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Correlation to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)*

Science &	Engineering	Practices
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Asking questions and defining problems Developing and using models Planning and carrying out investigations Analyzing and interpreting data Using mathematics and computational thinking Constructing explanations and designing solutions Engaging in argument from evidence Obtaining, evaluation, and communicating information Disciplinary Core Ideas MS-LS1.A: Structure and Function MS-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems MS-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions MS-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution Crosscutting Concepts

Patterns Cause and effect Scale, proportion, and quantity Systems and system models Structure and function

Performance Expectations

- **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.
- MS-LS1-2: Develop and use a model to describe the function of a cell as a whole and ways parts of cells contribute to the function.MS-LS1-5: Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.
- **HS-LS1-1:** Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the structure of DNA determines the structure of proteins, which carry out the essential functions of life through systems of specialized cells.

Common Core State Standards Mathematics

- **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.MD.A.1:** Convert among different-sized standard mea surement 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.G.A.1:** Use a pair of perpendicular number lines, called axes, to define a coordinate system, with the intersection of the lines (the origin) arranged to coincide with the 0 on each line and a given point in the plane located by using an ordered pair of numbers, called its coordinates. Understand that the first number indicates how far to travel from the origin in the direction of one axis, and the second number indicates how far to travel in the direction of the second axis, with the convention that the names of the two axes and the coordinates correspond (e.g., x-axis and x-coordinate, y-axis and y-coordinate).
- **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.
- **6.EE.A.1:** Write and evaluate numerical expressions involving whole-number exponents.
- **6.NS.C.8:** Solve real-world and mathematical problems by graphing points in all four quadrants of the coordinate plane.
- **6.RP.A.3:** Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems.
- **6.RP.A.3d:** Use ratio reasoning to convert measurement units; manipulate and transform units appropriately when multiplying or dividing quantities.



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- **8.EE.A.1:** Know and apply the properties of integer exponents to generate equivalent numerical expressions.
- **8.EE.A.3:** Use numbers expressed in the form of a single digit times and 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.
- **8.EE.A.4:** Perform operations with numbers expressed in scientific notation, including problems where both decimal and scientific notation are used. Use scientific notation and choose units of appropriate size for measurements of very large or very small quantities.
- **8.F.A.1:** Understand that a function is a rule that assigns to each input exactly one output. The graph of a function is the set of ordered pairs consisting of an input and the corresponding output.
- **8.F.B.4:** Interpret the rate of change and the initial value of a [linear] function in terms of the situation it models.
- **8.F.B.5:** Describe quantitatively the functional relationship between two quantities by analyzing a graph (e.g. where the function is increasing or decreasing, linear or nonlinear). Sketch a graph that exhibits the qualitative features of a function that has been described verbally.

Common Core Mathematical Practices

- MP1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- MP2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- MP3: Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- MP4: Model with mathematics.
- MP5: Use appropriate tools strategically.
- MP6: Attend to precision.
- **MP7:** Look for and make use of structure.
- MP8: Look for an express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Common Core State Standards ELA/Literacy

- **L.6-8.4a:** Use context (e.g. the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
- **L.6-8.4d:** Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g. by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
- **RI.6-8.4:** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
- **RI.6-8.7:** Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
- **RST.6-8.1:** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts.
- **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.
- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
- **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.
- **RST.6-8.7**: Integrate quantitative or technical informati
- **RST.6-8.8:** Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text.
- RL.6-8.1: Cite textural evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
 SL.6-8.1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 6-8 topics, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.6-8.2:** Interpret information, analyze the main ideas and supporting details, and analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats. Explain and evaluate how it contributes or clarifies a topic, text, or issue under study.
- SL.6-8.3: Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from those that are not and evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.
 SL.6-8.4: Present claims and findings sequencing ideas and emphasizing salient points using pertinent descriptions, facts,
- details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
- WHST.6-8.1: Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
- **WHST.6-8.10:** Write routinely over extended timeframes and shorter time frames for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposed, and audiences.



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Science & Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Asking questions and defining problems Developing and using models Planning and carrying out investigations Analyzing and interpreting data Using mathematics and computational thinking Constructing explanations and designing solutions Engaging in argument from evidence Obtaining, evaluation, and communicating information	 3-5-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems 3-5-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions 3-5-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution 4-LS1.A: Structure and Function 5-PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter 5-PS1.B: Chemical Reactions 5-ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems 5-ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes 5-ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 5-LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms 5-LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems 5-LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems 4-ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems 4-ESS3.A: Natural Resources 4-ESS3.B: Natural Hazards 	Patterns Cause and effect Scale, proportion, and quantity Systems and system models Energy and matter Structure and function Stability and change

Performance Expectations

- **MS-ESS3-1:** Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how the uneven distributions of Earth's mineral, energy, and groundwater resources are the result of past and current geoscience processes.
- **MS-ESS3-2:** Analyze and interpret data on natural hazards to forecast future catastrophic events and inform the development of technologies to mitigate their effects.
- **MS-ESS3-3:** Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment.
- **MS-ESS3-4:** Construct an argument supported by evidence for how increases in human population and percapita consumption of natural resources impact Earth's systems.
- MS-ESS3-5: Ask questions to clarify evidence of the factors that have caused the rise in global temperatures over the past century.MS-LS1-1: Conduct an investigation to provide evidence that living things are made of cells; either one cell or many different numbers and types of cells
- **MS-LS1-2:** Develop and use a model to describe the function of a cell as a whole and ways parts of cells contribute to the function.
- **MS-LS1-3:** Use argument supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells.
- **MS-LS1-5:** Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.

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- **MS-LS2-1:** Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for the effects of resource availability on organisms and populations of organisms in an ecosystem.
- **MS-LS2-2:** Construct an explanation that predicts patterns of interactions among organisms across multiple ecosystems.
- **MS-LS2-3:** Develop a model to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy among living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem.
- **MS-LS2-4:** Construct an argument supported by empirical evidence that changes to physical or biological components of an ecosystem affect populations.
- **MS-LS2-5:** Evaluate competing design solutions for maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services.
- **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-ETS1-4:** 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.
- **4-ESS2-1:** Make observations and/or measurements to provide evidence of the effects of weathering or the rate of erosion by water, ice, wind, or vegetation.
- **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.
- **HS-ESS3-1:** Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the availability of natural resources, occurrence of natural hazards, and changes in climate have influenced human activity.
- 4-ESS3-2: Generate and compare multiple solutions to reduce the impacts of natural Earth processes on humans.
- **4-LS1-1:** Construct an argument that plants and animals have internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, behavior, and reproduction.
- **5-ESS2-1:** Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact
- **5-ESS3-1:** Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.
- 5-LS1-1: Support an argument that plants get the materials they need for growth chiefly from air and water.
- **5-LS2-1:** Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment.
- **5-PS1-2:** Measure and graph quantities to provide evidence that regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances, the total weight of matter is conserved.
- **3-5-ETS1-1:** Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
- **3-5-ETS1-2:** Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
- **3-5-ETS1-3:** Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.

Common Core State Standards Mathematical Practices

- MP1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- MP2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- **MP3:** Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- MP4: Model with mathematics.
- **MP5:** Use appropriate tools strategically.
- MP7: Look for and make use of structure.

Common Core State Standards Mathematics

- **3.MD.A.1:** Tell and write time to the nearest minute and measure time intervals in minutes. Solve word problems involving addition and subtraction of time intervals in minutes, e.g., by representing the problem on a number line diagram.
- **3.MD.A2:** 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

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same units, e.g., by using drawings (such as a beaker with a measurement scale) to represent the problem.

