ESS2.A** (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS2-3),(MS-LS2-4); **MS.ESS3.A** (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-4); **MS.ESS3.C** (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-4)

Articulation across grade-bands: **3.LS2.C** (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-4); **3.LS4.D** (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-4); **5.PS3.D** (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7); **5.LS1.C** (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7); **5.LS2.A** (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-3); **5.LS2.B** (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7),(MS-LS2-3); **HS.PS1.B** (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7); **HS.PS3.B** (MS-LS2-3); **HS.LS1.C** (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7),(MS-LS2-3); **HS.LS2.A** (MS-LS2-1); **HS.LS2.B** (MS-LS1-6),(MS-LS1-7),(MS-LS2-3); **HS.LS2.C** (MS-LS2-4); **HS.LS4.C** (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-4); **HS.LS4.D** (MS-LS2-1),(MS-LS2-4); **HS.ESS2.A** (MS-LS2-3); **HS.ESS2.D** (MS-LS1-6); **HS.ESS2.E** (MS-LS2-4); **HS.ESS3.A** (MS-LS2-1); **HS.ESS3.B** (MS-LS2-4); **HS.ESS3.C** (MS-LS2-4)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

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- RST.6-8.7** 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). (MS-LS2-1)
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## MS-LS TEACHING UNIT THREE: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems (MS-LS2)

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
MS-LS2-2.	<b>Construct an explanation that predicts patterns of interactions among organisms across multiple ecosystems.</b> [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-LS2-5.	<b>Evaluate competing design solutions for maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services.*</b> [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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<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,	<b>LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patterns can be used to identify cause and effect relationships. (MS-LS2-2)</li> </ul> <b>Stability and Change</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small changes in one part of a system might cause large changes in another part. (MS-LS2-5)</li> </ul>



<p>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></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>Evaluate competing design solutions based on jointly developed and agreed-upon design criteria. (MS-LS2-5)</li> </ul>	<p>beneficial interactions vary across ecosystems, the patterns of interactions of organisms with their environments, both living and nonliving, are shared. (MS-LS2-2)</p> <p><b>LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <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 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> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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-LS2-5)</li> </ul>
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LS2-2)

**SL.8.4** 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. (MS-LS2-2)

Mathematics –

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

**6.RP.A.3** Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems. (MS-LS2-5)

**6.SP.B.5** Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context. (MS-LS2-2)

## MS-LS TEACHING UNIT FOUR: Growth, Development, and Reproduction of Organisms (MS-LS1, MS-LS3, MS-LS4)

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
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-LS3-1.	Develop and use a model to describe why structural changes to genes (mutations) located on chromosomes may affect proteins 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.	<b>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.</b> [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(s) to offspring and resulting genetic variation.]
MS-LS4-5.	<b>Gather and synthesize information about the technologies that have changed the way humans influence the inheritance of desired traits in organisms.</b> [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.]

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<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 and use a model to describe phenomena. (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2)</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>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)</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</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. (secondary to MS-LS3-2)</li> <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>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</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> <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),(MS-LS4-5)</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> <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-LS4-5)</li> </ul> <hr/>

<p>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)</p> <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-LS4-5)</li> </ul>	<p>alleles of each gene, one acquired from each parent. These versions may be identical or may differ from each other. (MS-LS3-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 are beneficial, others harmful, and some neutral to the organism. (MS-LS3-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.B: Natural Selection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In artificial 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>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-LS4-5)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **MS.LS1.A** (MS-LS3-1); **MS.LS2.A** (MS-LS1-4),(MS-LS1-5); **MS.LS4.A** (MS-LS3-1)

Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands: **3.LS1.B** (MS-LS1-4),(MS-LS1-5); **3.LS3.A** (MS-LS1-5),(MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2); **3.LS3.B** (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2); **HS.LS1.A** (MS-LS3-1); **HS.LS1.B** (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2); **HS.LS2.A** (MS-LS1-4),(MS-LS1-5); **HS.LS2.D** (MS-LS1-4); **HS.LS3.A** (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2); **HS.LS3.B** (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2),(MS-LS4-5); **HS.LS4.C** (MS-LS4-5)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

- RST.6-8.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-LS1-4),(MS-LS1-5),(MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2),(MS-LS4-5)
- RST.6-8.2** 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)
- RST.6-8.4** 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. (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2)
- RST.6-8.7** 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). (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2)
- RI.6.8** 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-LS1-4)
- WHST.6-8.1** Write arguments focused on discipline content. (MS-LS1-4)
- WHST.6-8.2** 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)
- WHST.6-8.8** 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)
- WHST.6-8.9** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (MS-LS1-5)

**SL.8.5** Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points. (MS-LS3-1),(MS-LS3-2)

Mathematics –

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (MS-LS3-2)

**6.SP.A.2** 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)

**6.SP.B.4** Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context. (MS-LS1-4),(MS-LS1-5)

**6.SP.B.5** Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context. (MS-LS3-2)

## MS-LS TEACHING UNIT FIVE: Natural Selection and Adaptations (MS-LS4)

### *Catholic Social Teaching*

- Students will be prepared in a way that encourages them to explore the links between their Christian faith and scientific inquiry, understand the world they live in, and develop a sense of who they and others are as people respecting creation and their beliefs.
- Students will learn to utilize the scientific method in their study of Life Science by creating questions, doing a research, forming a hypothesis based on experiment observations, analyzing and drawing conclusions, and then communicating their findings.

### *Catholic/ Christian Scientists*

- **Genetics:** Jean-Baptiste Lamarck, Gregor Mendel, Louis Pasteur, Theodor Schwann
- **Physiology/Medicine:** Karl Landsteiner, Leonardo da Vinci, Lazzaro Spallanzani, Andreas Vesalius
- **Botany:** Stephan Endlicher
- **Ecology:** Roger Bacon, Jean-Francois Champollion, Galileo Galilei

### *Vocabulary*

- **Life Science** – ecosystem, biotic, abiotic, producer, consumer, herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, scavenger, decomposer, food web, energy pyramid, niche, limiting factor, carrying capacity, biome, marine, estuary, wetland, eukaryote, prokaryote, equilibrium, osmosis, diffusion, endocytosis, exocytosis, tissue, organ system, gene, allele, phenotype, genotype, dominant allele, recessive allele, evolution, natural selection, survival of the fittest, adaptation, artificial selection

	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 changes 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-LS4-6.	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></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 displays of data to identify linear and nonlinear relationships. (MS-LS4-3) 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> <hr/> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></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> </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 of traits in a population changes. (MS-LS4-6)</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-LS4-6)</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>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)</li> </ul>



**Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence**

- Science knowledge is based upon logical and conceptual connections between evidence and explanations. (MS-LS4-1)

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **MS.LS2.A** (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6); **MS.LS2.C** (MS-LS4-6); **MS.LS3.A** (MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-4); **MS.LS3.B** (MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6); **MS.ESS1.C** (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-6); **MS.ESS2.B** (MS-LS4-1)

Articulation across grade-bands: **3.LS3.B** (MS-LS4-4); **3.LS4.A** (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2); **3.LS4.B** (MS-LS4-4); **3.LS4.C** (MS-LS4-6); **HS.LS2.A** (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6); **HS.LS2.C** (MS-LS4-6); **HS.LS3.B** (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6); **HS.LS4.A** (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-3); **HS.LS4.B** (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6); **HS.LS4.C** (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6); **HS.ESS1.C** (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2)

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-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2),(MS-LS4-3),(MS-LS4-4)
- RST.6-8.7** 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). (MS-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-3)
- RST.6-8.9** Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic. (MS-LS4-3),(MS-LS4-4)

Mathematics –

- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (MS-LS4-6)
- 6.RP.A.1** Understand the concept of a ratio and use ratio language to describe a ratio relationship between two quantities. (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6)
- 6.SP.B.5** Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context. (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6)
- 6.EE.B.6** 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-LS4-1),(MS-LS4-2)
- 7.RP.A.2** Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities. (MS-LS4-4),(MS-LS4-6)

## Middle School Earth and Space Sciences

Students in middle school develop understanding of a wide range of topics in Earth and space science (ESS) that build upon science concepts from elementary school through more advanced content, practice, and crosscutting themes. There are six ESS standard topics in middle school: Space Systems, History of Earth, Earth's Interior Systems, Earth's Surface Systems, Weather and Climate, and Human Impacts. The content of the performance expectations are based on current community-based geoscience literacy efforts such as the Earth Science Literacy Principles (Wysession et al., 2012), and is presented with a greater emphasis on an Earth Systems Science approach. The performance expectations strongly reflect the many societally relevant aspects of ESS (resources, hazards, environmental impacts) as well as related connections to engineering and technology. While the performance expectations shown in middle school ESS 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 **MS Space Systems** help students formulate answers to the questions: "What is Earth's place in the Universe?" and "What makes up our solar system and how can the motion of Earth explain seasons and eclipses?" Two sub-ideas from the NRC Framework are addressed in these performance expectations: ESS1.A and ESS1.B. Middle school students can 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. The crosscutting concepts of patterns; scale, proportion, and quantity; systems and system models; and interdependence of science, engineering, and technology are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the MS.Space Systems performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models and analyzing and interpreting data; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in **MS History of Earth** help students formulate answers to the questions: "How do people figure out that the Earth and life on Earth have changed over time?" and "How does the movement of tectonic plates impact the surface of Earth?" Four sub-ideas from the NRC Framework are addressed in these performance expectations: ESS1.C, ESS2.A, ESS2.B, and ESS2.C. Students can examine geoscience data in order to understand the processes and events in Earth's history. Important concepts in this topic are "Scale, Proportion, and Quantity" and "Stability and Change," in relation to the different ways geologic processes operate over the long expanse of geologic time. An important aspect of the history of Earth is that geologic events and conditions have affected the evolution of life, but different life forms have also played important roles in altering Earth's systems. In the MS.History of Earth performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in analyzing and interpreting data, and constructing explanations; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in **MS Earth's Systems** help students formulate answers to the questions: "How do the materials in and on Earth's crust change over time?" and "How does water influence weather, circulate in the oceans, and shape Earth's surface?" Three sub-ideas from the NRC Framework are addressed in these performance expectations: ESS2.A, ESS2.C, and ESS3.A. Students understand how Earth's geosystems operate by modeling the flow of energy and cycling of matter within and among different systems. Students can 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 and for the mitigation of hazards. The crosscutting concepts of cause and effect, energy and matter, and stability and change are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the MS.Earth's Systems performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models and constructing explanations; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in **MS Weather and Climate** help students formulate an answer to the question: "What factors interact and influence weather and climate?" Three sub-ideas from the NRC Framework are addressed in these performance expectations: ESS2.C, ESS2.D, and ESS3.D. Students can construct and use models to develop understanding of the factors that control weather and climate. 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 cause and effect, systems and system models, and stability and change are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the MS.Weather and Climate performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in asking questions, developing and using models, and planning and carrying out investigations; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in **MS Human Impacts** help students formulate answers to the questions: "How can natural hazards be predicted?" and "How do human activities affect Earth systems?" Two sub-ideas from the NRC Framework are addressed in these performance expectations: ESS3.B and ESS3.C. Students understand the ways that human activities impacts Earth's other systems. Students can 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 interdependence of science, engineering, and technology are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas.

## MS-ESS TEACHING UNIT ONE: Space Systems (MS-ESS1)

### *Catholic Social Teaching*

- Students will be prepared in a way that encourages them to explore the links between their Christian faith and scientific inquiry, understand the world they live in, and develop a sense of who they and others are as people respecting creation and their beliefs.
- Students will learn to utilize the scientific method in their study of Earth Science by creating questions, doing a research, forming a hypothesis based on experiment observations, analyzing and drawing conclusions, and then communicating their findings.

### *Catholic/Christian Scientists:*

- **Astronomy:** Daniello Bartoli, Jean-Baptiste Biot, Giovanni Domenico Cassini, Nicolaus Copernicus, Hippolyte Fizeau, Francisco Maria Grimaldi, Georges Lemaitre, Etienne-Louis Malus, Charles W. Misner, Giuseppe Piazzi, Jean Picard, Giovanni Battista Riccioli
- **Paleontology/Archeology:** Gaspard-Gustave Coriolis, Leon Foucault, Abraham Ortelius
- **Meteorology:** Theodoric of Freiberg, Evangelista Torricelli

### *Vocabulary*

- **Earth Science:** Hypothesis, Scientific inquiry/method, Scientific theory, Variable, Geology, Meteorology, Astronomy, Organic, Weathering, Erosion, Radiation, Conduction, Convection, Density, Force, Pressure, Natural resource, Wave, Current, Weather, Climate, Rotation, Revolution, Phase

	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.]

