



LAB-AIDS CORRELATIONS
to the
2015 IOWA CORE SCIENCE STANDARDS
Grades 6-8

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This document is intended to show how the SEPUP *Issues and Science, 3rd Edition Redesigned for the NGSS* curriculum materials align with the [Iowa Core Science Standards](#).

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A suggested sequence of units for grades 6-8 in Iowa from *Issues and Science, 3rd Edition Redesigned for the NGSS* is shown below. All units can be moved, if needed. Through the 17 units, all Iowa Core Science Standards are covered.

Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
Body Systems	Reproduction	Land, Water, and Human Interactions
From Cells to Organisms	Ecology	Weather and Climate
Geological Processes	Earth's Resources	Evolution
Chemistry of Materials	Solar System and Beyond	Force and Motion
Chemical Reactions	Energy	Waves
Biomedical Engineering	Fields and Interactions	

ABOUT THE LAB-AIDS CITATIONS

Citations included in the correlation document are as follows:

SEPUP Unit title *The Chemistry of Materials:*
 Activity Number 2, 12, 14*

* indicates where Performance Expectation is assessed

NGSS Performance Expectation	MS-PS1-2
Science and Engineering Practice	Planning and Carrying Out Investigations
Crosscutting Concept	Structure and Function
Disciplinary Core Idea	MS-PS1.A

SIXTH GRADE

Performance Expectation	SEPUP Unit and Activity Number	Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts	Common Core ELA/Math
MS-PS1 Matter and Its Interactions					
MS-PS1-1: Develop models to describe the atomic composition of simple molecules and extended structures.	<i>Chemistry of Materials:</i> 2, 6, 7, 12*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Developing and Using Models Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-PS1.A MS-PS1.B	Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Structure and Function	RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7
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.	<i>Chemical Reactions:</i> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Connections to the Nature of Science Developing and Using Models Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	MS-PS1.A MS-PS1.B	Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Structure and Function	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.4 RST.6-8.7 RST.6-8.9 SL.8.1 WHST.6-8.9

Performance Expectation	SEPUP Unit and Activity Number	Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts	Common Core ELA/Math
		Planning and Carrying Out Investigations			
	<i>Chemistry of Materials: 4</i>	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	MS-PS1.A	Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Structure and Function	7.RP.A.2
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.	<i>Chemistry of Materials: 8, 9, 10*</i>	Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-PS1.A MS-PS3.A	Cause and Effect	RST.6-8.3
MS-PS1-5: Develop and use a model to describe how the total number of atoms does not change in a chemical reaction	<i>Chemical Reactions: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7*</i>	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Connections to the Nature of Science	MS-PS1.A MS-PS1.B	Energy and Matter Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.4 RST.6-8.7

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and thus mass is conserved.		<p>Developing and Using Models</p> <p>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</p> <p>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</p>		Structure and Function Systems and System Models	<p>RST.6-8.9</p> <p>SL.8.1</p> <p>WHST.6-8.9</p>
MS-PS1-6: Undertake a design project to construct, test, and modify a device that either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes.*	<i>Chemical Reactions:</i> 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11*	<p>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</p> <p>Connections to the Nature of Science</p> <p>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</p> <p>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</p> <p>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</p>	<p>MS-ETS1.B</p> <p>MS-ETS1.C</p> <p>MS-PS1.A</p> <p>MS-PS1.B</p> <p>MS-PS3.A</p>	<p>Energy and Matter</p> <p>Patterns</p>	<p>RST.6-8.1</p> <p>RST.6-8.3</p> <p>RST.6-8.4</p> <p>RST.6-8.7</p> <p>SL.8.1</p> <p>WHST.6-8.9</p>

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MS-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes					
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.	<i>From Cells to Organisms: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9*</i>	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	MS-LS1.A MS-LS1.C MS-PS3.D	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science Energy and Matter Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Structure and Function Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 RST.6-8.9 WHST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.7 WHST.6-8.9 SL.8.5

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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.	<i>From Cells to Organisms:</i> 6, 7, 8*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-LS1.A	Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Structure and Function Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 RST.6-8.9 WHST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.7 WHST.6-8.9 SL.8.5
MS-LS1-3: Use argument supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells.	<i>From Cells to Organisms:</i> 10, 14, 15	Analyzing and Interpret Data Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	MS-LS1.A	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity	RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 RST.6-8.9 WHST.6-8.9

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	<i>Body Systems:</i> 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12*	Analyzing and Interpret Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	MS-LS1.A MS-PS3.D	Cause and Effect Connections to the Nature of Science Structure and Function Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.4 RST.6-8.7 RST.6-8.9 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.9 SL.8.1 6.SP.B.4

Performance Expectation	SEPUP Unit and Activity Number	Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts	Common Core ELA/Math
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.	<i>Body Systems:</i> 6, 7, 8*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out an Investigation	MS-LS1.D	Cause and Effect	RST.6-8.4 6.SP.B.4
MS-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits					
MS-LS3-2: Develop and use a model to describe why asexual reproduction results in offspring with identical genetic information and sexual reproduction results in offspring with genetic variation.	<i>Covered in the following Grade 7 unit for the recommended scope and sequence.</i> <i>Reproduction:</i> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9*	Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	MS-LS1.B MS-LS3.A MS-LS3.B	Cause and Effect Connections to the Nature of Science Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Structure and Function	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.4 RST.6-8.7 RST.6-8.9 SL.8.1 WHST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.9 6.RP.A.1 6.SP.B.5