- **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 twostep "how many more" and "how many less" problems using information presented in scaled bar graphs. For example, draw a bar graph in which each square in the bar graph might represent 5 pets.
- **3.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.
- **4.MD.A.1:** Know relative sizes of measurement units within one system of units including km, m, cm; kg, g; lb, oz.; l, ml; hr, min, sec. Within a single system of measurement, express measurements in a larger unit in terms of a smaller unit. Record measurement equivalents in a two-column table. For example, know that 1 ft is 12 times as long as 1 in. Express the length of a 4 ft snake as 48 in. Generate a conversion table for feet and inches listing the number pairs (1, 12), (2, 24), (3, 36), ...
- **4.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.
- **5.G.A.1:** Use a pair of perpendicular number lines, called axes, to define a coordinate system, with the intersection of the lines (the origin) arranged to coincide with the 0 on each line and a given point in the plane located by using an ordered pair of numbers, called its coordinates. Understand that the first number indicates how far to travel from the origin in the direction of one axis, and the second number indicates how far to travel in the direction of the second axis, with the convention that the names of the two axes and the coordinates correspond (e.g., *x*-axis and *x*-coordinate, *y*-axis and *y*-coordinate).
- **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.NBT.A.1:** Recognize that in a multi-digit number, a digit in one place represents 10 times as much as it represents in the place to its right and 1/10 of what it represents in the place to its left.
- **5.NBT.A.2:** Explain patterns in the number of zeroes 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.
- **6.EE.A1:** Write and evaluate numerical expressions involving whole-number exponents.
- **6.EE.A.2.C:** Evaluate expressions at specific values of their variables. Include expressions that arise from formulas used in real-world problems. Perform arithmetic operations, including those involving whole-number exponents, in the conventional order when there are no parentheses to specify a particular order (Order of Operations). For example, use the formulas $V = s^3$ and $A = 6 s^2$ to find the volume and surface area of a cube with sides of length s = 1/2.
- **6.EE.C.9:** Use variables to represent two quantities in a real-world problem that change in relationship to one another; write an equation to express one quantity, thought of as the dependent variable, in terms of the other quantity, thought of as the independent variable. Analyze the relationship between the dependent and independent variables using graphs and tables, and relate these to the equation. For example, in a problem involving motion at constant speed, list and graph ordered pairs of distances and times, and write the equation d = 65t to represent the relationship between distance and time.
- **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.
- **6.RP.A.2:** Understand the concept of a unit rate a/b associated with a ratio a:b with b ≠ 0, and use rate language in the context of a ratio relationship. For example, "This recipe has a ratio of 3 cups of flour to 4 cups of sugar, so there is 3/4 cup of flour for each cup of sugar." "We paid \$75 for 15 hamburgers, which is a rate of \$5 per hamburger."
- **6.RP.A.3.C:** Find a percent of a quantity as a rate per 100 (e.g., 30% of a quantity means 30/100 times the quantity); solve problems involving finding the whole, given a part and the percent.
- **8.SP.A.1:** Construct and interpret scatter plots for bivariate measurement data to investigate patterns of association between two quantities. Describe patterns such as clustering, outliers, positive or negative association, linear association, and nonlinear association.



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Common Core State Standards English Language Arts

- **RI.4.3:** Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.
- **RI.4.5:** Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.
- **RI.4.7:** Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.
- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
- **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.
- **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).
- **SL.4.2:** Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- **SL.4.4:** Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.
- **SL.4.5:** Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.
- **SL.5.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.8.5:** Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.
- W.4.1: Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.
- W.4.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
- W.4.7: Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic
- **W.4.9:** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- **W.5.1:** Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.
- W.5.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
- **W.5.7:** Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.
- **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.
- **W.5.9:** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- WHST.6-8.1: Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
- WHST.6-8.9: Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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Science & Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Asking questions and defining problems	4-PS4.C: Information Technologies and	Patterns
Developing and using models	Instrumentation	Cause and effect
Planning and carrying out investigations	4-ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems	Scale, proportion, and quantity
Analyzing and interpreting data	4-ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System	Systems and system models
Using mathematics and computational thinking	Interactions	Energy and matter
Constructing explanations and designing solutions	5-PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter	Structure and function
Engaging in argument from evidence	5-ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface	Stability and change
Obtaining, evaluation, and communicating information	Processes	
	5-ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems	
	3-5-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering	
	Problems	
	3-5-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions	
	3-5-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution	

Performance Expectations

- MS-ESS3-3: Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment.
 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-ETS1-3:** 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-LS1-2:** Develop and use a model to describe the function of a cell as a whole and ways parts of cells contribute to the function.
- **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
- MS-LS2-2: Construct an explanation that predicts patterns of interactions among organisms across multiple ecosystems.
- **MS-LS2-4:** Construct an argument supported by empirical evidence that changes to physical or biological components of an ecosystem affect populations.
- **MS-PS1-3:** Gather and make sense of information to describe that synthetic materials come from natural resources and impact society.
- **4-ESS2-2:** Analyze and interpret data from maps to describe patterns of Earth's features.
- **4-PS4-3:** Generate and compare multiple solutions that use patterns to transfer information.
- **5-ESS3-1:** Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.
- **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.
- **5-PS1-3:** Make observations and measurements to identify materials based on their properties.

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

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- **MP7:** Look for and make use of structure.

Common Core State Standards Mathematics

- **4.MD.A.1:** Know relative sizes of measurement units within one system of units including km, m, cm; kg, g; lb, oz.; l, ml; hr, min, sec. Within a single system of measurement, express measurements in a larger unit in terms of a smaller unit. Record measurement equivalents in a two-column table. For example, know that 1 ft is 12 times as long as 1 in. Express the length of a 4 ft snake as 48 in. Generate a conversion table for feet and inches listing the number pairs (1, 12), (2, 24), (3, 36)...
- **4.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.
- **5.G.A.1:** Use a pair of perpendicular number lines, called axes, to define a coordinate system, with the intersection of the lines (the origin) arranged to coincide with the 0 on each line and a given point in the plane located by using an ordered pair of numbers, called its coordinates. Understand that the first number indicates how far to travel from the origin in the direction of one axis, and the second number indicates how far to travel in the direction of the second axis, with the convention that the names of the two axes and the coordinates correspond (e.g., *x*-axis and *x*-coordinate, *y*-axis and *y*-coordinate).
- **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.NF.A.2:** Solve word problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions referring to the same whole, including cases of unlike denominators, e.g., by using visual fraction models or equations to represent the problem. Use benchmark fractions and number sense of fractions to estimate mentally and assess the reasonableness of answers. For example, recognize an incorrect result 2/5 + 1/2 = 3/7, by observing that 3/7 < 1/2.
- 5.OA.A.2: Write simple expressions that record calculations with numbers, and interpret numerical expressions without evaluating them. For example, express the calculation "add 8 and 7, then multiply by 2" as 2 × (8 + 7). Recognize that 3 × (18932 + 921) is three times as large as 18932 + 921, without having to calculate the indicated sum or product.
- **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.

- **6.RP.A.3.C:** Find a percent of a quantity as a rate per 100 (e.g., 30% of a quantity means 30/100 times the quantity); solve problems involving finding the whole, given a part and the percent.
- **6.RP.A.3.D:** Use ratio reasoning to convert measurement units; manipulate and transform units appropriately when multiplying or dividing quantities.
- **7.RP.A.3:** Use proportional relationships to solve multistep ratio and percent problems. Example: simple interest, tax, markups and markdowns, gratuities and commissions, fees, percent increase and decrease, percent error.