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<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Develop and use a model to describe phenomena. (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2)</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-ESS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS1.A: The Universe and Its Stars</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-ESS1-1)</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>Cause and Effect 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, 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-ESS1-3)</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> <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 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-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **MS.PS2.A** (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2); **MS.PS2.B** (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2); **MS.ESS2.A** (MS-ESS1-3)

Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: **3.PS2.A** (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2); **5.PS2.B** (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2); **5.ESS1.A** (MS-ESS1-2); **5.ESS1.B** (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2),(MS-ESS1-3); **HS.PS2.A** (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2); **HS.PS2.B** (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2); **HS.ESS1.A** (MS-ESS1-2); **HS.ESS1.B** (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2),(MS-ESS1-3); **HS.ESS2.A** (MS-ESS1-3)

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Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-ESS1-3)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2)
- 6.RP.A.1** 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)
- 7.RP.A.2** Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities. (MS-ESS1-1),(MS-ESS1-2).(MS-ESS1-3)
- 6.EE.B.6** 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-ESS1-2)
- 7.EE.B.4** 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-ESS TEACHING UNIT TWO: History of Earth (MS-ESS1, MS-ESS2)

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
MS-ESS1-4.	<b>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.</b> [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
MS-ESS2-2.	<b>Construct an Construct an explanation based on evidence for how geoscience processes have changed Earth’s surface at varying time and spatial scales.</b> [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 water, ice, and wind. Emphasis is on geoscience processes that shape local geographic features, where appropriate.]
MS-ESS2-3.	<b>Analyze and interpret data on the distribution of fossils and rocks, continental shapes, and seafloor structures to provide evidence of the past plate motions.</b> [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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>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 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 the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (MS-ESS1-4),(MS-ESS2-2)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <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>Science findings are frequently revised and/or reinterpreted based on new evidence. (MS-ESS2-3)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS1.C: The History of 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 the fossil record provide only relative dates, not an absolute scale. (MS-ESS1-4)</li> <li>Tectonic processes continually generate new ocean sea floor at ridges and destroy old sea floor at trenches. (HS.ESS1.C GBE) (secondary to MS-ESS2-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS2.A: Earth’s Materials and Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <p><b>ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions</b></p> <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 spread apart. (MS-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>Water’s 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>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patterns in rates of change and other numerical relationships can provide information about natural systems. (MS-ESS2-3)</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-ESS1-4),(MS-ESS2-2)</li> </ul>

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **MS.PS1.B** (MS-ESS2-2); **MS.LS2.B** (MS-ESS2-2); **MS.LS4.A** (MS-ESS1-4),(MS-ESS2-3); **MS.LS4.C** (MS-ESS1-4)

Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: **3.LS4.A** (MS-ESS1-4),(MS-ESS2-3); **3.LS4.C** (MS-ESS1-4); **3.ESS3.B** (MS-ESS2-3); **4.ESS1.C** (MS-ESS1-4),(MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3); **4.ESS2.A** (MS-ESS2-2); **4.ESS2.B** (MS-ESS2-3); **4.ESS2.E** (MS-ESS2-2); **4.ESS3.B** (MS-ESS2-3); **5.ESS2.A** (MS-ESS2-2); **HS.PS1.C** (MS-ESS1-4); **HS.PS3.D** (MS-ESS2-2); **HS.LS2.B** (MS-ESS2-2); **HS.LS4.A** (MS-ESS1-4),(MS-ESS2-3); **HS.LS4.C** (MS-ESS1-4),(MS-ESS2-3); **HS.ESS1.C** (MS-ESS1-4),(MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3); **HS.ESS2.A** (MS-ESS1-4),(MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3); **HS.ESS2.B** (MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3); **HS.ESS2.C** (MS-ESS2-2); **HS.ESS2.D** (MS-ESS2-2); **HS.ESS2.E** (MS-ESS2-2); **HS.ESS3.D** (MS-ESS2-2)



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Mathematics –

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- 6.EE.B.6** 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-ESS1-4),(MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3)
- 7.EE.B.4** 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-ESS1-4),(MS-ESS2-2),(MS-ESS2-3)

## MS-ESS TEACHING UNIT THREE: Earth's Systems (MS-ESS2, MS-ESS3)

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
MS-ESS2-1.	<b>Develop a model to describe the cycling of Earth's materials and the flow of energy that drives this process.</b> [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-ESS2-4.	<b>Develop a model to describe the cycling of water through Earth's systems driven by energy from the sun and the force of gravity.</b> [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-ESS3-1.	<b>Plan and conduct an investigation of the properties of water and its effects on Earth 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.</b> [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).]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
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<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 and use a model to describe phenomena. (MS- ESS2-1)</li> <li>Develop a model to describe unobservable mechanisms. (MS- ESS2-4)</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-ESS3-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESS2.A: Earth’s Materials and Systems</b></p> <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> </ul> <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-ESS2-4)</li> <li>Global movements of water and its changes in form are propelled by sunlight and gravity. (MS-ESS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS3.A: Natural Resources</b></p> <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>	<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-ESS3-1)</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>-----</p> <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>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-ESS3-1)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **MS.PS1.A** (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-4),(MS-ESS3-1); **MS.PS1.B** (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS3-1); **MS.PS2.B** (MS-ESS2-4); **MS.PS3.A** (MS- ESS2-4); **MS.PS3.B** (MS-ESS2-1); **MS.PS3.D** (MS-ESS2-4); **MS.LS2.B** (MS-ESS2-1); **MS.LS2.C** (MS-ESS2-1); **MS.ESS1.B** (MS-ESS2-1); **MS.ESS2.D** (MS-ESS3-1); **MS.ESS3.C** (MS-ESS2-1)

Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: **3.PS2.A** (MS-ESS2-4); **4.PS3.B** (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-4); **4.PS3.D** (MS-ESS3-1); **4.ESS2.A** (MS-ESS2-1); **4.ESS3.A** (MS-ESS3-1); **5.PS2.B** (MS-ESS2-4); **5.ESS2.A** (MS-ESS2-1); **5.ESS2.C** (MS-ESS2-4); **HS.PS1.B** (MS-ESS2-1); **HS.PS2.B** (MS-ESS2-4); **HS.PS3.B** (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-4),(MS-ESS3-1); **HS.PS4.B** (MS-ESS2-4); **HS.LS1.C** (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS3-1); **HS.LS2.B** (MS-ESS2-1); **HS.ESS2.A** (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-4),(MS-ESS3-1); **HS.ESS2.B** (MS-ESS3-1); **HS.ESS2.C** (MS-ESS2-1),(MS-ESS2-4),(MS-ESS3-1); **HS.ESS2.D** (MS-ESS2-4); **HS.ESS2.E** (MS-ESS2-1); **HS.ESS3.A** (MS-ESS3-1)

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## MS-ESS TEACHING UNIT FOUR: Weather and Climate (MS-ESS2, MS-ESS3)

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
MS-ESS2-5.	<b>Collect data to provide evidence for how the motions and complex interactions of air masses results in changes in weather conditions.</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [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.]
MS-ESS3-5.	<b>Ask questions to clarify evidence of the factors that have caused the rise in global temperatures over the past century.</b> [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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>Asking questions and defining problems in 6–8 builds on 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 to identify and clarify evidence of an argument. (MS-ESS3-5)</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 and use a model to describe phenomena. (MS-ESS2-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b></p> <p>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.</p> <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>	<p><b>ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth’s Surface Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>Variations in density due to variations in temperature and salinity drive a global pattern of interconnected ocean currents. (MS-ESS2-6)</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><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><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-ESS2-5)</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, matter, and information flows within systems. (MS-ESS2-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <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>

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **MS.PS1.A** (MS-ESS2-5); **MS.PS2.A** (MS-ESS2-5),(MS-ESS2-6); **MS.PS3.A** (MS-ESS2-5),(MS-ESS3-5); **MS.PS3.B** (MS-ESS2-5),(MS-ESS2-6); **MS.PS4.B** (MS-ESS2-6)

Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: **3.PS2.A** (MS-ESS2-6); **3.ESS2.D** (MS-ESS2-5),(MS-ESS2-6); **5.ESS2.A** (MS-ESS2-5),(MS-ESS2-6); **HS.PS2.B** (MS-ESS2-6); **HS.PS3.B** (MS-ESS2-6),(MS-ESS3-5); **HS.PS3.D** (MS-ESS2-6); **HS.PS4.B** (MS-ESS3-5); **HS.ESS1.B** (MS-ESS2-6); **HS.ESS2.A** (MS-ESS2-6),(MS-ESS3-5); **HS.ESS2.C** (MS-ESS2-5); **HS.ESS2.D** (MS-ESS2-5),(MS-ESS2-6),(MS-ESS3-5); **HS.ESS3.C** (MS-ESS3-5); **HS.ESS3.D** (MS-ESS3-5)

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- RST.6-8.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-ESS2-5),(MS-ESS3-5)
- RST.6-8.9** Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic. (MS-ESS2-5)
- WHST.6-8.8** 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)
- SL.8.5** Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points. (MS-ESS2-6)

Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-ESS2-5),(MS-ESS3-5)
- 6.NS.C.5** 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-ESS2-5)
- 6.EE.B.6** 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-ESS3-5)
- 7.EE.B.4** 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-ESS3-5)

## MS-ESS TEACHING UNIT FIVE: Human Impacts (MS-ESS3)

### *Catholic Social Teaching*

- Students will be prepared in a way that encourages them to explore the links between their Christian faith and scientific inquiry, understand the world they live in, and develop a sense of who they and others are as people respecting creation and their beliefs.
- Students will learn to utilize the scientific method in their study of Earth Science by creating questions, doing a research, forming a hypothesis based on experiment observations, analyzing and drawing conclusions, and then communicating their findings.

### *Catholic/Christian Scientists:*

- **Astronomy:** Daniello Bartoli, Jean-Baptiste Biot, Giovanni Domenico Cassini, Nicolaus Copernicus, Hippolyte Fizeau, Francisco Maria Grimaldi, Georges Lemaitre, Etienne-Louis Malus, Charles W. Misner, Giusseppe Piazzi, Jean Picard, Giovanni Battista Riccioli
- **Paleontology/Archeology:** Gaspard-Gustave Coriolis, Leon Foucault, Abraham Ortelius
- **Meteorology:** Theodoric of Freiberg, Evangelista Torricelli

### *Vocabulary*

- **Earth Science:** Hypothesis, Scientific inquiry/method, Scientific theory, Variable, Geology, Meteorology, Astronomy, Organic, Weathering, Erosion, Radiation, Conduction, Convection, Density, Force, Pressure, Natural resource, Wave, Current, Weather, Climate, Rotation, Revolution, Phase

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
MS-ESS3-2.	<b>Analyze and interpret data on natural hazards to forecast future catastrophic events and inform the development of technologies to mitigate their effects.</b> [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.	<b>Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment.*</b> [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.	<b>Construct an argument supported by evidence for how increases in human population and per-capita consumption of natural resources impact Earth's systems.</b> [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.]



Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<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-ESS3-2)</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>Apply scientific 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><b>ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth’s ESS3.B: Natural Hazards</b></p> <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> <p><b>ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems</b></p> <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 other species. But changes to Earth’s environments can have different impacts (negative and positive) for different living things. (MS-ESS3-3)</li> <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-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graphs, charts, and images can be used to identify patterns in data. (MS-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <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-ESS3-4)</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>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-ESS3-4)</li> <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 style="text-align: center;"><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>

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **MS.PS3.C** (MS-ESS3-2); **MS.LS2.A** (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); **MS.LS2.C** (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); **MS.LS4.D** (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4)

Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: **3.LS2.C** (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); **3.LS4.D** (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); **3.ESS3.B** (MS-ESS3-2); **4.ESS3.B** (MS-ESS3-2); **5.ESS3.C** (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); **HS.LS2.A** (MS-ESS3-4); **HS.LS2.C** (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); **HS.LS4.C** (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); **HS.LS4.D** (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); **HS.ESS2.B** (MS-ESS3-2); **HS.ESS2.C** (MS-ESS3-3); **HS.ESS2.D** (MS-ESS3-2),(MS-ESS3-3); **HS.ESS2.E** (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); **HS.ESS3.A** (MS-ESS3-4); **HS.ESS3.B** (MS-ESS3-2); **HS.ESS3.C** (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4); **HS.ESS3.D** (MS-ESS3-2),(MS-ESS3-3)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

- RST.6-8.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-ESS3-2),(MS-ESS3-4)
- RST.6-8.7** 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). (MS-ESS3-2)
- WHST.6-8.1** Write arguments focused on discipline content. (MS-ESS3-4)
- WHST.6-8.7** 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. (MS-ESS3-3)
- WHST.6-8.8** 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)
- WHST.6-8.9** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (MS-ESS3-4)

Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-ESS3-2)
- 6.RP.A.1** Understand the concept of a ratio and use ratio language to describe a ratio relationship between two quantities. (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4)
- 7.RP.A.2** Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities. (MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4)
- 6.EE.B.6** 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-ESS3-2),(MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4)
- 7.EE.B.4** 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-ESS3-2),(MS-ESS3-3),(MS-ESS3-4)

## Middle School Engineering Design

By the time students reach middle school they should have had numerous experiences in engineering design. The goal for middle school students is to define problems more precisely, to conduct a more thorough process of choosing the best solution, and to optimize the final design.

**Defining the problem** with “precision” involves thinking more deeply than is expected in elementary school about the needs a problem is intended to address, or the goals a design is intended to reach. How will the end user decide whether or not the design is successful? Also at this level students are expected to consider not only the end user, but also the broader society and the environment. Every technological change is likely to have both intended and unintended effects. It is up to the designer to try to anticipate the effects it may have, and to behave responsibly in developing a new or improved technology. These considerations may take the form of either criteria or constraints on possible solutions.

**Developing possible solutions** does not explicitly address generating design ideas since students were expected to develop the capability in elementary school. The focus in middle school is on a two stage process of evaluating the different ideas that have been proposed: by using a systematic method, such as a tradeoff matrix, to determine which solutions are most promising, and by testing different solutions, and then combining the best ideas into new solution that may be better than any of the preliminary ideas.

**Improving designs** at the middle school level involves an iterative process in which students test the best design, analyze the results, modify the design accordingly, and then re-test and modify the design again. Students may go through this cycle two, three, or more times in order to reach the optimal (best possible) result.

Connections with other science disciplines help students develop these capabilities in various contexts. For example, in the life sciences students apply their engineering design capabilities to evaluate plans for maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services (MS-LS2-5). In the physical sciences students define and solve problems involving a number of core ideas in physical science, including: chemical processes that release or absorb energy (MS-PS1-6), Newton’s third law of motion (MS-PS2-1), and energy transfer (MS-PS3-3). In the Earth and space sciences students apply their engineering design capabilities to problems related the impacts of humans on Earth systems (MS-ESS3-3).

By the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are expected to achieve all four performance expectations (MS-ETS1-1, MS-ETS1-2, MS-ETS1-3, and MS-ETS1-4) related to a single problem in order to understand the interrelated processes of engineering design. These include defining a problem by precisely specifying criteria and constraints for solutions as well as potential impacts on society and the natural environment, systematically evaluating alternative solutions, analyzing data from tests of different solutions and combining the best ideas into an improved solution, and developing a model and iteratively testing and improving it to reach an optimal solution. While the performance expectations shown in Middle School Engineering Design couple particular practices with specific disciplinary core ideas, instructional decisions should include use of many practices that lead to the performance expectations.

## MS-ETS: TEACHING UNIT ONE: Engineering Design (MS-ETS1)

### *Catholic Identity*

- Students will understand that God calls us to care for His creation; Connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things.
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other’s ideas, roles, and abilities.
- Students will be able to demonstrate stewardship imbued with Catholic values in the care of local and global environments

### *Catholic/Christian Scientists*

- **Electronics:** Andre-Marie Ampere, Antoine Cesar Becquerel, Guglielmo Marconi, Francesco Lana de Terzi, Alessandro Volta
- **Mathematics:** Rene Descartes, Fibonacci, Charles Hermite

### *Vocabulary* – (Pertinent to subject of research)

	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.