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Common Core State Standards English Language Arts

- **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.
- **RI.6.7:** Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
- **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.
- **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).
- **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.
- **SL.5.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.5.4:** Report on a topic or text or present an opinion, sequencing ideas logically and using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.
- **SL.6.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.6.4:** Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
- **SL.8.5:** Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.
- W.4.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
- **W.4.9:** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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Science & Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Asking questions and defining problems Developing and using models Planning and carrying out investigations Analyzing and interpreting data Using mathematics and computational thinking Constructing explanations and designing solutions Engaging in argument from evidence Obtaining, evaluation, and communicating information	 4-PS3.A: Definitions of Energy 4-PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer 5-PS2.B: Types of Interactions 3-5-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems 3-5-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions 3-5-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution 	Patterns Cause and effect Scale, proportion, and quantity Systems and system models Energy and matter Structure and function Stability and change

Performance Expectations

- **MS-PS2-2:** Plan an investigation to provide evidence that the change in an object's motion depends on the sum of the forces on the object and the mass of the object
- **MS-PS3-2:** Develop a model to describe that when the arrangement of objects interacting at a distance changes, different amounts of potential energy are stored in the system.
- **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.
- **4-PS3-1:** Use evidence to construct an explanation relating the speed of an object to the energy of that object.
- **4-PS3-4:** Apply scientific ideas to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another.
- **5-PS2-1:** Support an argument that the gravitational force exerted by Earth on objects is directed down.
- **3-5-ETS1-1:** Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
- **3-5-ETS1-2:** Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
- **3-5-ETS1-3:** Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.

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Common Core State Standards Mathematical Practices

- **MP1:** Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- MP2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- MP4: Model with mathematics.
- **MP5:** Use appropriate tools strategically.
- MP6: Attend to precision.

Common Core State Standards Mathematics

- **4.MD.A2:** 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.
- **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.
- **6.NS.C.6:** Understand a rational number as a point on the number line. Extend number line diagrams and coordinate axes familiar from previous grades to represent points on the line and in the plane with negative number coordinates.
- **6.RP.A.2:** Understand the concept of a unit rate a/b associated with a ratio a:b with b ≠ 0, and use rate language in the context of a ratio relationship. For example, "This recipe has a ratio of 3 cups of flour to 4 cups of sugar, so there is 3/4 cup of flour for each cup of sugar." "We paid \$75 for 15 hamburgers, which is a rate of \$5 per hamburger.
- **6.RP.A.3.B:** Solve unit rate problems including those involving unit pricing and constant speed. For example, if it took 7 hours to mow 4 lawns, then at that rate, how many lawns could be mowed in 35 hours? At what rate were lawns being mowed?
- **6.SP.A.3:** Recognize that a measure of center for a numerical data set summarizes all of its values with a single number, while a measure of variation describes how its values vary with a single number.
- **6.SP.B.5.C:** Giving quantitative measures of center (median and/or mean) and variability (interquartile range and/or mean absolute deviation), as well as describing any overall pattern and any striking deviations from the overall pattern with reference to the context in which the data were gathered.
- **8.SP.A.1:** Construct and interpret scatter plots for bivariate measurement data to investigate patterns of association between two quantities. Describe patterns such as clustering, outliers, positive or negative association, linear association, and nonlinear association.

Common Core State Standards English Langauge Arts

- **RI.5.4:** Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area.
- **RI.5.10:** By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, at the high end of the grades 4–5 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
- **W.5.10:** Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
- **W.6.1:** Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- **SL.5.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
- **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).

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Science & Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Science & Engineering Practices	4-PS3.A: Definitions of Energy	Patterns
Asking questions and defining problems	4-PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy	Cause and effect
Developing and using models	Transfer	Scale, proportion, and quantity
Planning and carrying out investigations	4-PS3.C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces	Systems and system models
Analyzing and interpreting data	4-PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and	Energy and matter
Using mathematics and computational thinking	Everyday Life	Structure and function
Constructing explanations and designing solutions	5-PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter	Stability and change
Engaging in argument from evidence	5-PS1.B: Chemical Reactions	
Obtaining, evaluation, and communicating information	3-5-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering	
	Problems	
	3-5-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions	
	3-5-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution	

Performance Expectations

- **4-PS3-1.** Use evidence to construct an explanation relating the speed of an object to the energy of that object.
- **4-PS3-2.** Make observations to provide evidence that energy can be transferred from place to place by sound, light, heat, and electric currents.
- **4-PS3-3.** Ask questions and predict outcomes about the changes in energy that occur when objects collide.
- **4-PS3-4.** Apply scientific ideas to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another.
- **5-PS1-1.** Develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen.
- **5-PS1-2.** Measure and graph quantities to provide evidence that regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances, the total weight of matter is conserved.
- **5-PS1-3.** Make observations and measurements to identify materials based on their properties.
- 5-PS1-4. Conduct an investigation to determine whether the mixing of two or more substances results in new substances.
- **3-5-ETS1-1.** Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
- **3-5-ETS1-2.** Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
- **3-5-ETS1-3.** Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.

Common Core State Standards Mathematical Practices

- 1. Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MP2)
- 2. Model with mathematics. (MP4)
- 3. Use appropriate tools strategically. (MP5)
- 4. Attend to precision. (MP6)
- 5. Look for and make use of structure. (MP7)

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Common Core State Standards

- **RI.5.4:** Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area.
- **RI.5.10:** By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, at the high end of the grades 4-5 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
- **W.3.1:** Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.
- **W.3.7:** Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.
- **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.
- **W.5.7:** Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.
- **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.
- **W.4.9:** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- W.5.10: Write routinely over extended time frames (time for res
- **W.6.1:** Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence. SL.5.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacherled) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- W.4.7: Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.
- **RI.3.1:** Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
- **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).
- **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.
- **RI.4.3:** Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.
- **RI.5.1:** Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. 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.
- **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.
- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
- **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).
- **SL.3.3:** Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.
- **SL.4.5:** Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.

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CCSS.Math.Content.3.MD.A.1: Solve problems involving measurement and estimation.
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- **CCSS.Math.Content.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.
- **CCSS.Math.Content.4.MD.A.2:** Use the four operations to solve word problems involving distances, intervals of time.

CCSS.Math.Content.3.MD.B.3: Draw a scaled picture graph and a scaled bar graph to represent a data set with several categories.

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Patterns Cause and effect Scale, proportion, and quantity Systems and system models Energy and matter Structure and function Stability and change

Performance Expectations

- **MS-ESS1-2:** Develop and use a model to describe the role of gravity in the motions within galaxies and the solar system.
- MS-ESS1-3: Analyze and interpret data to determine scale properties of objects in the solar system.
- **MS-ESS3-3:** Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment.
- **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.
- **MS-PS2-2:** Plan an investigation to provide evidence that the change in an object's motion depends on the sum of the forces on the object and the mass of the object
- **MS-PS3-3:** Apply scientific principles to design, construct, and test a device that either minimizes or maximizes thermal energy transfer.