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>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.</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></p> <p>Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5</p>	<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</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>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>how well they meet the criteria and constraints of a problem. (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	
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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

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-ETS1-1),(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)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

**RST.6-8.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3)

**RST.6-8.7** 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). (MS-ETS1-3)

**RST.6-8.9** Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with

that gained from reading a text on the same topic. (MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3)

**WHST.6-8.7** 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. (MS-ETS1-2)

**WHST.6-8.8** 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)

**WHST.6-8.9** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (MS-ETS1-2)

**SL.8.5** Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points. (MS-ETS1-4)

Mathematics –

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-ETS1-1),(MS-ETS1-2),(MS-ETS1-3),(MS-ETS1-4)

**7.EE.3** 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)

**7.SP** 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)

## High School Physical Sciences

Students in high school continue to develop their understanding of the four core ideas in the physical sciences. These ideas include the most fundamental concepts from chemistry and physics, but are intended to leave room for expanded study in upper-level high school courses. The high school performance expectations in Physical Science build on the middle school ideas and skills and allow high school students to explain more in-depth phenomena central not only to the physical sciences, but to life and earth and space 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. In the physical science performance expectations at the high school level, there is a focus on 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 engineering practices, including design and evaluation.

The performance expectations in the topic **Structure and Properties of Matter** help students formulate an answer to the question, “How can one explain the structure and properties of matter?” Two sub-ideas from the NRC Framework are addressed in these performance expectations: the structure and properties of matter, and nuclear processes. Students are expected to develop understanding of the substructure of atoms and provide more mechanistic explanations of the properties of substances. Students are able to use the periodic table as a tool to explain and predict the properties of elements. Phenomena involving nuclei are also important to understand, as they explain the formation and abundance of the elements, radioactivity, the release of energy from the sun and other stars, and the generation of nuclear power. The crosscutting concepts of patterns, energy and matter, and structure and function are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In these performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models, planning and conducting investigations, and communicating scientific and technical information; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in the topic **Chemical Reactions** help students formulate an answer to the questions: “How do substances combine or change (react) to make new substances? How does one characterize and explain these reactions and make predictions about them?” Chemical reactions, including rates of reactions and energy changes, can be understood by students at this level in terms of the collisions of molecules and the rearrangements of atoms. Using this expanded knowledge of chemical reactions, students are able to explain important biological and geophysical phenomena. Students are also able to apply an understanding of the process of optimization in engineering design to chemical reaction systems. The crosscutting concepts of patterns, energy and matter, and stability and change are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In these performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models, using mathematical thinking, constructing explanations, and designing solutions; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The Performance Expectations associated with the topic **Forces and Interactions** supports students’ understanding of 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 should be able to answer the question, “How can one explain and predict interactions between objects and within systems of objects?” The disciplinary core idea expressed in the Framework for PS2 is broken down into the sub ideas of Forces and Motion and Types of Interactions. The performance expectations in PS2 focus on students building understanding of forces and interactions and Newton’s Second Law. Students also develop understanding that the total momentum of a system of objects is conserved when there is no net force on the system. Students are able to use Newton’s Law of Gravitation and Coulomb’s Law to describe and predict the gravitational and electrostatic forces between objects. Students are able to apply scientific and engineering ideas to design, evaluate, and refine a device that minimizes the force on a macroscopic object during a collision. The crosscutting concepts of patterns, cause and effect, and systems and system models are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the PS2 performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in planning and conducting investigations, analyzing data and using math to support claims, and applying scientific ideas to solve design problems; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The Performance Expectations associated with the topic **Energy** help students formulate an answer to the question, “How is energy transferred and conserved?” The disciplinary core idea expressed in the Framework for PS3 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. Energy is understood as quantitative property of a system that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system, and the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system. Students develop an understanding that energy at both the macroscopic and the atomic scale can be accounted for as either motions of particles or energy associated with the configuration (relative positions) of particles. In some cases, the energy associated with the configuration of particles can be thought of as stored in fields. Students also demonstrate their understanding of engineering principles when they design, build, and refine devices associated with the conversion of energy. The crosscutting concepts of cause and effect; systems and system models; energy and matter; and the influence of science, engineering, and technology on society and the natural world are further developed in the performance expectations associated with PS3. In these performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models, planning and carry out investigations, using computational thinking, and designing solutions; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The Performance Expectations associated with the topic **Waves and Electromagnetic Radiation** are critical to understand how many new technologies work. As such, this disciplinary core idea helps students answer the question, “How are waves used to transfer energy and send and store information?” The disciplinary core idea in PS4 is broken down into Wave Properties, Electromagnetic Radiation, and Information Technologies and Instrumentation. Students are able to apply understanding of how wave properties and the interactions of electromagnetic radiation with matter can transfer information across long distances, store information, and investigate nature on many scales. Models of electromagnetic radiation as either a wave of changing electric and magnetic fields or as particles are developed and used. Students understand that combining waves of different frequencies can make a wide variety of patterns and thereby encode and transmit information. Students also demonstrate



their understanding of engineering ideas by presenting information about how technological devices use the principles of wave behavior and wave interactions with matter to transmit and capture information and energy. The crosscutting concepts of cause and effect; systems and system models; stability and change; interdependence of science, engineering, and technology; and the influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world are highlighted as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the PS3 performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in asking questions, using mathematical thinking, engaging in argument from evidence, and obtaining, evaluating and communicating information; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

## HS-PS: Structure and Properties of Matter (HS-PS1, HS-PS2)

### *Catholic Social Teaching –*

- Students will be prepared in a way that encourages them to explore the links between their Christian faith and scientific inquiry, understand the world they live in, and develop a sense of who they and others are as people respecting creation and their beliefs.
- Students will learn to utilize the scientific method in their study of Physical Science by creating questions, doing a research, forming a hypothesis based on experiment observations, analyzing and drawing conclusions, and then communicating their findings.

### *Catholic/Christian Scientists:*

- **Chemistry:** Amedeo Avogadro, Roger Joseph Bosovich, Jean-Baptiste Dumas, Joseph Louis Gay Lussac, Antoine Lavoisier,
- **Physics:** Charles de Coloumb, Blaise Pascal, Francesco Lana de Terzi

### *Vocabulary Words for Physical Science –*

	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-PS1-3.	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-PS1-8.	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.]
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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<b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 and progresses to using, synthesizing, and	<b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b> • Each atom has a charged	<b>Patterns</b> • Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system

<p>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 a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (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> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b></p> <p>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-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <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>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>substructure consisting of a nucleus, which is made of protons and neutrons, surrounded by electrons. (HS-PS1-1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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)</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> </ul> <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>PS2.B: Types of Interactions</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. (secondary to HS-PS1-1), (secondary to HS-PS1-3),(HS-PS2-6)</li> </ul>	<p>is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena. (HS-PS1-1),(HS-PS1-3)</p> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <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> </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-PS2-6)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **HS.PS3.A** (HS-PS1-8); **HS.PS3.B** (HS-PS1-8); **HS.PS3.C** (HS-PS1-8); **HS.PS3.D** (HS-PS1-8); **HS.LS1.C** (HS-PS1-1); **HS.ESS1.A** (HS-PS1-8); **HS.ESS1.C** (HS-PS1-8); **HS.ESS2.C** (HS-PS1-3)

Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands: **MS.PS1.A** (HS-PS1-1),(HS-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-8),(HS-PS2-6); **MS.PS1.B** (HS-PS1-1),(HS-PS1-8); **MS.PS1.C** (HS-PS1-8); **MS.PS2.B** (HS- PS1-3),(HS-PS2-6); **MS.ESS2.A** (HS-PS1-8)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

<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)
<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-PS2-6)
<b>WHST.9-12.2</b>	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-PS2-6)
<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- PS1-3)
<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-PS1-3)
<b>WHST.9-12.9</b>	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-PS1-3)
Mathematics –	
<b>MP.4</b>	Model with mathematics. (HS-PS1-8)
<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-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-8),(HS-PS2-6)
<b>HSN-Q.A.2</b>	Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-PS1-8),(HS-PS2-6)
<b>HSN-Q.A.3</b>	Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-8),(HS-PS2-6)

## HS-PS: Chemical Reactions (HS-PS1)

### *Catholic Social Teaching –*

- Students will be prepared in a way that encourages them to explore the links between their Christian faith and scientific inquiry, understand the world they live in, and develop a sense of who they and others are as people respecting creation and their beliefs.
- Students will learn to utilize the scientific method in their study of Physical Science by creating questions, doing a research, forming a hypothesis based on experiment observations, analyzing and drawing conclusions, and then communicating their findings.

### *Catholic/Christian Scientists:*

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- **Physics:** Charles de Coloumb, Blaise Pascal, Francesco Lana de Terzi

### *Vocabulary Words for Physical Science –*

Students who demonstrate understanding can:
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HS-PS1-2.	<b>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.</b> [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-PS1-4.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>Refine the design of a chemical system by specifying a change in conditions that would produce increased amounts of products at equilibrium.*</b> [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the application of Le Chatelier’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.	<b>Use mathematical representations to support the claim that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction.</b> [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.]

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<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</li> </ul>	<b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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-PS1-2) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-PS1-1.)</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-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-5)</li> </ul> <b>Energy and Matter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The total amount of energy and matter in closed systems is conserved. (HS-PS1-7)</li> </ul>

<p>system. (HS-PS1-4)</p> <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 support claims. (HS-PS1-7)</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>• 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <p><b>PS1.B: Chemical Reactions</b></p> <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 reactions. (HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-7)</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. (secondary to HS-PS1-6)</li> </ul>	<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-PS1-4)</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-PS1-6)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <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>
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **HS.PS3.A** (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5); **HS.PS3.B** (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-6),(HS-PS1-7); **HS.PS3.D** (HS-PS1-4); **HS.LS1.C** (HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-7); **HS.LS2.B** (HS-PS1-7); **HS.ESS2.C** (HS-PS1-2)

Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands: **MS.PS1.A** (HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-7); **MS.PS1.B** (HS-PS1-

2),(HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-6),(HS-PS1-7); **MS.PS2.B** (HS-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5); **MS.PS3.A** (HS-PS1-5); **MS.PS3.B** (HS-PS1-5); **MS.PS3.D** (HS-PS1-4); **MS.LS1.C** (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-7); **MS.LS2.B** (HS-PS1-7); **MS.ESS2.A** (HS-PS1-7)

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-PS1-5)

**WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes. (HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-5)

**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-PS1-2)

**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-PS1-6)

**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-PS1-4)

Mathematics –

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-7)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-PS1-4)

**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-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-7)

**HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-7)

**HSN-Q.A.3** Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-7)

## HS-PS: Forces and Interactions (HS-PS2)

### *Catholic Social Teaching –*

- Students will be prepared in a way that encourages them to explore the links between their Christian faith and scientific inquiry, understand the world they live in, and develop a sense of who they and others are as people respecting creation and their beliefs.
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### *Vocabulary Words for Physical Science –*

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
HS-PS2-1.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>Apply scientific and engineering ideas to design, evaluate, and refine a device that minimizes the force on a macroscopic object during a collision.*</b> [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.	<b>Use mathematical representations of Newton’s Law of Gravitation and Coulomb’s Law to describe and predict the gravitational and electrostatic forces between objects.</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to designing and conducting investigations with provided materials and tools.]

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<p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b></p> <p>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.</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-PS2-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>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></p> <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>Use mathematical representations of phenomena to describe explanations. (HS-PS2-2),(HS-PS2-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>Constructing explanations and</p>	<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;</li> <li>it is the mass times the velocity of the object. (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> </ul> <p><b>PS3.A: Definitions of Energy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Electrical energy” may mean energy stored in a battery or energy transmitted by electric currents. (secondary to HS-PS2-5)</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. (secondary to HS-PS2-3)</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. (secondary to HS-PS2-3)</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. (HS-PS2-3)</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>
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<p>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 ideas to solve a design problem, taking into account possible unanticipated effects. (HS-PS2-3)</li> </ul> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><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>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>		
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<p>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: <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.A</b> (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2),(HS-PS2-4); <b>HS.ESS1.B</b> (HS-PS2-4); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-PS2-5); <b>HS.ESS1.C</b> (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2),(HS-PS2-4); <b>HS.ESS2.C</b> (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-4); <b>HS.ESS3.A</b> (HS-PS2-4),(HS-PS2-5)</p>
<p>Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands: <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); <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)</p>
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Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2),(HS-PS2-4)
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- 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),(HS-PS2-4),(HS-PS2-5)
- HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-2),(HS-PS2-4),(HS-PS2-5)
- HSN-Q.A.3** 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)
- HSA-SSE.A.1** Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context. (HS-PS2-1),(HS-PS2-4)
- 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),(HS-PS2-4)
- 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 in 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)

## HS-PS: Energy (HS-PS3)

### *Catholic Social Teaching –*

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### *Vocabulary Words for Physical Science –*

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
HS-PS3-1.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>Develop and use models to illustrate that energy at the macroscopic scale can be accounted for as a combination of energy associated with the motions of particles (objects) and energy associated with the relative position of particles (objects).</b> [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.	<b>Design, build, and refine a device that works within given constraints to convert one form of energy into another form of energy.*</b> [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.	<b>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).</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [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.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to systems containing two objects.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <p>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.</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-PS3-2),(HS- PS3-5)</li> </ul> <p><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.</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-PS3-4)</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>Create a computational model or simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS3.A: Definitions of Energy</b></p> <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 a combination of energy associated with the motion of particles and energy associated with the configuration (relative position of the particles). In some cases the relative position energy can be thought of as stored in fields (which mediate interactions between particles). This last concept includes radiation, a phenomenon in which energy stored in fields moves across space. (HS- PS3-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer</b></p> <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 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)</li> <li>The availability of energy limits what</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cause and Effect</b></p> <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> <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-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> <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- 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/> <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>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>(HS-PS3-1) <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>can occur in any system. (HS-PS3-1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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. (secondary to HS-PS3-3)</li> </ul>	<p>-----</p> <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>
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**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-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-2),(HS-PS3-5)

Mathematics –

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-PS3-1),(HS-PS3-2),(HS-PS3-3),(HS-PS3-4),(HS-PS3-5)

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## HS-PS: Waves and Electromagnetic Radiation (HS-PS4)

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### *Vocabulary Words for Physical Science –*

	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 photons associated with 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.]



<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>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.</p> <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> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b></p> <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>Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to describe and/or support claims and/or explanations. (HS-PS4-1)</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 worlds. 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-PS4-3)</li> </ul> <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</p>	<p><b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar cells are human-made devices that likewise capture the sun’s energy and produce electrical energy. (secondary to HS-PS4-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS4.A: Wave Properties</b></p> <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> <p><b>PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation</b></p> <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 features of electromagnetic radiation, and the particle model explains other features. (HS-PS4-3)</li> <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,</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-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> <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-PS4-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systems can be designed for greater or lesser stability. (HS-PS4-2)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <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). (HS-PS4-5)</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>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>
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<p>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 style="text-align: center;"><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- PS4-3)</li> </ul>	<p>communications, 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)</p>	
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<p>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: <b>HS.PS1.C</b> (HS-PS4-4); <b>HS.PS3.A</b> (HS-PS4-4),(HS-PS4-5); <b>HS.PS3.D</b> (HS-PS4-3),(HS-PS4-4); <b>HS.LS1.C</b> (HS-PS4-4); <b>HS.ESS1.A</b> (HS- PS4-3); <b>HS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-PS4-1); <b>HS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-PS4-3)</p>
<p>Articulation to DCIs across grade-bands: <b>MS.PS3.D</b> (HS-PS4-4); <b>MS.PS4.A</b> (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-2),(HS-PS4-5); <b>MS.PS4.B</b> (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-2),(HS-PS4-3),(HS-PS4-4),(HS-PS4-5); <b>MS.PS4.C</b> (HS-PS4-2),(HS-PS4-5); <b>MS.LS1.C</b> (HS-PS4-4); <b>MS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-PS4-4)</p>
<p>Common Core State Standards Connections:</p> <p>ELA/Literacy –</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.11-12.1</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-</p>

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**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-PS4-2),(HS-PS4-3),(HS-PS4-4)

**WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes. (HS-PS4-5)

**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-PS4-4)

Mathematics –

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-3)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-PS4-1)

**HSA-SSE.A.1** Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context. (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-3)

**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-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-3)

**HSA.CED.A.4** Rearrange formulas to highlight a quantity of interest, using the same reasoning as in solving equations. (HS-PS4-1),(HS-PS4-3)

## High School Life Sciences

Students in high school develop understanding of key concepts that help them make sense of life science. The ideas are building upon students' science understanding of disciplinary core ideas, science and engineering practices, and crosscutting concepts from earlier grades. There are five life science topics in high school: 1) Structure and Function, 2) Inheritance and Variation of Traits, Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems, 4) Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems, and 5) Natural Selection and Evolution. The performance expectations for high school life science blend core ideas with scientific and engineering practices and crosscutting concepts to support students in developing useable knowledge that can be applied across the science disciplines. While the performance expectations in high school life science couple particular practices with specific disciplinary core ideas, instructional decisions should include use of many practices underlying the performance expectations. The performance expectations are based on the grade-band endpoints described in A Framework for K-12 Science Education (NRC, 2012).

The performance expectations in the topic **Structure and Function** help students formulate an answer to the question: "How do the structures of organisms enable life's functions?" High school students are able to investigate explanations for the structure and function of cells as the basic units of life, the hierarchical systems of organisms, and the role of specialized cells for maintenance and growth. Students demonstrate understanding of how systems of cells function together to support the life processes. Students demonstrate their understanding through critical reading, using models, and conducting investigations. The crosscutting concepts of structure and function, matter and energy, and systems and system models in organisms are called out as organizing concepts.

The performance expectations in the topic **Inheritance and Variation of Traits** help students in pursuing an answer to the question: "How are the characteristics from one generation related to the previous generation?" High school students demonstrate understanding of the relationship of DNA and chromosomes in the processes of cellular division that pass traits from one generation to the next. Students can determine why individuals of the same species vary in how they look, function, and behave. Students can develop conceptual models for the role of DNA in the unity of life on Earth and use statistical models to explain the importance of variation within populations for the survival and evolution of species. Ethical issues related to genetic modification of organisms and the nature of science can be described. Students can explain the mechanisms of genetic inheritance and describe the environmental and genetic causes of gene mutation and the alteration of gene expression. Crosscutting concepts of structure and function, patterns, and cause and effect developed in this topic help students to generalize understanding of inheritance of traits to other applications in science.

The performance expectations in the topic **Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems** help students answer the questions: "How do organisms obtain and use energy they need to live and grow? How do matter and energy move through ecosystems?" High school students can construct explanations for the role of energy in the cycling of matter in organisms and ecosystems. They can apply mathematical concepts to develop evidence to support explanations of the interactions of photosynthesis and cellular respiration and develop

models to communicate these explanations. They can relate the nature of science to how explanations may change in light of new evidence and the implications for our understanding of the tentative nature of science. Students understand organisms' interactions with each other and their physical environment, how organisms obtain resources, change the environment, and how these changes affect both organisms and ecosystems. In addition, students can utilize the crosscutting concepts of matter and energy and Systems and system models to make sense of ecosystem dynamics.

The performance expectations in the topic **Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems** help students answer the question, "How do organisms interact with the living and non-living environment to obtain matter and energy?" This topic builds on the other topics as high school students demonstrate an ability to investigate the role of biodiversity in ecosystems and the role of animal behavior on survival of individuals and species. Students have increased understanding of interactions among organisms and how those interactions influence the dynamics of ecosystems. Students can generate mathematical comparisons, conduct investigations, use models, and apply scientific reasoning to link evidence to explanations about interactions and changes within ecosystems.

The performance expectations in the topic **Natural Selection and Evolution** help students answer the questions: "How can there be so many similarities among organisms yet so many different plants, animals, and microorganisms? How does biodiversity affect humans?" High school students can investigate patterns to find the relationship between the environment and natural selection. Students demonstrate understanding of the factors causing natural selection and the process of evolution of species over time. They demonstrate understanding of how multiple lines of evidence contribute to the strength of scientific theories of natural selection and evolution. Students can demonstrate an understanding of the processes that change the distribution of traits in a population over time and describe extensive scientific evidence ranging from the fossil record to genetic relationships among species that support the theory of biological evolution. Students can use models, apply statistics, analyze data, and produce scientific communications about evolution. Understanding of the crosscutting concepts of patterns, scale, structure and function, and cause and effect supports the development of a deeper understanding of this topic.

## HS-LS: Structure and Function (HS-LS1)

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### *Vocabulary*

	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.]

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.	<b>LS1.A: Structure and Function</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systems of specialized cells within organisms help them perform the essential functions of life. (HS-LS1-1)</li> <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, which</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—</li> </ul>

<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></p> <p>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 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>-----</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>carry out most of the work of cells. (HS-LS1-1) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS3-1.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multicellular organisms have a hierarchical structural organization, in which any one system is made up of numerous parts and is itself a component of the next level. (HS-LS1-2)</li> <li>Feedback mechanisms maintain a living system's internal conditions within certain limits and mediate behaviors, allowing it to remain alive and functional even as external conditions change within some range. Feedback mechanisms can encourage (through positive feedback) or discourage (negative feedback) what is going on inside the living system. (HS-LS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p>including energy, matter, and information flows— within and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS1-2)</p> <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> <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>
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: <b>HS.LS3.A</b> (HS-LS1-1)
Articulation across grade-bands: <b>MS.LS1.A</b> (HS-LS1-1),(HS-LS1-2),(HS-LS1-3); <b>MS.LS3.A</b> (HS-LS1-1); <b>MS.LS3.B</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.9-12.7** 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)
- WHST.9-12.9** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-LS1-1)
- 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)



## HS. Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems (HS-LS1, HS-LS2)

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### *Vocabulary*

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
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.]
HS-LS2-3.	<b>Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for the cycling of matter and flow of energy in aerobic and anaerobic conditions.</b> [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.	<b>Use mathematical representations to support claims for the cycling of matter and flow of energy among organisms in an ecosystem.</b> [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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <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 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-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7)</li> <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 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</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 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. Cellular respiration is a chemical process in which the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and new compounds are formed that can transport energy to muscles. Cellular respiration also releases the energy needed to maintain body temperature despite ongoing energy transfer to the surrounding environment.(HS-LS1-7)</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</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>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),(HS-LS2-4)</li> <li>Energy drives the cycling of matter within and between systems. (HS-LS2-3)</li> </ul>

<p>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),(HS-LS2-3)</p> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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-LS2-3)</li> </ul>	<p>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>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. (secondary to HS-LS2-5)</li> </ul>	
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<p>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: <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)</p>
<p>Articulation across grade-bands: <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.C</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.LS2.B</b> (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7),(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-LS2-5); <b>MS.ESS2.E</b> (HS-LS1-6)</p>
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displays. (HS-LS2-4)

**HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-LS2-4)

**HSN-Q.A.3** Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-LS2-4)

## HS-LS: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems (HS-LS2, HS-LS4)

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### *Vocabulary*

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
HS-LS2-1.	<b>Use mathematical and/or computational representations to support explanations of factors that affect carrying capacity of ecosystems at different scales.</b> [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.	<b>Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations in ecosystems of different scales.</b> [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-LS2-6.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.*</b> [Clarification Statement: Examples of human activities can include urbanization, building dams, and dissemination of invasive species.]
HS-LS2-8.	<b>Evaluate the evidence for the role of group behavior on individual and species' chances to survive and reproduce.</b> [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.]

HS-LS4-6.	<b>Create or revise a simulation to test a solution to mitigate adverse impacts of human activity on biodiversity.*</b> [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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<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>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>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 from 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 or solutions to</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems</b></p> <p>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)</p> <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.C: Adaptation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes in the physical environment, whether naturally occurring or human</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),(HS-LS4-6)</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>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>determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS2-8)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><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>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-LS4-6)</p> <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). (secondary to HS-LS2-7)</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. (secondary to HS-LS2-7), (HS-LS4-6)</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-LS2-7),(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>	
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **HS.ESS2.D** (HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS4-6); **HS.ESS2.E** (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS4-6); **HS.ESS3.A** (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7), (HS-LS4-6); **HS.ESS3.C** (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS4-6); **HS.ESS3.D** (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS4-6)

Articulation across grade-bands: **MS.LS1.B** (HS-LS2-8); **MS.LS2.A** (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6); **MS.LS2.C** (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS4-6); **MS.ESS2.E** (HS-LS2-6); **MS.ESS3.A** (HS-LS2-1); **MS.ESS3.C** (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS4-6); **MS.ESS3.D** (HS-LS2-7)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

**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.11-12.1** 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)

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**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.9-12.5** 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-LS2-7),(HS-LS4-6)

Mathematics –

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2)

**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-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7)

**HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(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-LS2-7)

**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)

## HS-LS: Inheritance and Variation of Traits (HS-LS1, HS-LS3)

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**Vocabulary**

- **Life Science**

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
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.]
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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>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>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>	<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. (secondary to HS-LS3-1) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by 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</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</li> </ul>

<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>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>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></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>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>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)</p> <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>growth vs. exponential growth). (HS-LS3-3)</p> <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>-----</p> <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>
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<p>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: <b>HS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS3-3); <b>HS.LS2.C</b> (HS-LS3-3); <b>HS.LS4.B</b> (HS-LS3-3); <b>HS.LS4.C</b> (HS-LS3-3)</p>
<p>Articulation across grade-bands: <b>MS.LS1.A</b> (HS-LS1-4); <b>MS.LS1.B</b> (HS-LS1-4); <b>MS.LS2.A</b> (HS-LS3-3); <b>MS.LS3.A</b> (HS-LS1-4),(HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2); <b>MS.LS3.B</b> (HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2),(HS-LS3-3); <b>MS.LS4.C</b> (HS-LS3-3)</p>
<p>Common Core State Standards Connections:</p> <p>ELA/Literacy –</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-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2)</p> <p><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-</p>

LS3-1)

**WHST.9-12.1** Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content. (HS-LS3-2)

**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-LS1-4)

Mathematics –

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

**M P.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)

## HS-LS: Natural Selection and Evolution (HS-LS4)

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### *Vocabulary*

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
HS-LS4-1.	<b>Communicate scientific information that common ancestry and biological evolution are supported by multiple lines of empirical evidence.</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>Construct an explanation based on evidence for how natural selection leads to adaptation of populations.</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<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>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>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 an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations,</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS4.A: Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genetic information provides evidence of evolution. DNA sequences vary among species, but there are many overlaps; in fact, the ongoing branching that produces multiple lines of descent can be inferred by comparing the DNA sequences of different organisms. Such information is also derivable from the similarities and differences in amino acid sequences and from anatomical and embryological evidence. (HS-LS4-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.B: Natural Selection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural selection occurs only if there is both (1) variation in the genetic information between organisms in a population and (2) variation in the expression of that genetic information—that is, trait variation—that leads to differences in performance among individuals. (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3)</li> <li>The traits that positively affect survival are more likely to be reproduced, and thus are more common in the population. (HS-LS4-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>LS4.C: Adaptation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evolution is a consequence of the interaction</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)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Nature</b></p>

<p>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)</p> <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 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>-----</p> <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-LS4-1)</li> </ul>	<p>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)</p> <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-LS4-3),(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> <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>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>
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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)