Common Core State Standards Mathematical Practices

- MP1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- MP2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- **MP3:** Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- MP4: Model with mathematics.
- **MP5:** Use appropriate tools strategically.
- MP6: Attend to precision.
- MP7: Look for and make use of structure.
- **MP8:** Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

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Common Core State Standards Mathematics

- **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.
- **6.EE.B.7:** Solve real-world and mathematical problems by writing and solving equations of the form x + p = q and px = q for cases in which p, q and x are all nonnegative rational numbers.
- **6.NS.C.8:** Solve real-world and mathematical problems by graphing points in all four quadrants of the coordinate plane. Include use of coordinates and absolute value to find distances between points with the same first coordinate or the same second coordinate.
- **6.RP.A.2:** Understand the concept of a unit rate a/b associated with a ratio a:b with b ≠ 0, and use rate language in the context of a ratio relationship. For example "This recipe has a ratio of 3 cups of flour to 4 cups of sugar, so there is 3/4 cup of flour for each cup of sugar." "We paid \$75 for 15 hamburgers, which is a rate of \$5 per hamburger."
- **6.RP.A.3:** Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems, e.g., by reasoning about tables of equivalent ratios, tape diagrams, double number line diagrams, or equations.
- **6.G.A.2:** Find the volume of a right rectangular prism with fractional edge lengths by packing it with unit cubes of the appropriate unit fraction edge lengths, and show that the volume is the same as would be found by multiplying the edge lengths of the prism. Apply the formulas V = lwh and V = bh to find volumes of right rectangular prisms with fractional edge lengths in the context of solving real-world and mathematical problems.
- **6.G.A.4:** Represent three-dimensional figures using nets made up of rectangles and triangles, and use the nets to find the surface area of these figures. Apply these techniques in the context of solving real-world and mathematical problems.
- **7.G.A.1:** Solve problems involving scale drawings of geometric figures, including computing actual lengths and areas from a scale drawing and reproducing a scale drawing at a different scale.
- **7.G.B.4:** Know the formulas for the area and circumference of a circle and use them to solve problems; give an informal derivation of the relationship between the circumference and area of a circle.
- **7.G.B.6:** Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area, volume and surface area of two- and three-dimensional objects composed of triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons, cubes, and right prisms.
- **7.RP.A.2:** Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities.
- **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.
- **8.G.C.9:** Know the formulas for the volumes of cones, cylinders, and spheres and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.

Common Core State Standards English Language Arts

- **RI.8.7:** Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea.
- **SL.6.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.7.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.8.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.8.2:** Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commerical, political) behind its presentation.
- **SL.8.3:** Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identifying when irrelevant evidence is introduced.
- **SL.8.5:** Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.
- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
- **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.



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- **W.6.1:** Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- **W.6.2:** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
- **W.6.3:** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details and well-structured event sequences.
- **W.7.3:** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details and well-structured event sequences.
- **W.8.3:** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details and well-structured event sequences.
- **WHST.6-8.1:** Write arguments based on discipline-specific content.

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Disciplinary Core Ideas

MS-PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter MS-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems MS-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions

MS-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution

Crosscutting Concepts

Patterns Cause and effect Scale, proportion, and quantity Systems and system models Energy and matter Structure and function Stability and change

Performance Expectations

- MS-ESS3-3: Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment.
 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-PS1-1:** Develop models to describe the atomic composition of simple molecules and extended structures.
- **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.
- **MS-PS1-3:** Gather and make sense of information to describe that synthetic materials come from natural resources and impact society.
- **MS-PS1-4:** Develop a model that predicts and describes changes in particle motion, temperature, and state of a pure substance when thermal energy is added or removed.
- **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.
- **MS-PS2-5:** Conduct an investigation and evaluate the experimental design to provide evidence that fields exist between objects exerting forces on each other even though the objects are not in contact
- **MS-PS4-2:** Develop and use a model to describe that waves are reflected, absorbed, or transmitted through various materials.
- **MS-LS1-1:** Conduct an investigation to provide evidence that living things are made of cells; either one cell or many different numbers and types of cells
- **MS-LS1-3:** Use argument supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells.
- **MS-LS1-5:** Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.

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- MP7: Look for and make use of structure.
- MP8: Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Common Core State Standards Mathematics

- **5.OA.B:** Analyze patterns and relationships.
- 6.EE.A: Apply and extend previous understandings of arithmetic to algebraic expressions.
- 6.EE.A.2: Write, read, and evaluate expressions in which letters stand for numbers.
- **6.EE.B:** Reason about and solve one-variable equations and inequalities.
- **6.NS.C.8:** Solve real-world and mathematical problems by graphing points in all four quadrants of the coordinate plane. Include use of coordinates and absolute value to find distances between points with the same first coordinate or the same second coordinate.
- **6.RP.A:** Understand ratio concepts and use ratio reasoning to solve problems.
- **6.SP.B:** Summarize and describe distributions.
- **7.G.A.1:** Solve problems involving scale drawings of geometric figures, including computing actual lengths and areas from a scale drawing and reproducing a scale drawing at a different scale.
- **7.EE.B:** Solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations.
- **7.NS.A.3:** Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving the four operations with rational numbers.
- **7.G.B:** Solve real-life and mathematical problems involving angle measure, area, surface area, and volume.
- **7.RP.A:** Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.
- **7.RP.A.2:** Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities.
- **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.

Common Core State Standards English Language Arts

- **RH.6-8.7:** Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
- **SL.6.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.6.6:** Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.
- **SL.7.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.7.6:** Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.
- **SL.8.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **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.
- **SL.8.6:** Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.
- **RST.6-8.1:** Cite specific textural evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts.
- **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.
- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.



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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).
- 6-8.RST.8: Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgement based on reseach findings, and speculation in a text.
- **6-8.RST.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.
- **W.6.1:** Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- **W.6.2:** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
- W.7.1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- **W.7.2:** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
- W.8.1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- **W.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.
- **WHST.6-8.2:** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
- **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.
- **WHST.6-8.9:** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.



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Science & Engineering Practices

Asking questions and defining problems Developing and using models Planning and carrying out investigations Analyzing and interpreting data Using mathematics and computational thinking Constructing explanations and designing solutions Engaging in argument from evidence Obtaining, evaluation, and communicating information Disciplinary Core Ideas MS-PS2.A: Forces and Motion MS-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems MS-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions MS-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution Crosscutting Concepts

Patterns Cause and effect Scale, proportion, and quantity Systems and system models Energy and matter Structure and function Stability and change

Performance Expectations

MS-LS1-5:	Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of
	organisms.

- **MS-LS2-1:** Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for the effects of resource availability on organisms and populations of organisms in an ecosystem.
- **MS-LS2-4:** Construct an argument supported by empirical evidence that changes to physical or biological components of an ecosystem affect populations.
- **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.
- **MS-PS1-3:** Gather and make sense of information to describe that synthetic materials come from natural resources and impact society.
- **MS-PS1-4:** Develop a model that predicts and describes changes in particle motion, temperature, and state of a pure substance when thermal energy is added or removed.
- **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.
- **HS-LS2-2:** Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations in ecosystems of different scales.
- **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.

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Common Core State Standards Mathematical Practices

- **MP1:** Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- MP2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- MP3: Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- MP4: Model with mathematics.
- MP5: Use appropriate tools strategically.
- MP6: Attend to precision.
- **MP7:** Look for and make use of structure.
- **MP8:** Look for an express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Common Core State Standards Mathematics