# High School Earth and Space Sciences

Students in high school develop understanding of a wide range of topics in Earth and space science (ESS) that build upon science concepts from middle school through more advanced content, practice, and crosscutting themes. There are five ESS standard topics in high school: Space Systems, History of Earth, Earth's Systems, Weather and Climate, and Human Sustainability. The content of the performance expectations are based on current community-based geoscience literacy efforts such as the Earth Science Literacy Principles (Wysession et al., 2012), and is presented with a greater emphasis on an Earth Systems Science approach. There are strong connections to mathematical practices of analyzing and interpreting data. The performance expectations strongly reflect the many societally relevant aspects of ESS (resources, hazards, environmental impacts) with an emphasis on using engineering and technology concepts to design solutions to challenges facing human society. While the performance expectations shown in high school ESS 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 **HS Space Systems** help students formulate answers to the questions: “What is the universe, and what goes on in stars?” and “What are the predictable patterns caused by Earth’s movement in the solar system?” Four sub-ideas from the NRC Framework are addressed in these performance expectations: ESS1.A, ESS1.B, PS3.D, and PS4.B. High school students can examine the processes governing the formation, evolution, and workings of the solar system and universe. Some concepts studied are fundamental to science, such as understanding how the matter of our world formed during the Big Bang and within the cores of stars. Others concepts are practical, such as understanding how short-term changes in the behavior of our sun directly affect humans. Engineering and technology play a large role here in obtaining and analyzing the data that support the theories of the formation of the solar system and universe. The crosscutting concepts of patterns; scale, proportion, and quantity; energy and matter; and interdependence of science, engineering, and technology are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the **HS Space Systems** performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models; using mathematical and computational thinking, constructing explanations; and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in **HS History of Earth** help students formulate answers to the questions: “How do people reconstruct and date events in Earth’s planetary history?” and “Why do the continents move?” Four sub-ideas from the NRC Framework are addressed in these performance expectations: ESS1.C, ESS2.A, ESS2.B, and PS1.C. Students can construct explanations for the scales of time over which Earth processes operate. An important aspect of Earth and space science involves making inferences about events in Earth’s history based on a data record that is increasingly incomplete that farther you go back in time. A mathematical analysis of radiometric dating is used to comprehend how absolute ages are obtained for the geologic record. A key to Earth’s history is the coevolution of the biosphere with Earth’s other systems, not only in the ways that climate and environmental changes have shaped the course of evolution but also in how emerging life forms have been responsible for changing Earth. The crosscutting concepts of patterns and stability and change are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the **HS History of Earth** performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models, constructing explanations, and engaging in argument from evidence; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in **HS Earth’s Systems** help students formulate answers to the questions:

“How do the major Earth systems interact?” and “How do the properties and movements of water shape Earth’s surface and affect its systems?” Six sub-ideas from the NRC Framework are addressed in these performance expectations: ESS2.A, ESS2.B, ESS2.C, ESS2.D, ESS2.E, and PS4.A. Students can develop models and explanations for the ways that feedbacks between different Earth systems control the appearance of Earth’s surface. Central to this is the tension between internal systems, which are largely responsible for creating land at Earth’s surface (e.g., volcanism and mountain building), and the sun-driven surface systems that tear down the land through weathering and erosion. Students understand the role that water plays in affecting weather. Students understand chemical cycles such as the carbon cycle. Students can examine the ways that human activities cause feedbacks that create changes to other systems. The crosscutting concepts of energy and matter; structure and function; stability and change; interdependence of science, engineering, and technology; and influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the **HS Earth’s Systems** performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, and engaging in argument from evidence; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in **HS Weather and Climate** help students formulate an answer to the question: “What regulates weather and climate?” Four sub-ideas from the NRC Framework are addressed in these performance expectations: ESS1.B, ESS2.A, ESS2.D, and ESS3.D. Students understand the system interactions that control weather and climate, with a major emphasis on the mechanisms and implications of climate change. Students can understand the analysis and interpretation of different kinds of geoscience data allow students to construct explanations for the many factors that drive climate change over a wide range of time scales. The crosscutting concepts of cause and effect and stability and change are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the HS Weather and Climate performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models and analyzing and interpreting data; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

The performance expectations in **HS Human Sustainability** help students formulate answers to the questions: “How do humans depend on Earth’s resources?” and “How do people model and predict the effects of human activities on Earth’s climate?” Six sub- ideas from the NRC Framework are addressed in these performance expectations: ESS2.D, ESS3.A, ESS3.B, ESS3.C, ESS3.D, and ETS1.B. Students understand the complex and significant interdependencies between humans and the rest of Earth’s systems through the impacts of natural hazards, our dependencies on natural resources, and the environmental impacts of human activities. The crosscutting concepts of cause and effect; systems and system models; stability and change; and influence of engineering, technology and science on society and the natural world are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the **HS Human Sustainability** performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in using mathematics and computational thinking, constructing explanations and designing solutions, and engaging in argument from evidence; and to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.



## HS-ESS Space Systems (HS-ESS1)

### *Catholic Social Teaching*

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- **Meteorology:** Theodoric of Freiberg, Evangelista Torricelli

### *Vocabulary*

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
HS=ESS1-1.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>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.</b> [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	<b>Communicate scientific ideas about the way stars, over their life cycle, produce elements.</b> [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	<b>Use mathematical or computational representations to predict the motion of orbiting objects in the solar system.</b> [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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <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>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>Using Mathematical 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 or computational representations of phenomena to describe explanations. (HS-ESS1-4)</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-ESS1-2)</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</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.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 effects from, or collisions with, other objects in the solar system. (HS-ESS1-4)</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. (secondary to HS-ESS1-1)</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. (secondary to HS-ESS1-2)</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>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> <hr/> <p><b>Connection 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-ESS1-2),(HS-</li> </ul>

<p>process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-ESS1-3)</p> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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)</li> </ul>		<p>ESS1-4)</p> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Connection 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>
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<p>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: <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.B</b> (HS-ESS1-4); <b>HS.PS3.A</b> (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2); <b>HS.PS3.B</b> (HS-ESS1-2); <b>HS.PS4.A</b> (HS-ESS1-2)</p>
<p>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: <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); <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-ESS1-4); <b>MS.ESS2.A</b> (HS-ESS1-1); <b>MS.ESS2.D</b> (HS-ESS1-1)</p>
<p>Common Core State Standards Connections:</p> <p>ELA/Literacy –</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)</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)</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>Mathematics –</p> <p><b>MP.2</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3),(HS-ESS1-4)</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</p>

displays. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)

- HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)
- HSN-Q.A.3** Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)
- HSA-SSE.A.1** Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)
- 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-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)
- HSA-CED.A.4** 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)

## HS-ESS: History of Earth (HS-ESS1, HS-ESS2)

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### *Vocabulary*

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
HS-ESS1-5	<b>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.</b> [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	<b>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.</b> [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.]
HS-ESS2-1	<b>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.</b> [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.]

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collectively serve as tools in the development of a scientific theory. (HS-ESS1-6)

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **HS.PS2.A** (HS-ESS1-6); **HS.PS2.B** (HS-ESS1-6),(HS-ESS2-1); **HS.PS3.B** (HS-ESS1-5); **HS.ESS2.A** (HS-ESS1-5)

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Common Core State Standards Connections:

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**HSN-Q.A.3** Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities (HS-ESS1-5),(HS-ESS1-6),(HS-ESS2-1)

**HSF-IF.B.5** Relate the domain of a function to its graph and, where applicable, to the quantitative relationship it describes. (HS-ESS1-6)

**HSS-ID.B.6** Represent data on two quantitative variables on a scatter plot, and describe how those variables are related. (HS-ESS1-6)

## HS-ESS: Earth's Systems (HS-ESS2)

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### *Vocabulary*

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
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 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-ESS2-5.	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.]
HS-ESS2-7.	<b>Construct an argument based on evidence about the simultaneous coevolution of Earth’s systems and life on Earth.</b> [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.]

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<p>order to make valid and reliable scientific claims or determine an optimal design solution. (HS-ESS2-2)</p> <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>• Construct an oral and written argument or counter-arguments based on data and evidence. (HS-ESS2-7)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <p>Science knowledge is based on empirical evidence. (HS-ESS2-3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </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-ESS2-2)</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)</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> <p>Geologists use seismic waves and their reflection at interfaces between layers to probe structures deep in the planet. (secondary to HS-ESS2-3)</p>	<p><b>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>
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## HS-ESS: Weather and Climate (HS-ESS2, HS-ESS3)

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### *Vocabulary*

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
HS-ESS2-4	<b>Use a model to describe how variations in the flow of energy into and out of Earth’s systems result in changes in climate.</b> [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.]
HSS-ESS3-5	<b>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.</b> [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.]

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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	<b>ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyclical changes in the shape of Earth’s orbit around the sun, together with changes in the tilt of the planet’s axis of rotation, both occurring over hundreds of thousands of years, have altered the intensity and distribution of sunlight falling on the earth.</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</li> </ul>

<p>world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a model to provide mechanistic accounts of phenomena. (HS-ESS2-4)</li> </ul> <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 computational models in order to make valid and reliable scientific claims. (HS-ESS3-5)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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-ESS2-4), (HS-ESS3-5)</li> </ul>	<p>These phenomena cause a cycle of ice ages and other gradual climate changes. (secondary to HS-ESS2-4)</p> <p><b>ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The geological record shows that changes to global and regional climate can be caused by interactions among changes in the sun’s energy output or Earth’s orbit, tectonic events, ocean circulation, volcanic activity, glaciers, vegetation, and human activities. These changes can occur on a variety of time scales from sudden (e.g., volcanic ash clouds) to intermediate (ice ages) to very long-term tectonic cycles. (HS-ESS2-4)</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),(secondary to HS-ESS2-2)</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>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> </ul>	<p>causes and effects. (HS-ESS2-4)</p> <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-ESS3-5)</li> </ul>
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **HS.PS3.A** (HS-ESS2-4); **HS.PS3.B** (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS3-5); **HS.PS3.D** (HS-ESS3-5); **HS.LS1.C** (HS-ESS3-5); **HS.LS2.C** (HS-ESS2-4); **HS.ESS1.C** (HS-ESS2-4); **HS.ESS2.D** (HS-ESS3-5); **HS.ESS3.C** (HS-ESS2-4); **HS.ESS3.D** (HS-ESS2-4)

Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: **MS.PS3.A** (HS-ESS2-4); **MS.PS3.B** (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS3-5); **MS.PS3.D** (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS3-5); **MS.PS4.B** (HS-ESS2-4); **MS.LS1.C** (HS-ESS2-4); **MS.LS2.B** (HS-ESS2-4); **MS.LS2.C** (HS-ESS2-4); **MS.ESS2.A** (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS3-5); **MS.ESS2.B** (HS-ESS2-4); **MS.ESS2.C** (HS-ESS2-4); **MS.ESS2.D** (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS3-5); **MS.ESS3.B** (HS-ESS3-5); **MS.ESS3.C** (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS3-5); **MS.ESS3.D** (HS-ESS2-4),(HS-ESS3-5)

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-ESS3-5)

**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-ESS3-5)

**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-ESS3-5)

**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-ESS2-4)

Mathematics –

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS2-4), (HS-ESS3-5)

**MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS2-4)

**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-ESS2-4), (HS-ESS3-5)

**HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS2-4), (HS-ESS3-5)

**HSN-Q.A.3** Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS2-4), (HS-ESS3-5)

## HS. Human Sustainability (HS-ESS3)

### *Catholic Social Teaching*

- Students will be prepared in a way that encourages them to explore the links between their Christian faith and scientific inquiry, understand the world they live in, and develop a sense of who they and others are as people respecting creation and their beliefs.
- Students will learn to utilize the scientific method in their study of Earth Science by creating questions, doing a research, forming a hypothesis based on experiment observations, analyzing and drawing conclusions, and then communicating their findings.

### *Catholic/Christian Scientists:*

- **Astronomy:** Daniello Bartoli, Jean-Baptiste Biot, Giovanni Domenico Cassini, Nicolaus Copernicus, Hippolyte Fizeau, Francisco Maria Grimaldi, Georges Lemaitre, Etienne-Louis Malus, Charles W. Misner, Giuseppe Piazzi, Jean Picard, Giovanni Battista Riccioli
- **Paleontology/Archeology:** Gaspard-Gustave Coriolis, Leon Foucault, Abraham Ortelius
- **Meteorology:** Theodoric of Freiberg, Evangelista Torricelli

### *Vocabulary*

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	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
HS-ESS3-1.	<b>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.</b> [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.	<b>Evaluate competing design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources based on cost-benefit ratios.*</b> [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.	<b>Create a computational simulation to illustrate the relationships among management of natural resources, the sustainability of human populations, and biodiversity.</b> [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.	<b>Evaluate or refine a technological solution that reduces impacts of human activities on natural systems.*</b> [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).]
<b>HS-ESS3-6.</b>	<b>Use a computational representation to illustrate the relationships among Earth systems and how those relationships are being modified due to human activity.*</b> [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.]

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<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></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 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</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 human populations and have driven human migrations. (HS-ESS3-1)</li> </ul> <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>• Through computer simulations and other</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)</li> <li>• Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HS-ESS3-4)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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.</li> </ul>



<p>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>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>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 to HS-ESS3-4)</li> </ul>	<p>(HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineers continuously modify these systems 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 were not anticipated. (HS-ESS3-3)</li> <li>Analysis of costs and benefits is a critical aspect of decisions about technology. (HS-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science is a Human Endeavor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientific knowledge 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>
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Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: **HS.PS1.B** (HS-ESS3-3); **HS.PS3.B** (HS-ESS3-2); **HS.PS3.D** (HS-ESS3-2); **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.E** (HS-ESS3-3)

Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: **MS.PS1.B** (HS-ESS3-3); **MS.PS3.D** (HS-ESS3-2); **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-ESS3-6); **MS.ESS2.C** (HS-ESS3-6); **MS.ESS3.A** (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-3); **MS.ESS3.B** (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-

ESS3-4); **MS.ESS3.C** (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-6); **MS.ESS3.D** (HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-6)

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- 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-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-4)
- WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-ESS3-1)

Mathematics –

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-6)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS3-3),(HS-ESS3-6)
- 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-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-6)
- HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-6)
- HSN-Q.A.3** Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS3-1),(HS-ESS3-4),(HS-ESS3-6)

# High School Engineering Design

At the high school level students are expected to engage with major global issues at the interface of science, technology, society and the environment, and to bring to bear the kinds of analytical and strategic thinking that prior training and increased maturity make possible. As in prior levels, these capabilities can be thought of in three stages—defining the problem, developing possible solutions, and improving designs.

**Defining the problem** at the high school level requires both qualitative and quantitative analysis. For example, the need to provide food and fresh water for future generations comes into sharp focus when considering the speed at which world population is growing, and conditions in countries that have experienced famine. While high school students are not expected to solve these challenges, they are expected to begin thinking about them as problems that can be addressed, at least in part, through engineering.

**Developing possible solutions** for major global problems begins by breaking them down into smaller problems that can be tackled with engineering methods. To evaluate potential solutions students are expected to not only consider a wide range of criteria, but to also recognize that criteria need to be prioritized. For example, public safety or environmental protection may be more important than cost or even functionality. Decisions on priorities can then guide tradeoff choices.