- **5.NF.B.7.C:** Solve real-world problems involving division of unit fractions by non-zero whole numbers and division of whole numbers by unit fractions, e.g., by using visual fraction models and equations to represent the problem. For example, how much chocolate will each person get if 3 people share 1/2 lb of chocolate equally? How many 1/3-cup servings are in 2 cups of raisins?
- **6.EE.C.9:** Use variables to represent two quantities in a real-world problem that change in relationship to one another; write an equation to express one quantity, thought of as the dependent variable, in terms of the other quantity, thought of as the independent variable. Analyze the relationship between the dependent and independent variables using graphs and tables, and relate these to the equation. For example, in a problem involving motion at a constant speed, list and graph ordered pairs of distances and times, and write the equation d = 65t to represent the relationship between distance and time.
- 6.RP.A.2: Understand the concept of a unit rate a/b associated with a ratio a:b with b ≠ 0, and use rate language in the context of a ratio relationship. "This recipe has a ratio of 3 cups of flour to 4 cups of sugar, so there is 3/4 cup of flour for each cup of sugar." "We paid \$75 for 15 hamburgers, which is a rate of \$5 per hamburger."
- **6.RP.A.3:** Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems, e.g., by reasoning about tables of equivalent ratios, tape diagrams, double number line diagrams, or equations.
- **6.RP.A.3.C:** Find a percent of a quantity as a rate per 100 (e.g., 30% of a quantity menas 30/100 times the quantity); solve problems involving finding the whole, given a part and the percent.
- **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.
- **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.
- **7.RP.A.2:** Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities.
- **7.RP.A.3:** Use proportional relationships to solve multistep ratio and percent problems. Examples: simple interest, tax, markups and markdowns, gratuities and commissions, fees, percent increase and decrease, percent error.
- 7.NS.A.1.D: Apply properties of operations as strategies to add and subtract rational numbers.
- **7.G.B.5:** Use facts about supplementary, complementary, vertical, and adjacent angles in a multi-step problem to write and solve simple equations for an unknown angle in a figure.
- **7.SP.A.1:** Understand that statistics can be used to gain information about a population by examining a sample of the population; generalizations about a population from a sample are valid only if the sample is representative of that population. Understand that random sampling tends to produce representative samples and support valid inferences.
- **7.SP.C.5:** Understand that the probability of a chance event is a number between 0 and 1 that expresses the likelihood of the event occurring. Larger numbers indicate greater likelihood. A probability near 0 indicates an unlikely event, a probability around 1/2 indicates an event that is neither unlikely nor likely, and a probability near 1 indicates a likely event.
- **7.SP.C.7:** 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.

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- **7.SP.C.8.B:** Represent sample spaces for compound events using methods such as organized lists, tables and tree diagrams. For an event described in everyday language (e.g., "rolling double sixes"), identify the outcomes in the sample space which compose the event.
- **HSG.SRT.C.8:** Use trigonometric ratios and the Pythagorean Theorem to solve right triangles in applied problems.
- **HSS.IC.B.3:** Recognize the purposes of and differences among sample surveys, experiments, and observational studies; explain how randomization relates to each.
- **HSS.MD.B.5:** Weigh the possible outcomes of a decision by assigning probabilities to payoff values and finding expected values.

Common Core State Standards English Langauge Arts

- **RI.5.1:**Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.**RI.6.7:**Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
- **RL.7.2:** Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.
- **RH.6-8.4:** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.
- **RH.6-8.7:** Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
- **SL.6.5:** Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.
- **SL.6.6:** Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.
- **SL.7.6:** Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.
- **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.
- **SL.8.6:** Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.
- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
- **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).
- **RST.6-8.8:** Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text.
- **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.
- **RST. 9-10.3:** Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks, attending to special cases or exceptions defined in the text.
- **RST.11-12.9:** Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.



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Asking questions and defining problems Developing and using models Planning and carrying out investigations Analyzing and interpreting data Using mathematics and computational thinking Constructing explanations and designing solutions Engaging in argument from evidence Obtaining, evaluation, and communicating information	MS-PS4.A: Wave Properties MS-PS4.C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation MS-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems MS-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions MS-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution	Patterns Scale, Proportion and Quantity Systems and System Models Energy and Matter Structure and Function

Performance Expectations

- **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.
- **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.

Mathematics Common Core Standards

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.4.NF.A.1:	Explain why a fraction a/b is equivalent to a fraction $(n \times a)/(n \times b)$ by using visual fraction models, with attention to how the number and size of the parts differ even though the two fractions themselves are the same size. Use this principle to recognize and generate equivalent fractions.
CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.4.NF.A.2:	Compare two fractions with different numerators and different denominators, e.g., by creating common denominators or numerators, or by comparing to a benchmark fraction such as 1/2. Recognize that comparisons are valid only when the two fractions refer to the same whole. Record the results of comparisons with symbols >, =, or <, and justify the conclusions, e.g., by
CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.4.OA.C.5:	using a visual fraction model. Generate a number or shape pattern that follows a given rule. Identify apparent features of the pattern that were not explicit in the rule itself. For example, given the rule "Add 3" and the starting number 1, generate terms in the resulting sequence and observe that the terms appear to alternate between odd and even numbers. Explain informally why the numbers will continue to alternate in this way.
CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.6.SP.A.3:	Recognize that a measure of center for a numerical data set summarizes all of its values with a single number, while a measure of variation describes how its values vary with a single number.

Common Core Mathematical Practices

CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP1:	Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP2:	Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

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CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP3:	Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP4:	Model with mathematics.
CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP7:	Look for and make use of structure.
CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP8:	Look for an express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Common Core State Standards ELA/Literacy

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.L.1:	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.4:	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.6.4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.6.6:	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.W9:	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

National Core Arts Standards - Music

MU:CN10.0.IIIa:	Demonstrate how interests, knowledge, and skills relate to personal choices and intent when creating, performing, and responding to music.
MUCN11.0.IIIa:	Demonstrate understanding of relationships between music and the other arts, other disciplines, varied contexts, and daily life.
MU:Cr1.1.Clla:	Describe and demonstrate how sounds and musical ideas can be used to represent sonic events, memories, visual images, concepts, texts, or storylines.
MU:Cr2.1.H.5a:	Select, develop, and use standard notation or audio/video recording to document melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic ideas for drafts of simple melodies (such as two phrase) and chordal accompaniments for given melodies.
MU:Cr3.2.Cla:	Share music through the use of notation, performance, or technology, and demonstrate how the elements of music have been employed to realize expressive intent.
MU:Pr4.2.4a:	Demonstrate understanding of the structure and the elements of music (such as rhythm, pitch, and form) in music selected for performance.
MU:Pr4.2.5a:	Demonstrate understanding of the structure and the elements of music (such as rhythm, pitch, form, and harmony) in music selected for performance.
MU:Pr4.3.C.IIa:	Develop interpretations of works based on an understanding of the use of elements of music, style, mood, function , and context , explaining and supporting how the interpretive choices reflect the creators' intent.
MU:Re7.2.C.la:	Analyze aurally the elements of music (including form) of musical works, relating them to style, mood, and context, and describe how the analysis provides models for personal growth as composer, performer, and/or listener.
MU:Re7.2.T.Ia:	Explain how knowledge of the structure (repetition, similarities, contrasts), technological aspects, and purpose of the music informs the response

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Asking questions and defining problems	MS-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering	Patterns
Developing and using models	Problems	Cause and effect
Planning and carrying out investigations	MS-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions	Scale, proportion, and quantity
Analyzing and interpreting data	MS-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution	Systems and system models
Using mathematics and computational thinking	MS-ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems	Energy and matter
Constructing explanations and designing solutions	MS-LS1.A: Structure and Function	Structure and function
Engaging in argument from evidence	MS-LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms	Stability and change
Obtaining, evaluation, and communicating information	MS-LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow	
	in Organisms	
	MS-LS3.B: Variation of Traits	

Performance Expectations

- **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.

MS-ESS3-3: Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment.

- **MS-LS1-5:** Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.
- **MS-LS2-4:** Construct an argument supported by empirical evidence that changes to physical or biological components of an ecosystem affect populations.
- **MS-LS2-5:** Evaluate competing design solutions for maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services.
- **MS-LS4-5:** Gather and synthesize information about the technologies that have changed the way humans influence the inheritance of desired traits in organisms.
- **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.