**Improving designs** at the high school level may involve sophisticated methods, such as using computer simulations to model proposed solutions. Students are expected to use such methods to take into account a range of criteria and constraints, to try and anticipate possible societal and environmental impacts, and to test the validity of their simulations by comparison to the real world.

Connections with other science disciplines help high school students develop these capabilities in various contexts. For example, in the life sciences students are expected to design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing human impact on the environment (HS-LS2-7) and to create or revise a simulation to test solutions for mitigating adverse impacts of human activity on biodiversity (HS-LS4-6). In the physical sciences students solve problems by applying their engineering capabilities along with their knowledge of conditions for chemical reactions (HS-PS1-6), forces during collisions (HS-PS2-3), and conversion of energy from one form to another (HS-PS3-3). In the Earth and space sciences students apply their engineering capabilities to reduce human impacts on Earth systems, and improve social and environmental cost-benefit ratios (HS-ESS3-2, HS-ESS3-4).

By the end of 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are expected to achieve all four HS-ETS1 performance expectations (HS-ETS1-1, HS-ETS1-2, HS-ETS1-3, and HS-ETS1-4) related to a single problem in order to understand the interrelated processes of engineering design. These include analyzing major global challenges, quantifying criteria and constraints for solutions; breaking down a complex problem into smaller, more manageable problems, evaluating alternative solutions based on prioritized criteria and trade-offs, and using a computer simulation to model the impact of proposed solutions. While the performance expectations shown in High School Engineering Design couple particular practices with specific disciplinary core ideas, instructional decisions should include use of many practices that lead to the performance expectations.

## HS-ETS: Engineering Design (HS-ETS1)

### *Catholic Identity*

- Students will understand that God calls us to care for His creation; Connect concepts and skills learned in science with an understanding of God as the center of all things.
- Students will be able to work cooperatively, and respect each other’s ideas, roles, and abilities.
- Students will be able to demonstrate stewardship imbued with Catholic values in the care of local and global environments

### *Catholic/Christian Scientists*

- **Electronics:** Andre-Marie Ampere, Antoine Cesar Becquerel, Guglielmo Marconi, Francesco Lana de Terzi, Alessandro Volta
- **Mathematics:** Rene Descartes, Fibonacci, Charles Hermite

### *Vocabulary* – (Pertinent to subject of research)

	Students who demonstrate understanding can:
HS-ETS1-1.	Analyze a major global challenge to specify qualitative and quantitative criteria and constraints for solutions that account for societal needs and wants.
HS-ETS1-2.	Design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering.
HS-ETS1-3	Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and trade-offs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts.
HS-ETS1-4	Use a computer simulation to model the impact of proposed solutions to a complex real-world problem with numerous criteria and constraints on interactions within and between systems relevant to the problem.

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>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>• Analyze complex real-world problems by specifying criteria and constraints for successful solutions. (HS-ETS1-1)</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</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. (HS-ETS1-1)</li> <li>• Humanity faces major global challenges today, such as the need for supplies of clean water and food or for energy sources that minimize pollution, which can be addressed through engineering. These global challenges also may have manifestations in local communities. (HS-ETS1-1)</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-ETS1-4)</li> </ul>

<p>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 models and/or computer simulations to predict the effects of a design solution on systems and/or the interactions between systems. (HS-ETS1-4)</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>Design a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-ETS1-2)</li> <li>Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources</li> <li>of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-ETS1-3)</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. (HS-ETS1-3)</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. (HS-ETS1-4)</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 (tradeoffs) may be needed. (HS-ETS1-2)</li> </ul>	<p>-----</p> <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>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-ETS1-1) (HS-ETS1-3)</li> </ul>
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<p>Connections to HS-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include: <b>Physical Science:</b> HS-PS2-3, HS-PS3-3</p>
<p>Connections to HS-ETS1.B: Designing Solutions to Engineering Problems include: <b>Earth and Space Science:</b> HS-ESS3-2, HS-ESS3-4, <b>Life Science:</b> HS-LS2-7, HS-LS4-6</p>
<p>Connections to HS-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include: <b>Physical Science:</b> HS-PS1-6, HS-PS2-3</p>
<p>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: <b>MS.ETS1.A</b> (HS-ETS1-1),(HS-ETS1-2),(HS-ETS1-3),(HS-ETS1-4); <b>MS.ETS1.B</b> (HS-ETS1-2),(HS-ETS1-3),(HS-ETS1-4); <b>MS.ETS1.C</b> (HS-ETS1-2),(HS-ETS1-4)</p>
<p>Common Core State Standards Connections:</p> <p>ELA/Literacy –</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-ETS1-1),(HS-ETS1-3)</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-ETS1-1),(HS-ETS1-3)</p> <p><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-ETS1-1),(HS-ETS1-3)</p>

Mathematics –

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ETS1-1),(HS-ETS1-3),(HS-ETS1-4)

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

# SCIENCE CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

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# Assessment

*Assessment is a means of measuring performance. It illustrates how well we are accomplishing our stated mission, goals, and objectives to educate and form the whole person. Through an integrated system of standards and of multiple forms of evaluation, assessment measures:*

- *beliefs, attitudes and behaviors, which are expressions of our Catholic identity;*
- *content knowledge*
- *student achievement (individual and group) ; and the*
- *learning and teaching environment*

(NCEA’S Statement on Accountability and Assessment in Catholic Education)

Assessments of students should match the learning outcome or goal. In all classrooms, a variety of assessments, both objective and subjective, should be used to enhance learning and measure progress. Assessments are both instructional tools for students while they are learning and accountability tools to determine if learning has occurred. Many forms of assessment should be used including summative, formative and informal assessments.

**Summative assessments** are designed initially by a teacher for each course and reflects where you want your students to be at end of unit. It is a measure OF learning designed to determine degree of mastery of each student...it judges the success of the process/product at the end.

**Formative assessments** are designed to prepare students for the summative assessment; these direct instruction and ensure students have the appropriate practice opportunities before the summative assessment. The formative assessments are stops along the way. Results are used to direct instruction and/or to plan corrective activities.

	<b>FORMATIVE</b>	<b>SUMMATIVE</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To monitor and guide process product while still in progress	To judge the success of process/product at the end (however arbitrarily defined)
<b>TIME OF ASSESSMENT</b>	During the process or development of the product	At the end of the process or when the product is completed
<b>TYPES OF ASSESSMENT</b>	Informal observation, quizzes, homework, teacher questions, worksheets	Formal observation, tests, projects, term papers, exhibitions
<b>USE OF ASSESSMENT INFORMATION</b>	To improve or change a process/product while it is still going on or being developed	Judge the quality of a process/product; grade, rank, promote

## Forms of Assessment

### ***Performance Assessments (PA):***

Student formal and informal presentations

**across the curriculum using rubrics, checklists, rating scales, anecdotal records:**

- Recitations, reading, retellings, speeches, debates, discussions, video or audio performances
- Written work across the curriculum
- Cooperative group work (students are assessed individually, not as a group)
- Story, play, poem, paragraph(s), essay, research paper
- Spelling bees
- Poetry recitals
- Oratorical Competitions
- Classroom performance/demonstration (live or taped)
- Parent/Teacher/Student conferences
- Presentations (live or taped)
- Oral, dance, visual (photos or video)
- Seminars
- Projects
- Anecdotal records
- Application of standard English grammar skills in daily written and oral work across the curriculum (*including notebooks, journals, blogs, responses to questions*)
- Teacher observation of student activities across the curriculum
- Oral reading (literature, expository/informational in addition to the text)
- Informal and formal inventories and formative/summative assessments
- Daily work
- Student spelling in written work
- Notebook checks
- Running records
- Application and evaluation of skills across the curriculum
- Portfolios

## **Forms of Assessment** continued

### ***Criterion Referenced Assessments (CRA):***

#### **(Paper/Pencil Tests/Quizzes)**

- Multiple Choice
- Matching Items
- Completion Items
- Short Answer
- Essay Visual Representation
- Standardized Tests (ACT Aspire)
- Teacher/text created tests (Written or oral)
- Fluency tests
- Teacher or text generated check-lists of skills

### ***Independent Assessments (IA):***

- Teacher observation
- Teacher-student conference
- Student self-correction and reflection on learning and performance
- Student self-assessment of goals
- On-line programs that allow students to self-assess
- Instructional questions
- Questionnaires
- Response Journals
- Learning Logs
- Oral tests/exams

## **Sharing Catholic Social Teaching Selected Resources Background for Teachers**

- *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* (Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace; Order through USCCB, 1/800-235-8722). Provides a complete and systematic overview of the Church's social teaching with an extensive index for easy reference on almost any topic.
- *A Place at the Table: A Catholic Recommitment to Overcome Poverty and to Protect the Dignity of All God's Children* (USCCB, 1/800-235-8722). The U.S. bishops remind us that central to our identity as disciples of Jesus Christ is our concern for those who are poor or suffering.
- *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility* (USCCB, 1/800/235-8722) The 2003 bishops' statement includes Church teaching about civic participation, as well as the Church's position on a range of issues.
- *The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship* (USCCB, 1/800/235-8722) This two-color brochure summarizes the bishops' statement, *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility* and includes "Question for the Campaign" for voters and candidates.
- *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions* (USCCB, 800/235-8722) A statement of the U.S. bishops urging that Catholic social teaching be incorporated into every Catholic educational program. Identifies seven key themes of Catholic social teaching.
- *A Leader's Guide to Sharing Catholic Social Teaching* (USCCB, 800/235-8722) Step-by- step process to help catechetical leaders and other adults explore Catholic social teaching. Includes camera-ready handouts.
- *Leaven for the Modern World: Catholic Social Teaching and Catholic Education* (National Catholic Education Association, 202/337-6232) A resource designed to help educators at the secondary level deepen their understanding of Catholic social teaching and explore ways to share it with young people.
- *Everyday Christianity: To Hunger and Thirst for Justice* (USCCB, 202/835-8722) The most important way lay Catholics work for justice and peace is through their choices and actions every day.
- *Brothers and Sisters to Us / Nuestros Hermanos y Hermanas* (USCCB, 800/235-8722) The U.S. bishops promote discussion and action against racism.
- *Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics* (USCCB, 800/235-8722) Calls U.S. Catholics to recover their identity as followers of Jesus Christ and to be leaders in the renewal of U.S. respect for the sanctity of life.

- *The Challenge of Peace* (USCCB, 800/235-8722) U.S. bishops' landmark pastoral on nuclear weapons and the arms race.
- *Sharing the Light of Faith: An Official Commentary* (USCCB, Department of Education, 800/235-8722) Chapter VII explores Catholic social teaching and guidelines on catechesis for social ministry.
- *Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action* (USCCB, 800/235-9722) This statement recognizes programs in dioceses, parishes and schools across the country.
- *Economic Justice for All: Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy* by the U.S. bishops (USCCB, 800/235-8722) Resources such as posters and suggestions for using the pastoral letters in the classroom.
- *Renewing the Earth* (National Catholic Rural Life Conference, 515/270-2634) Study guides for children, teens and adults on the bishops' environment statement. Materials for Classroom and Small Groups
- *In the Footsteps of Jesus: Resource Manual on Catholic Social Teaching* (USCCB, 800/253-8722) Provides background reading, lesson plans for all ages, camera-ready resource, and other tools. Designed to be used with the video, *In the Footsteps of Jesus*.
- *From the Ground Up: Teaching Catholic Social Principles in Elementary Schools* (National Catholic Education Association, 202/337-6232) A faculty preparation guide that includes a process for faculty development and sample activities for sharing the seven key themes of Catholic social in grades K through 8.
- Excerpts from *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching* (USCCB, 800/253-8722) An easy to distribute card summarizing the seven themes of Catholic social teaching. Also available as a poster.
- *Making a Place at the Table* (USCCB, 1/800235-8722) A brief, compelling, four-panel brochure summarizing the bishops' statement on poverty.
- *That's Not Fair!* (Tom Turner, Bishop Sullivan Center, 816-231-0984) A complete kit with exercises and handouts to teach middle school students about Catholic social doctrine, culminating in an advocacy/lobbying project on a social justice issue.
- *Lesson Plans on Poverty* ([www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org)). Lesson plans for grades K-12 and adults developed by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
- *A Catholic Framework for Economic Life* (USCCB, 800/235-8722) A card containing ten key principles of Catholic social teaching on economic life.

- *Catholic Call to Justice: An Activity Book for Raising Awareness of Social Justice Issues* (www.usccb.org/CCHD) A lesson plan designed for ages 14-22 to experience through an obstacle course the major themes of Catholic social teaching.
- *Teaching Resources on Sweatshops & Child Labor* (Archdiocese of Newark, 973-497-4000) A complete kit including video, background materials, and classroom exercises and handouts to help educators teach about sweatshops and child labor.
- *Integrating Catholic Social Teaching in the High School Curriculum: English and Religion* (University of St. Thomas, 651-962-5712) A curriculum resource developed by Catholic high school educators.
- *Building God's Kingdom: Implementing Catholic Social Teaching—Resources and Activities for Grades K – 12* (Religious Education Dept., Diocese of Toledo, 419/244-6711) Resources for schools and religious education programs.
- *A Good Friday Appeal to End the Death Penalty* (USCCB, 800/235-8722) A brochure containing the U.S. bishops' 1999 statement urging abolition of the death penalty.
- *Sharing the Tradition, Shaping the Future* (Catholic Campaign for Human Development, 800/541-3212). A small group workbook on seven themes of Catholic social teaching.
- *Educating for Peace and Justice: Religious Dimensions*, Grades 7-12 and Grades K-6 by James McGinnis (Institutes for Peace and Justice, 314/533-4445)
- *Food Fast* (Catholic Relief Services, 800/222-0025) Free materials include a detailed coordinator's manual with an outline for a 24-hour fast and activities that can be used in a classroom setting to explore issues of hunger and poverty.
- *Math for a Change/Math for a World that Rocks* (Mathematical Teachers' Association, 847/827-1361) Two booklets that use situations of injustice to apply or illustrate mathematics for grades 8-12.
- *Offering of Letters Kit and other resources* (Bread for the World, 301/608-2400)
- *Operation Rice Bowl* (Catholic Relief Services, 800/222-0025) Lenten program of fasting, education, almsgiving and prayer. The free materials include a video and religious educator's guide.
- Videos *In the Footsteps of Jesus* (USCCB, 800/235-8722) *Part I* (9 minutes): A compelling overview of seven key themes of Catholic social teaching. *Part II* (19 minutes): A more in-depth illustration of the seven themes highlighting people who have lived them.
- *Faithful Citizenship* (USCCB, 800/235-8722) Great for small groups and classes, an appealing video message about the Catholic tradition of political responsibility.