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Common Core State Standards Mathematical Practices

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- **MP8:** Look for an express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Common Core State Standards Mathematics

- **6.EE.B.8:** Write an inequality of the form x > c or x < c to represent a constraint or condition in a real-world or mathematical problem. Recognize that inequalities of the form x > c or x < c have infinitely many solutions; represent solutions of such inequalities on number line diagrams.
- **6.RP.A.1:** Understand the concept of a ratio and use ratio language to describe a ratio relationship between two quantities. For example, "The ratio of wings to beaks in the bird house at the zoo was 2:1, because for every 2 wings there was 1 beak." "For every vote candidate A received, candidate C received nearly three votes."
- **6.RP.A.3:** Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems, e.g. by reasoning about tables of equivalent ratios, tape diagrams, double number line diagrams, or equations.
- **6.RP.A.3.C:** Find a percent of a quantity as a rate per 100 (e.g., 30% of a quantity means 30/100 times the quantity); solve problems involving finding the whole, given a part and the percent.
- 6.SP.B.5: Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context.
- **6.G.A.2:** Find the volume of a right rectangular prism with fractional edge lengths by packing it with unit cubes of the appropriate unit fraction edge lengths, and show that the volume is the same as would be found by multiplying the edge lengths of the prism. Apply the formulas V = lwh and V = bh to find volumes of right rectangular prisms with fractional edge lengths in the context of solving real-world and mathematical problems.
- **6.NS.C.8:** Solve real-world and mathematical problems by graphing points in all four quadrants of the coordinate plane. Include use of coordinates and absolute value to find distances between points with the same first coordinate or the same second coordinate.
- **7.NS.A.3:** Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving the four operations with rational numbers.
- **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.
- 7.RP.A.2: Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities.
- **7.G.B:** Solve real-life and mathematical problems involving angle measure, area, surface area, and volume.
- **7.G.B.6:** Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area, volume and surface area of two- and three-dimensional objects composed of triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons, cubes, and right prisms.
- **8.F.A.2:** Compare properties of two functions each represented in a different way (algebraically, graphically, numerically in tables, or by verbal descriptions). For example, given a linear function represented by a table of values and a linear function represented by an algebraic expression, determine which function has the greater rate of change.
- **8.F.B.5:** Describe qualitatively the functional relationship between two quantities by analyzing a graph (e.g., where the function is increasing or decreasing, linear or nonlinear). Sketch a graph that exhibits the qualitative features of a function that has been described verbally.
- **8.G.C.9:** Know the formulas for the volumes of cones, cylinders, and spheres and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.

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Common Core State Standards English Language Arts

- **RI.6.7:** Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
- **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.
- **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).
- **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.
- WHST.6-8.1: Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
- **WHST.6-8.4:** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- WHST.6-8.9: Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- **SL.6.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.6.2:** Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.
- **SL.7.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.7.2:** Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.
- **SL.8.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **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.
- **RH.6-8.7:** Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.



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Asking questions and defining problems Developing and using models Planning and carrying out investigations Analyzing and interpreting data Using mathematics and computational thinking Constructing explanations and designing solutions Engaging in argument from evidence Obtaining, evaluation, and communicating information	 MS-PS2.B: Types of Interactions MS-PS4.C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation MS-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems MS-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions MS-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution 	Patterns Cause and effect Scale, proportion, and quantity Systems and system models Energy and matter Structure and function Stability and change

Performance Expectations

- **MS-LS1-8:** Gather and synthesize information that sensory receptors respond to stimuli by sending messages to the brain for immediate behavior or storage as memories.
- MS-PS2-3: Ask questions about data to determine the factors that affect the strength of electric and magnetic forces
- **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.
- **HS-LS1-1:** Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the structure of DNA determines the structure of proteins, which carry out the essential functions of life through systems of specialized cells.
- **4-PS3-4:** Apply scientific ideas to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another.

Common Core State Standards Mathematics

- **6.R.P.A:** Understand ratio concepts and use ratio reasoning to solve problems.
- **6.RP.A.3:** Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems, e.g., by reasoning about tables of equivalent ratios, tape diagrams, double number line diagrams, or equations.
- **6.NS.B:** Compute fluently with multi-digit numbers and find common factors and multiples.
- **6.NS.B.4:** Find the greatest common factor of two whole numbers less than or equal to 100 and the least common multiple of two whole numbers less than or equal to 12. Use the distributive property to express a sum of two whole numbers 1–100 with a common factor as a multiple of a sum of two whole numbers with no common factor. For example, express 36 + 8 as 4 (9 + 2).
- **6.EE.A:** Apply and extend previous understandings of arithmetic to algebraic expressions.
- **6.EE.A.1:** Write and evaluate numerical expressions involving whole-number exponents.
- **6.EE.A.2.C:** Evaluate expressions at specific values for their variables. Include expressions that arise from formulas in real-world problems. Perform arithmetic operations, including those involving whole-number exponents, in the conventional order when there are no parentheses to specify a particular order (Order of Operations). For example, use the formulas $V = s^3$ and $A = 6 s^2$ to find the volume and surface area of a cube with sides of length s = 1/2.
- **6.EE.C:** Represent and analyze quantitative relationships between dependent and independent variables.

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6.EE.C.9: Use variables to represent two quantities in a real-world problem that change in relationship to one another; write an equation to express one quantity, thought of as the dependent variable, in terms of the other quantity, thought of as the independent variable. Analyze the relationship between the dependent and independent variables using graphs and tables, and relate these to the equation. For example, in a problem involving motion at constant speed, list and graph ordered pairs of distances and times, and write the equation d = 65t to represent the relationship between distance and time.

- **6.SP.B:** Summarize and describe distributions.
- **6.SP.B.5:** Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context.
- **6.SP.B.5.C:** Giving quantitative measures of center (median and/or mean) and variability (interquartile range and/or mean absolute deviation), as well as describing any overall pattern and any striking deviations from the overall pattern with reference to the context in which the data was gathered.
- **7.NS.A.1.B:** Understand p + q as the number located a distance |q| from p, in the positive or negative direction depending on whether q is positive or negative. Show that a number and its opposite have a sum of 0 (are additive inverses). Interpret sums of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.
- **7.NS.A.1.D:** Apply properties of operations as strategies to add and subtract rational numbers.
- **7.NS.A.2:** Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division and of fractions to multiply and divide rational numbers.
- **7.NS.A.3:** Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving the four operations with rational numbers.
- **7.EE.A:** Use properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions.
- **7.EE.A.1:** Apply properties of operations as strategies to add, subtract, factor, and expand linear expressions with rational coefficients.
- **7.EE.B:** Solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations.
- **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.
- **7.SP.A:** Use random sampling to draw inferences about a population.
- **7.SP.A.1:** Understand that statistics can be used to gain information about a population by examining a sample of the population; generalizations about a population from a sample are valid only if the sample is representative of that population. Understand that random sampling tends to produce representative samples and support valid inferences.
- **7.SP.C.8.B:** Represent sample spaces for compound events using methods such as organized lists, tables and tree diagrams. For an event described in everyday language (e.g., "rolling double sixes"), identify the outcomes in the sample space which compose the event.
- **8.F.A:** Define, evaluate, and compare functions.
- **8.F.A.1:** Understand that a function is a rule that assigns to each input exactly one output. The graph of a function is the set of ordered pairs consisting of an input and the corresponding output.
- **8.G.B:** Understand and apply the Pythagorean Theorem.
- **8.G.B.8:** Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance between two points in a coordinate system.
- **HSA.REI.C:** Solve systems of equations.
- **HSA.REI.C.6:** Solve systems of linear equations exactly and approximately (e.g., with graphs), focusing on pairs of linear equations in two variables.
- **HSS.C.P.B:** Use the rules of probability to compute probabilities of compound events.
- HSS.CP.B.9: Use permutations and combinations to compute probabilities of compound events and solve problems.

Common Core State Standards English Language Arts

- **RI.6.7:** Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
- **RI.7.7:** Compare and contrast a text to an audio, video, or multimedia version of the text, analyzing each medium's portrayal of the subject (e.g., how the delivery of a speech affects the impact of the words).
- **RI.8.7:** Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea.
- **SL.6.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.