- *Global Solidarity* (USCCB, 800/235-8722) The U.S. bishops' message of solidarity with our brothers and sisters throughout the world.
- *Sisters and Brothers Among Us* (Catholic Campaign for Human Development, 202/541-3212) A 16-minute video that tells the story of poverty through the faces and voices of the poor.

## Web Sites – Catholic Social Teachings

- [www.usccb.org/sdwp](http://www.usccb.org/sdwp) The USCCB Department of Social Development and World Peace website; background information and action alerts on a variety of domestic and international issues, as well as general information on educating for justice and political responsibility.
- [www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship](http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship) Provides statements from the U.S. bishops and a wide range of resources, including lesson plans for all ages on Faithful Citizenship, Solidarity, Human Dignity, and the Option for the Poor.
- [www.catholicrelief.org/what/advocacy](http://www.catholicrelief.org/what/advocacy) Up-to-date information on international public policy issues and how you and your students can act.
- [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/programs/advocacy](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/programs/advocacy) Up-to date information on domestic public policy issues and how you and your students can act. Includes a special section for children/youth and for teachers and catechists.
- [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) Extensive information on poverty in the United States, including lesson plans.
- [www.educationforjustice.org](http://www.educationforjustice.org) The Center of Concern offers a wide range of educational materials on issues of justice and peace. Membership fee required.
- [www.osjspm.org](http://www.osjspm.org) The Office for Social Justice of the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis offers a variety of first rate resources for justice education, including an annotated bibliography and information on models and ideas from their Catholic Justice Educator's Network.
- [www.stthomas.edu/cathstudies/cst/educ](http://www.stthomas.edu/cathstudies/cst/educ) The University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN offers a clearinghouse of resources and models for weaving Catholic social teaching into education programs at all levels.

## Web Sites Used in the Assimilation of this Document

- <http://www.nextgenscience.org/> Official site of the Next Generation Science Standards
- <http://www.nextgenscience.org/california> California's variation of the NGSS.
- <http://www.spellingcity.com> Science vocabulary words in grade and topic levels were obtained in part from this site.
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Catholic\\_scientists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Catholic_scientists) A wiki site of Catholic scientists

***National Standards and Benchmarks for effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools  
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**Academic Excellence:**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops affirms the message of the Congregation on Catholic Education that intellectual development of the person and growth as a Christian go forward hand in hand. Rooted in the mission of the Church, the Catholic school brings faith, culture and life together in harmony. In 2005, the bishops noted that “young people of the third millennium must be a source of energy and leadership in our church and our nation. And, therefore, we must provide young people with an academically rigorous and doctrinally sound program of education” (*Renewing Our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary School is in the Third Millennium, 2005*).

The essential elements of “an academically rigorous and doctrinally sound program” mandate curricular experiences-including co-curricular and extra-curricular activities-which are rigorous, relevant, research-based, and infused with Catholic faith and traditions. The following essential elements provide a framework for the design, implementation, and assessment of authentic academic excellence in Catholic school education from pre-kindergarten through secondary school.

**Standard 7: An excellent Catholic school has a clearly articulated, rigorous curriculum aligned with relevant standards, 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, and Gospel values, implemented through effective instruction. BENCHMARKS:**

7.1	The curriculum adheres to appropriate, delineated standards, and is vertically aligned to ensure that every student successfully completes a rigorous
7.2	Standards are adopted across the curriculum, and include integration of the religious, spiritual, moral, and ethical dimensions of learning in all
7.3	Curriculum and instruction for the 21st century learning provide students with the knowledge, understanding and skills to become creative, reflective,
7.4	Curriculum and instruction for 21st century learning prepares students to become expert users of technology, able to create, publish, and critique
7.5	Classroom instruction is designed to intentionally address the effective dimensions of learning, such as intellectual and social dispositions, relationship
7.6	Classroom instruction is designed to engage and motivate all students, addressing the diverse needs and capabilities of each student, and
7.7	Faculty collaborate in professional learning communities to develop, implement and continuously improve the effectiveness of the curriculum and
7.8	The faculty and professional support staff meet (arch) diocesan, state, and/or national requirements for academic preparation and licensing to ensure
7.9	Faculty and professional support staff demonstrate and continuously improve knowledge and skills necessary for effective instruction, cultural
7.10	Faculty and staff engage in high quality professional development, including religious formation, and are accountable for implementation that supports

**Standard 8: An excellent Catholic school uses school-wide assessment methods and practices to document student learning and program effectiveness, to make student performances transparent, and to inform the continuous review of curriculum and the improvement of instructional practices. BENCHMARKS:**

8.1	School-wide and student data generated by a variety of tools are used to monitor, review, and evaluate the curriculum and co-curricular programs to
8.2	School-wide and aggregated student data are normed to appropriate populations and are shared with all stakeholders.
8.3	Faculty use a variety of curriculum-based assessments aligned with learning outcomes and instructional practices to access student learning, including
8.4	Criteria used to evaluate student work and the reporting mechanisms are valid, consistent, transparent, and justly
8.5	Faculty collaborate in professional learning communities to monitor individual and class-wide student learning through methods such as common

**Standard 9 An excellent Catholic school provides programs and services aligned with the mission to enrich the academic program and support the development of student and family life. BENCHMARKS:**

9.1	School-wide programs for parents/guardians provide opportunities for parents/guardians to partner with school leaders, faculty, and other
9.2	Guidance services, wellness programs, behavior management programs, and ancillary services provide the necessary support for students to
9.3	Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities provide opportunities outside the classroom for students to further identify and develop their gifts and



# Glossary

The purpose of this glossary is to help the user better understand and implement the CCSSCC-NGSS. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all scientific terms. The primary audience for this glossary are K-8 Science teachers.

<a href="#">abiotic</a>	Nonliving
<a href="#">absorb</a>	to take up (e.g., plant roots absorb water)
<a href="#">adaptation</a>	hereditary features of organisms that allow them to live in a particular environment
<a href="#">affect</a>	to have an influence on
<a href="#">affluence</a>	plentiful supply of material goods; wealth
<a href="#">analyze</a>	to examine methodically by separating into parts and studying their interrelations
<a href="#">applied science</a>	research aimed at answering questions that have practical applications, e.g., determining the causes of diseases so that cures might be found
<a href="#">asteroid</a>	small rocky body orbiting the Sun
<a href="#">atmosphere</a>	gaseous envelope surrounding the Earth
<a href="#">atom</a>	smallest particle of an element that retains the chemical nature of the element
<a href="#">barometric pressure</a>	atmospheric pressure as indicated by a barometer, used especially in weather forecasting
<a href="#">basic science</a>	research designed to describe or explain nature to satisfy one's curiosity
<a href="#">bias</a>	statistical sampling or testing error caused by systematically favoring some outcomes over others
<a href="#">biodiversity</a>	1. number and variety of organisms found within a specified geographic region 2. variability among organisms, including the variability within and between species and within and between ecosystems
<a href="#">biome</a>	broad area of the Earth's surface characterized by distinctive vegetation and associated animal life; e.g., broad-leaf forest biome, grassland biome, desert biome
<a href="#">biotic</a>	relating to life or living organisms
<a href="#">calorimetric</a>	relating to the measurement of heat energy by means of temperature measurements
<a href="#">camouflage</a>	concealment by disguise or protective coloring
<a href="#">carrying capacity</a>	maximum number of individuals that a given environment can support for a sustained period of time
<a href="#">catalyst</a>	substance, usually used in small amounts relative to the reactants, that modifies and increases the rate of a reaction without being consumed in the process
<a href="#">celestial</a>	of or in the sky or universe, as planets or stars
<a href="#">cell membrane</a>	The thin membrane that forms the outer surface of the protoplasm of a cell and regulates the passage of materials in and out of the cell. It is made up of proteins and lipids and often contains molecular receptors.
<a href="#">cell wall</a>	The definition of a cell wall is the protective coating for a plant cell.
<a href="#">cellular respiration</a>	metabolic processes which break down nutrients into usable energy
<a href="#">circuit</a>	1. closed path followed or capable of being followed by an electric current 2. configuration of electrically or electromagnetically connected components or devices
<a href="#">cirrus</a>	high-altitude cloud composed of narrow bands or patches of thin, generally white, fleecy parts
<a href="#">characteristic</a>	distinguishing trait, feature, quality, or property

<a href="#">chloroplasts</a>	A plastid in the cells of green plants and green algae that contains chlorophylls and carotenoid pigments and creates glucose through photosynthesis.
<a href="#">communicate</a>	about; make known; express oneself in such a way that one is readily and clearly understood
<a href="#">community</a>	group of plants and animals living and interacting with one another in a specific region under relatively similar environmental conditions
<a href="#">compare</a>	to examine in order to note the similarities or differences of
<a href="#">compound</a>	substance formed from two or more elements chemically united in fixed proportions
<a href="#">conclusion</a>	statement, or statements, that summarize the extent to which hypotheses have been supported or not supported
<a href="#">conduction</a>	process by which heat or electrical energy is transmitted through a material or body without gross motion of the medium itself
<a href="#">conifer</a>	any of various mostly needle-leaved or scale-leaved, chiefly evergreen, cone-bearing gymnosperm trees or shrubs such as pines, spruces, and firs
<a href="#">conservation</a>	Life science: the protection, preservation, management, or restoration of wildlife and of natural resources such as forests, soil, and water, to prevent exploitation, destruction or neglect Physical science: a unifying principle of constancy of a quantity under specified conditions
<a href="#">constellation</a>	formation of stars perceived as a figure or design, especially one of 88 recognized groups named after characters from classical mythology and various common animals and objects
<a href="#">consumer</a>	organisms requiring complex organic compounds for food, which is obtained by preying on other organisms or by eating particles of organic matter
<a href="#">contrail</a>	artificial cloud created by an aircraft, caused either by condensation due to the reduction in air pressure above the wing surface, or by water vapor in the engine exhaust
<a href="#">controlled investigation</a>	investigation in which all but one variable remain constant
<a href="#">convection</a>	transfer of heat energy in a gas or liquid by the circulation of currents of matter from one region to another
<a href="#">crystallization</a>	to cause to form crystals or take on a crystalline structure
<a href="#">cumulus</a>	dense, white, fluffy, flat-based cloud with a multiple rounded top and a well-defined outline, usually formed by the ascent of thermally unstable air masses
<a href="#">data</a>	factual information, from observations, organized for analysis
<a href="#">decomposer</a>	organisms such as bacteria and fungi that feed and break down dead organisms, returning constituents of organic substances to the environment
<a href="#">deformation</a>	alteration of shape, as by pressure or stress
<a href="#">demonstrate</a>	to prove or make evident by reasoning or adducing evidence
<a href="#">Deposition</a>	act of depositing, especially the laying down of matter by a natural process something deposited; a deposit
<a href="#">Describe</a>	to transmit a mental image or impression with words
<a href="#">Distinguish</a>	to perceive or indicate differences; discriminate
<a href="#">Dominant</a>	of, relating to, or being an allele that produces the same phenotypic effect whether inherited with a homozygous or heterozygous allele
<a href="#">DNA</a>	(Deoxyribonucleic acid) double strand of nucleotides that is a self-replicating molecule present in living organisms as the main constituent of chromosomes; contains the genetic code and transmits the heredity pattern
<a href="#">Ecology</a>	study of the interactions and relationships between and among

<a href="#">Ecosystem</a>	organisms and their environment all the organisms in a given area and the abiotic factors with which they interact
<a href="#">Eclipse</a>	partial or complete obscuring, relative to a designated observer, of one celestial body by another
<a href="#">e.g.</a>	abbreviation for example; precedes a non-exhaustive list of examples provided as options; other examples may be appropriate but not included (compare to i.e.)
<a href="#">Electron element</a>	negatively charged fundamental particle in an atom any of more than 100 fundamental substances that consist of atoms of only one atomic number and that singly or in combination constitute all matter
<a href="#">Environment</a>	sum of all external conditions affecting the life, development and survival of an organism, including the biotic (living) and abiotic (non-living) elements
<a href="#">Erosion</a>	group of natural processes, including weathering, dissolution, abrasion, corrosion, and transportation, by which material is worn away from the Earth's surface
<a href="#">Eukaryotic</a>	referring to a cell with a nucleus and other internal structure
<a href="#">Evaluate</a>	to examine and judge carefully; appraise
<a href="#">Experimentation</a>	act of conducting a controlled test or investigation
<a href="#">Extinct</a>	no longer in existence
<a href="#">Fertilization</a>	1. act or process of initiating biological reproduction by insemination or pollination; 2. union of male and female gametes to form a zygote
<a href="#">food chain</a>	arrangement of the organisms of an ecological community according to the order of predation in which each uses the next as a food source
<a href="#">food web</a>	totality of interacting food chains in an ecological community
<a href="#">Force</a>	K-6: push or pull that change the motion or shape of an object 7- HS: vector quantity that tends to produce an acceleration of a body in the direction of its application
<a href="#">Formulate</a>	to devise or invent
<a href="#">Frequency</a>	ratio of the number of times an event occurs in a series of trials of a chance experiment to the number of trials of the experiment performed; the number of cycles an oscillating system executes in one second
<a href="#">Friction</a>	force that resists relative motion between two bodies in contact
<a href="#">Front (weather)</a>	interface between air masses of different temperatures or densities
<a href="#">Gas</a>	state of matter that does not have a definite shape or volume and is much less dense than a liquid because its molecules are far apart compared to their diameters
<a href="#">Genotype</a>	particular combination of genes in an organism
<a href="#">Geoscience</a>	the geological sciences as a whole; geology
<a href="#">Gravitation</a>	universal force by which everybody in the universe attracts every other body
<a href="#">Gravity</a>	attraction of the mass of the Earth, the Moon or a planet for bodies at or near its surface
<a href="#">Greenhouse gas</a>	atmospheric gas such as carbon dioxide, water vapor, and methane that allows incoming sunlight to pass through but absorbs infrared radiation radiated back from the Earth's surface, leading to the phenomenon whereby the Earth's atmosphere traps solar radiation
<a href="#">Guided investigation</a>	teacher-directed investigation
<a href="#">Habitat</a>	place or environment where a plant or animal naturally or normally lives and grows
<a href="#">Hazardous waste</a>	substance, such as nuclear waste or an industrial byproduct, that is