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- **SL.6.2:** Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.
- **SL.7.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.8.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.8.2:** Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commerical, political) behind its presentation.
- **RST.6-8.1:** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts.
- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
- **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).



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Asking questions and defining problems Developing and using models Planning and carrying out investigations Analyzing and interpreting data Using mathematics and computational thinking Constructing explanations and designing solutions Engaging in argument from evidence Obtaining, evaluation, and communicating information

Disciplinary Core Ideas

3-5-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems
3-5-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions
3-5-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution Crosscutting Concepts

Patterns Cause and effect Scale, proportion, and quantity Systems and system models Energy and matter Structure and function Stability and change

Performance Expectations

- **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.
- **HS-LS1-1:** Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the structure of DNA determines the structure of proteins, which carry out the essential functions of life through systems of specialized cells.
- **HS-LS1-2:** Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.
- **3-5-ETS1-1:** Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
- **3-5-ETS1-2:** Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
- **3-5-ETS1-3:** Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.

Common Core State Standards Mathematical Practices

- MP1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- MP2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- **MP3:** Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- MP4: Model with mathematics.
- MP5: Use appropriate tools strategically.
- MP6: Attend to precision.
- MP7: Look for and make use of structure.
- MP8: Look for an express regularity in repeated reasoning.

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Common Core State Standards Mathematics

- **3.NF.A.1:** Understand a fraction 1/*b* as the quantity formed by 1 part when a whole is partitioned into *b* equal parts; understand a fraction *a/b* as the quantity formed by a parts of size 1/*b*.
- **3.MD.C.6:** Measure areas by counting unit squares (square cm, square m, square in, square ft, and improvised units).
- **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 two-column table. For example, know that 1 ft is 12 times as long as 1 in. Express the length of a 4 ft snake as 48 in. Generate a conversion table for feet and inches listing the number pairs (1, 12), (2, 24), (3, 36), ...
- **4.OA.C.5:** Generate a number or shape pattern that follows a given rule. Identify apparent features of the pattern that were not explicit in the rule itself. For example, given the rule "Add 3" of the starting number 1, generate terms in the resulting sequence and observe that the terms appear to alternate between odd and even numbers. Explain informally why the numbers will continue to alternate in this way.
- **4.NF.C.7:** Compare two decimals to hundredths by reasoning about their size. Recognize that comparisons are valid only when the two decimals refer to the same whole. Record the results of comparisons with the symbols >, =, or <, and justify the conclusions, e.g., by using a visual model.
- **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.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.G.A.1:** Use a pair of perpendicular number lines, called axes, to define a coordinate system, with the intersection of the lines (the origin) arranged to coincide with the 0 on each line and a given point in the plane located by using an ordered pair of numbers, called its coordinates. Understand that the first number indicates how far to travel from the origin in the direction of one axis, and the second number indicates how far to travel in the direction of the second axis, with the convention that the names of the two axes and the coordinates correspond (e.g., *x*-axis and *x*-coordinate, *y*-axis and *y*-coordinate).
- **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.
- **6.RP.A.3C:** Find a percent of a quantity as a rate per 100 (e.g., 30% of a quantity means 30/100 times the quantity); solve problems involving finding the whole, given a part and the percent.
- **6.RP.A.3D:** Use ratio reasoning to convert measurement units; manipulate and transform units appropriately when multiplying or dividing quantities.

Common Core State Standards English Langauge Arts

- **SL.4.2:** Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- **SL.4.4:** Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.
- **SL.5.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.5.2:** Summarize a written text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- **SL.5.4:** Report on a topic or text or present an opinion, sequencing ideas logically and using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.
- **SL.8.5:** Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.
- **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.
- **RI.4.3:** Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.



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- **RI.4.5:** Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.
- **RI.4.7:** Interpret information presented visually, or ally, 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.
- **RI.5.3:** Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text.
- **RI.5.4:** Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area.
- **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.
- **RI.6.7:** Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
- **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.
- **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).
- **RL.4.2:** Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
- **RL.4.4:** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean).
- **RL.5.4:** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes.
- **W.4.9:** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- W.5.1.C: Link opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., consequently, specifically).
- **W.5.2:** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
- **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.
- WHST.6-8.1: Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
- WHST.6-8.9: Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.



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Science & Engineering Practices

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Disciplinary Core Ideas

MS-PS2.A: Forces and Motion MS-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems MS-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions MS-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution

Crosscutting Concepts

Cause and effect Scale, proportion, and quantity Systems and system models

Performance Expectations

- **MS-ESS2-5:** Collect data to provide evidence for how the motions and complex interactions of air masses results in changes in weather conditions.
- **MS-ESS3-3:** Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment.
- **MS-ESS3-5:** Ask questions to clarify evidence of the factors that have caused the rise in global temperatures over the past century. **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.
- **MS-PS2-1:** Apply Newton's Third Law to design a solution to a problem involving the motion of two colliding objects.
- **MS-PS2-5:** Conduct an investigation and evaluate the experimental design to provide evidence that fields exist between objects exerting forces on each other even though the objects are not in contact
- **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.
- MS-PS4-2: Develop and use a model to describe that waves are reflected, absorbed, or transmitted through various materials.

NGSS CrossCutting Concepts

- 2. Cause and Effect: Mechanism and Explanation
- 3. Scale, Proportion, and Quantity
- 4. Systems and System Models

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Common Core State Standards Mathematical Practices

- **MP1:** Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
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- **MP3:** Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- MP4: Model with mathematics.
- MP5: Use appropriate tools strategically.
- MP6: Attend to precision.
- MP7: Look for and make use of structure.

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5.OA.B: Analyze patterns and relationships. 6.EE.A: Apply and extend previous understandings of arithmetic to algebraic expressions. 6.EE.A.2: Write, read, and evaluate expressions in which letters stand for numbers. 6.EE.B: Reason about and solve one-variable equations and inequalities. 6.EE.C.9: Use variables to represent two quantities in a real-world problem that change in relationship to one another; write an equation to express one quantity, thought of as the dependent variable, in terms of the other quantity, thought of as the independent variable. Analyze the relationship between the dependent and independent variables using graphs and tables, and relate these to the equation. For example, in a problem involving motion at constant speed, list and graph ordered pairs of distances and times, and write the equation d = 65t to represent the relationship between distance and time. 6.NS.C.8: Solve real-world and mathematical problems by graphing points in all four quadrants of the coordinate plane. Include use of coordinates and absolute value to find distances between points with the same first coordinate or the same second coordinate. 6.RP.A: Understand ratio concepts and use ratio reasoning to solve problems. 6.SP.B: Summarize and describe distributions. 7.G.A.1: Solve problems involving scale drawings of geometric figures, including computing actual lengths and areas from a scale drawing and reproducing a scale drawing at a different scale. 7.EE.B: Solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations. 7.NS.A.3: Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving the four operations with rational numbers. 7.G.B: Solve real-life and mathematical problems involving angle measure, area, surface area, and volume. 7.RP.A: Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems. 7.RP.A.2: Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities. 7.SP.C: Investigate chance processes and develop, use, and evaluate probability models. 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. HSN.VM.A: Represent and model with vector quantities. HSN.VM.A.1: Recognize vector quantities as having both magnitude and direction. Represent vector quantities by directed line segments, and use appropriate symbols for vectors and their magnitudes (e.g., \mathbf{v} , $|\mathbf{v}|$, $||\mathbf{v}||$,v). HSN.VM.A.3: Solve problems involving velocity and other quantities that can be represented by vectors.