	potentially damaging to the environment and harmful to humans and other organisms
<a href="#">Heredity</a>	genetic transmission of characteristics from parent to offspring
<a href="#">Heterogeneous</a>	consisting of dissimilar elements or parts
<a href="#">Homogeneous</a>	uniform in structure or composition throughout
<a href="#">hydrosphere</a>	aqueous envelope of the Earth, including the oceans, all lakes, streams, and underground waters, ice, and the aqueous vapor in the atmosphere
<a href="#">Hydrologic</a>	the science dealing with the waters of the earth, their distribution on the surface and underground, and the cycle involving evaporation, precipitation, flow to the seas, etc.
<a href="#">Hypothesis</a>	statement of an anticipated result of an investigation proposed relationship among observable phenomena or an inferred explanation for those phenomena
<a href="#">Identify</a>	to find out the origin, nature, or definitive elements of
<a href="#">i.e.</a>	abbreviation for that is; precedes a specific list of items in which all of the items should be used (compare to e.g.)
<a href="#">Infer</a>	to conclude from evidence or premises
<a href="#">Igneous</a>	relating to, resulting from, or suggestive of the intrusion or extrusion of magma or volcanic activity; rock formed from molten magma
<a href="#">Inorganic</a>	involving neither organic life nor the products of organic life of or relating to compounds not containing carbon
<a href="#">Interdependence</a>	state of organisms depending on each other and the environment for survival
<a href="#">Interpretation</a>	explanation – explain the meaning of
<a href="#">Interrelationships</a>	interactions between two or more objects or organisms
<a href="#">Invertebrate</a>	animal, such as an insect or mollusk, that lacks a backbone or spinal column
<a href="#">Investigation</a>	inquiry, research, or systematic examination
<a href="#">Involuntary</a>	not under the influence or control of the will; not voluntary; as, the involuntary movements of the body (involuntary muscle fibers)
<a href="#">isotope</a>	any of two or more species of atoms of a chemical element with the same atomic number and nearly identical chemical behavior, but with differing atomic mass and mass number and different physical properties
<a href="#">Justify</a>	to demonstrate or prove to be just, right, or valid
<a href="#">Law</a>	statement that summarizes, identifies, or describes a relationship among observable phenomena
<a href="#">Lever</a>	simple machine consisting of a rigid bar pivoted on a fixed point and used to transmit force, as in raising or moving a weight at one end by pushing down on the other
<a href="#">Limiting factor</a>	conditions or resources that control the size of a population
<a href="#">Liquid</a>	state of matter that does not hold a definite shape but occupies a definite volume because its molecules are in close contact
<a href="#">Lithosphere</a>	outer part of the Earth, consisting of the crust and upper mantle, approximately 100 km (62 mi.) thick
<a href="#">Living</a>	state of being alive
<a href="#">Lunar</a>	of, involving, caused by, or affecting the Moon lunar phase
<a href="#">Macroscopic</a>	large enough to be perceived or examined by the unaided eye; large compared to a microscopic object
<a href="#">Mass</a>	property of a body that is a measure of its inertia and causes it to have weight in a gravitational field, that is commonly taken as a measure of the amount of material it contains
<a href="#">Matter</a>	anything that possesses mass and occupies volume
<a href="#">Mean</a>	average value of a set of number

<a href="#">Measure</a>	to ascertain the dimensions, quantity, or capacity of
<a href="#">Meiosis</a>	type of cell division that occurs during the reproduction of diploid organisms to produce the gametes. The double set of genes and chromosomes of the normal diploid cells is reduced during meiosis to a single haploid set in the gametes. Crossing-over and, therefore, recombination occur during a phase of meiosis
<a href="#">Metamorphic</a>	change in the constitution of rock; specifically, a pronounced change affected by pressure, heat and water that results in a more compact and more highly crystalline condition; a rock produced by these processes
<a href="#">meteor</a>	bright trail or streak that appears in the sky when a meteoroid is heated to incandescence by friction with the Earth's atmosphere; also called falling star, meteor burst, shooting star
<a href="#">Microscopic</a>	too small to be seen by the unaided eye but large enough to be studied under a microscope; small compared to a macroscopic object
<a href="#">Mimicry</a>	resemblance of one organism to another or to an object in its surroundings for concealment and protection from predators
<a href="#">Mitosis</a>	cell division; cell division in multicellular organisms occurs by mitosis except for the special division called meiosis that generates the gametes
<a href="#">Mixture</a>	portion of matter consisting of two or more components in varying proportions that retain their own properties
<a href="#">Model</a>	schematic description or representation of a system, theory, or phenomenon that accounts for at least some of its known or inferred properties and may be used for further study of its characteristics
<a href="#">Molecule</a>	smallest particle of a chemical substance that retains all the properties of the substance and is composed of one or more atoms
<a href="#">Mutation</a>	change of the DNA sequence within a gene or chromosome of an organism
<a href="#">Mutualism</a>	close, prolonged association between organisms of two different species in which each member benefits; type of symbiotic relationship
<a href="#">Natural selection</a>	process by which, in a given environment, individuals having characteristics that aid survival will produce more offspring, so the proportion of individuals having such characteristics will increase with each succeeding generation. Two mechanisms of natural selection include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>gradualism - slow genetic modification (evolution) of a population over long periods of time</li> <li>punctuated equilibrium - relatively rapid evolution at a speciation event</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Neutron</a>	uncharged elementary particle that has a mass a little greater than that of the proton and is present in most atomic nuclei
<a href="#">Nonliving</a>	objects that don't reproduce, grow, react, or use food
<a href="#">Nonstandard units of measure</a>	units of measurement based on everyday items (e.g., hands, feet, pace, candy, potato, paper clip) used as a precursor to learning and using standard units of measurement
<a href="#">Mitochondria</a>	are the structures within cells that produce energy.
<a href="#">Mutualism</a>	close, prolonged association between organisms of two different species in which each member benefits
<a href="#">Nucleus</a>	<i>Physical science</i> : central region of an atom, which contains more than 99% of the atom's mass. <i>Life science</i> : cellular organelle in eukaryotes that contains most of the genetic material
<a href="#">Observe</a>	to be or become aware of, through one's senses, and may include qualitative or quantitative data
<a href="#">Observation</a>	event that is experienced personally or enhanced through measurement

	or instruments
<a href="#">Opaque</a>	not capable of having light pass through or hard to understand.
<a href="#">Openness</a>	mind set that allows a person to consider explanations of a phenomena
<a href="#">Organic</a>	of, relating to, or derived from living organisms Chemistry: having to do with carbon compounds
<a href="#">organism</a>	living individual, such as a plant, animal, bacterium, protist, or fungus; a body made up of organs organelles, or other parts that work together to carry on the various processes of life
<a href="#">Periodic table</a>	arrangement of the chemical elements by atomic number, starting with hydrogen in the upper left-hand corner and continuing in ascending order from left to right, arranged in columns according to similar chemical properties
<a href="#">pH</a>	numerical measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a chemical solution; the negative of the logarithm of the hydrogen ion concentration
<a href="#">Phenotype</a>	physical or visible characteristics of an organism that are determined by its genotype
<a href="#">photosynthesis</a>	chemical process by which chlorophyll-containing plants use light to convert carbon dioxide and water into carbohydrates, releasing oxygen as a byproduct
<a href="#">Pitch</a>	aurally perceived property of a sound, especially a musical tone that is determined by the frequency of the waves producing it; highness or lowness of sound
<a href="#">Plane</a>	flat or level surface
<a href="#">plate tectonics</a>	theory that explains the global distribution of geological phenomena such as seismicity, volcanism, continental drift, and mountain building in terms of the formation, destruction, movement, and interaction of the Earth's lithospheric plates; the theory that the earth's crust is broken into fragments (plates) which move in relation to one another, shifting continents, forming new crust, and causing volcanic eruptions
<a href="#">Population</a>	group of organisms of the same species living and reproducing in a particular habitat or geographic region
<a href="#">Population density</a>	number of organisms per unit area
<a href="#">Precipitation</a>	any form of water, such as rain, snow, sleet, or hail, which falls to the Earth's surface
<a href="#">Predict</a>	to forecast a future occurrence based on past observations or the extension of an idea
<a href="#">Prediction</a>	statement of an expected (future) outcome of a planned test assuming that the hypothesis being tested is correct; to be compared with observed result to test the hypothesis
<a href="#">Preservation</a>	to keep in perfect or unaltered condition; maintain unchanged
<a href="#">Probability</a>	measure of the likelihood of an event occurring
<a href="#">Procedures</a>	series of steps taken to accomplish an end
<a href="#">Prokaryotic</a>	referring to a cell with no nucleus (e.g., a bacterium)
<a href="#">Property</a>	characteristic attribute possessed by all members of a class
<a href="#">Propose</a>	to put forward for consideration, discussion, or adoption
<a href="#">Proton</a>	stable subatomic particle occurring in all atomic nuclei, with a positive electric charge equal in magnitude to that of an electron
<a href="#">Pulley</a>	simple machine consisting of a wheel with a grooved rim in which a pulled rope or chain can run to change the direction of the pull and thereby lift a load
<a href="#">Pure science</a>	science for the pursuit of scientific knowledge

<a href="#">Qualitative</a>	involving quality or kind
<a href="#">Quantitative</a>	involving the measurement of quantity or amount
<a href="#">Question</a>	to ask
<a href="#">Radiation</a>	transfer of energy by electromagnetic radiation; process of emitting energy in the form of waves or particles (e.g., visible light, X-rays, alpha and beta radiation).the geographic spreading of a species reaction
<a href="#">Recessive</a>	of, relating to, or designating an allele that does not produce a characteristic effect when present with a dominant allele
<a href="#">Reduce, reuse, recycle</a>	help you, your community, and the environment by saving money, energy, and natural resources. Recycling programs are managed at the state and local level
<a href="#">Reflect</a>	to throw or bend back (light, for example) from a surface
<a href="#">Refract</a>	to deflect from a straight path undergone by light or other wave in passing obliquely from one medium (e.g., air) into another (e.g., glass) in which its speed is different
<a href="#">Reliability</a>	to yield the same or compatible results in different clinical experiments or statistical trials
<a href="#">Respiration</a>	physical and chemical processes by which an organism supplies its cells and tissues with the oxygen needed for metabolism and relieves them of the carbon dioxide formed in energy-producing reactions
<a href="#">Result</a>	quantity or expression obtained by calculation
<a href="#">Revolution</a>	orbital motion about a point, especially as distinguished from axial rotation
<a href="#">RNA</a>	(Ribonucleic acid) nucleic acids that contains ribose and uracil as structural components and is associated with the control of cellular chemical activities
<a href="#">Rotation</a>	act or process of turning around a center or an axis; the turning of a body part about its long axis as if on a pivot
<a href="#">Sedimentary</a>	of or relating to rocks formed by the deposition of sediment
<a href="#">Sedimentation</a>	The act or process of depositing or forming a sediment.
<a href="#">Sexual</a>	relating to, produced by, or involving reproduction characterized by the union of male and female gametes
<a href="#">Simple investigation</a>	investigation involving a single variable
<a href="#">Solid</a>	body of definite shape and volume; not liquid or gaseous
<a href="#">Solute</a>	the dissolved matter in a solution; the compound of a solution that changes its state
<a href="#">Solution</a>	a homogeneous mixture of two or more substances
<a href="#">Solvent</a>	a liquid substance capable of dissolving other substances
<a href="#">Species</a>	class of individuals or objects grouped by virtue of their common attributes and their ability to mate and produce fertile offspring, and assigned a common name; a division subordinate to a genus
<a href="#">Spectrophotometer</a>	instrument used to determine the intensity of various wavelengths in a spectrum of light
<a href="#">Stimulus</a>	object or event that causes a response
<a href="#">Strata</a>	a section, level, or division, as of the atmosphere or ocean, regarded as like a stratum
<a href="#">Stratus</a>	low-altitude cloud formation consisting of a horizontal layer of clouds
<a href="#">Structures</a>	way in which parts are arranged or put together to form a whole; makeup arrangement or formation of the tissues, organs, or other parts of an organism; an organ or other part of an organism
<a href="#">Substrate</a>	the substance that is acted upon by an enzyme or ferment; a surface on

	which an organism grow or is attached
<a href="#">Subsystem</a>	component of a system (e.g., a solar system is a subsystem of a galaxy)
<a href="#">Symbiotic relationship</a>	close, prolonged association between organisms of two different species that may, but does not necessarily, benefit each member; includes mutualism, commensalisms, and parasitism
	Synthetic
<a href="#">System</a>	1. group of body organs that together perform one or more vital functions 2. organized group of devices, parts or factors that together perform a function or drive a process (e.g., weather system, mechanical system)
<a href="#">Technology</a>	application of science, especially to industrial or commercial objectives; tools and techniques
<a href="#">Temperature</a>	degree of hotness or coldness of a body or environment
<a href="#">Theory</a>	collection of statements (conditions, components, claims, postulates, propositions) that when taken together attempt to explain a broad class of related phenomena; inferred explanations for observable phenomena
<a href="#">Tissues</a>	A large mass of similar cells that make up a part of an organism and perform a specific function.
<a href="#">Transient</a>	not regular or permanent
<a href="#">Transparent</a>	something clear, see through or obvious.
<a href="#">Translucent</a>	allowing light to pass through but not showing the distinct images on the other side.
<a href="#">Tsunami</a>	large sea wave caused by an earthquake, landslide or other disturbance under the ocean.
<a href="#">U.S. customary units</a>	measuring system used most often in the United States (e.g., inches, pounds, gallons)
<a href="#">Valid</a>	correctly inferred or deduced from a premise
<a href="#">Variable</a>	A factor or condition that is subject to change, especially one that is allowed to change in a scientific experiment to test a hypothesis.
<a href="#">Vibrate</a>	To shake or move with or as if with a slight quivering or trembling motion