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Common Core State Standards English Language Arts

RI.6.7: Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. RH.6-8.7: Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts. SL.6.1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. SL.6.6: Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. SL.7.1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. SL.7.6: Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. SL.8.1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. SL.8.4: Present claims and finding, 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. SL.8.6: Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
- **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).
- **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.
- **W.6.1:** Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- W.7.1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- **W.8.1:** Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- WHST.6-8.2: Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
- **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.
- WHST.6-8.9: Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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Asking questions and defining problems Developing and using models Planning and carrying out investigations Analyzing and interpreting data Using mathematics and computational thinking Constructing explanations and designing solutions Engaging in argument from evidence Obtaining, evaluation, and communicating information	 4-PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer 3-5-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems 3-5-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions 3-5-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solutio 	Patterns Cause and effect Scale, proportion, and quantity Systems and system models Energy and matter Structure and function Stability and change

Performance Expectations

- **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.
- **4-PS3-2:** Make observations to provide evidence that energy can be transferred from place to place by sound, light, heat, and electric currents.
- 4-PS3-4: Apply scientific ideas to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another.
- **3-5-ETS1-1:** Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
- **3-5-ETS1-2:** Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
- **3-5-ETS1-3:** Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.

Common Core State Standards Mathematical Practices

- MP1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
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- **MP4:** Model with mathematics.
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- MP6: Attend to precision.
- **MP7:** Look for and make use of structure.
- **MP8:** Look for an express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Common Core State Standards Mathematics

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 twostep "how many more" and "how many less" problems using information presented in scaled bar graphs. For example, draw a bar graph in which each square in the bar graph might represent 5 pets.

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- 4.MD.A.1: Know relative sizes of measurement units within one system of units including km, m, cm; kg, g; lb, oz.; l, ml; hr, min, sec. Within a single system of measurement, express measurements in a larger unit in terms of a smaller unit. Record measurement equivalents in a two-column table. For example, know that 1 ft is 12 times as long as 1 in. Express the length of a 4 ft snake as 48 in. Generate a conversion table for feet and inches listing the number pairs (1, 12), (2, 24), (3, 36), ...
 4.MD.C: Geometric measurement: understand concepts of angle and measure angles.
- **4.MD.C.6:** Measure angles in whole-number degrees using a protractor. Sketch angles of specified measure.
- **5.G.A:** Graph points on the coordinate plane to solve real-world and mathematical problems.
- **5.G.A.1:** Use a pair of perpendicular number lines, called axes, to define a coordinate system, with the intersection of the lines (the origin) arranged to coincide with the 0 on each line and a given point in the plane located by using an ordered pair of numbers, called its coordinates. Understand that the first number indicates how far to travel from the origin in the direction of one axis, and the second number indicates how far to travel in the direction of the second axis, with the convention that the names of the two axes and the coordinates correspond (e.g., *x*-axis and *x*-coordinate, *y*-axis and *y*-coordinate).
- **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.G.B.3:** Understand that attributes belonging to a category of two-dimensional figures also belong to all subcategories of that category. For example, all rectangles have four right angles and squares are rectangles, so all squares have four right angles.
- **5.G.B.4:** Classify two-dimensional figures in a hierarchy based on properties.
- **5.NBT.B.7:** Add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals to hundredths, 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.
- **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.
- **6.EE.A.2.C:** Evaluate expressions at specific values of their variables. Include expressions that arise from formulas used in real-world problems. Perform arithmetic operations, including those involving whole-number exponents, in the conventional order when there are no parentheses to specify a particular order (Order of Operations). For example, use the formulas $V = s^3$ and $A = 6 s^2$ to find the volume and surface area of a cube with sides of length s = 1/2.
- **6.RP.A.1:** Understand the concept of a ratio and use ratio language to describe a ratio relationship between two quantities. For example, "The ratio of wings to beaks in the bird house at the zoo was 2:1, because for every 2 wings there was 1 beak." "For every vote candidate A received, candidate C received nearly three votes."
- **6.RP.A.3:** Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems, e.g., by reasoning about tables of equivalent ratios, tape diagrams, double number line diagrams, or equations.
- **6.RP.A.3.A:** Make tables of equivalent ratios relating quantities with whole-number measurements, find missing values in the tables, and plot the pairs of values on the coordinate plane. Use tables to compare ratios.
- **6.SP.B.4:** Display numerical data in plots on a number line, including dot plots, histograms, and box plots.
- 6.SP.B.5: Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context.

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6.SP.B.5.C: Giving quantitative measures of center (median and/or mean) and variability (interquartile range and/or mean absolute deviation), as well as describing any overall pattern and any striking deviations from the overall pattern with reference to the context in which the data were gathered.

Common Core State Standards English Language Arts

- L.4.3.A: Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.
- **SL.4.2:** Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- **SL.5.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **SL.5.1.D:** Review the key ideas expressed and draw conclusions in light of information and knowledge gained from the discussions.
- **SL.5.2:** Summarize a written text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- **SL.5.4:** Report on a topic or text or present an opinion, sequencing ideas logically and using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.
- **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.
- **RI.4.3:** Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.
- **RI.4.5:** Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.
- **RI.4.7:** Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.
- **RI.5.2:** Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text.
- **RI.5.4:** Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area.
- **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.
- **RI.6.7:** Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
- **RL.4.1:** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- **RL.5.4:** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes.
- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
- **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.
- **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).
- **W.4.9:** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- W.5.1.C: Link opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., consequently, specifically).
- W.5.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
- **W.5.7:** Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.
- **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.
- W.6.1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.



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Correlation to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)*

Science & Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Asking questions and defining problems Developing and using models Planning and carrying out investigations Analyzing and interpreting data Using mathematics and computational thinking Constructing explanations and designing solutions Engaging in argument from evidence	 4-PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer 5-PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter 5-PS1.B: Chemical Reactions 3-5-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems 3-5-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions 	Patterns Cause and effect Scale, proportion, and quantity Systems and system models Energy and matter Structure and function Stability and change
Obtaining, evaluation, and communicating information	3-5-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution	Stability and challge

Performance Expectations

- **MS-PS1-1:** Develop models to describe the atomic composition of simple molecules and extended structures.
- **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.
- **MS-PS1-3:** Gather and make sense of information to describe that synthetic materials come from natural resources and impact society.
- **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.
- **4-PS3-2:** Make observations to provide evidence that energy can be transferred from place to place by sound, light, heat, and electric currents.
- **5-PS1-1:** Develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen.
- **5-PS1-3:** Make observations and measurements to identify materials based on their properties.
- **5-PS1-4:** Conduct an investigation to determine whether the mixing of two or more substances results in new substances.
- **3-5-ETS1-1:** Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
- **3-5-ETS1-2:** Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
- **3-5-ETS1-3:** Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.

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Common Core State Standards Mathematical Practices

- MP4: Model with mathematics.
- MP5: Use appropriate tools strategically.
- MP6: Attend to precision.
- MP7: Look for and make use of structure.

Common Core State Standards Mathematics

- **5.MD.5.B:** Apply the formulas $V = I \times w \times h$ and $V = b \times h$ for rectangular prisms to find volumes of right rectangular prisms with whole-number edge lengths in the context of solving real-world and mathematical problems.
- **6.EE.7:** Solve real-world and mathematical problems by writing and solving equations of the form x + p = q and px = q for cases in which p, q and x are all nonnegative rational numbers.
- **8.G.C.9:** Know the formulas for the volumes of cones, cylinders, and spheres and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.

Common Core State Standards English Language Arts

- **RI.5.4:** Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area.
- **RI.5.10:** By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, at the high end of the grades 4–5 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
- **W.5.10:** Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
- **W.6.1:** Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- **SL.5.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **RST.6-8.3:** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
- **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).



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