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		Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking			
MS-ESS2 Earth's Systems					
MS-ESS2-1: Develop a model to describe the cycling of Earth's materials and the flow of energy that drives this process.	<i>Geological Processes:</i> 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15*	Analyze and Interpret Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out	MS-ESS1.C MS-ESS2.A MS-ESS2.B MS-ESS2.C MS-ESS3.A MS-ESS3.B	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science Energy and Matter Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Stability and Change Structure and Function Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.4 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.2 SL.8.1 6.RP.A.1 MP.2

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		Investigations Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking			
MS-ESS2-2: Construct an explanation based on evidence for how geoscience processes have changed Earth's surface at varying time and spatial scales.	<i>Geological Processes:</i> 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13*	Analyze and Interpret Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out	MS-ESS1.C MS-ESS2.A MS-ESS2.B MS-ESS2.C MS-ESS3.A MS-ESS3.B	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science Energy and Matter Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Stability and Change Structure and Function Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.3 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.9 SL.8.1 6.RP.A.1 6.NS.C.5 7.RP.A.2 MP.4

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		Investigations			
		Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking			
	<p><i>Also covered in the following Grade 8 unit for the recommended scope and sequence.</i></p> <p><i>Land, Water, and Human Interactions: 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14*</i></p>	<p>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</p> <p>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</p> <p>Connections to the Nature of Science</p> <p>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</p> <p>Developing and Using Models</p> <p>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</p> <p>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</p> <p>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</p>	<p>MS-ETS1.A</p> <p>MS-ETS1.B</p> <p>MS-ESS2.A</p> <p>MS-ESS2.C</p> <p>MS-ESS3.C</p> <p>MS-LS2.A</p> <p>MS-LS2.C</p>	<p>Cause and Effect</p> <p>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</p> <p>Energy and Matter</p> <p>Patterns</p> <p>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</p> <p>Stability and Change</p>	<p>RST.6-8.1</p> <p>RST.6-8.3</p> <p>RST.6-8.9</p> <p>WHST.6-8.2</p> <p>WHST.6-8.9</p> <p>6.RP.A.1</p> <p>6.SP.B.5</p> <p>MP.2</p> <p>MP.4</p>

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MS-ESS2-3: Analyze and interpret data on the distribution of fossils and rocks, continental shapes, and seafloor structures to provide evidence of the past plate motions.	<i>Geological Processes: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14*</i>	Analyze and Interpret Data Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	MS-ESS1.C MS-ESS2.A MS-ESS2.B MS-ESS3.B	Cause and Effect Connections to the Nature of Science Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Stability and Change System and System Models	RST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.2 SL.8.1 6.RP.A.1 7.RP.A.2 MP.2
MS-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity					

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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.	<i>Geological Processes:</i> 2, 16*, 17*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-ESS2.A MS-ESS2.C MS-ESS3.A	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Structure and Function Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.3 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.7 SL.8.1
	<i>Also covered in the following Grade 7 unit for the recommended scope and sequence.</i> <i>Earth’s Resources:</i> 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8,	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models	MS-ESS3.A MS-ESS3.C	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science Scale, Proportion, and Quantity	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.9 7.RP.A.2

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	14*	Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information		Stability and Change Structure and Function	
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.	<i>Geological Processes:</i> 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 18*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	MS-ESS1.C MS-ESS2.A MS-ESS2.C MS-ESS3.B	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Stability and Change Structure and Function Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.4 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.9 SL.8.1 6.NS.C.5 MP.2 MP.4

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		Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking			
MS-ETS1 Engineering Design					
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.	<i>Biomedical Engineering:</i> 1, 2, 3*	Asking Questions and Defining Problems	MS-ETS1.A MS-ETS1.B MS-ETS1.C	Structure and Function Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.9

Performance Expectation	SEPUP Unit and Activity Number	Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts	Common Core ELA/Math
MS-ETS1-2: Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	<i>Biomedical Engineering:</i> 4, 5, 7*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	MS-ETS1.B MS-ETS1.C MS-LS1.A	Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Structure and Function	SL.8.4 6.RP.A.1 6.RP.A.3 MP.2
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.	<i>Biomedical Engineering:</i> 1, 2, 4, 5*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Developing and Using Models Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	MS-ETS1.A MS-ETS1.B MS-ETS1.C MS-LS1.A	Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Structure and Function	SL.8.4 6.RP.A.1 6.RP.A.3 MP.2

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	<i>Chemical Reactions:</i> 8, 9, 10, 11	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	MS-ETS1.B MS-ETS1.C MS-PS1.B MS-PS3.A	Energy and Matter	RST.6-8.3
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.	<i>Biomedical Engineering:</i> 2, 4, 5, 8, 9*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	MS-ETS1.A MS-ETS1.B MS-ETS1.C MS-LS1.A	Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Structure and Function	SL.8.4 6.RP.A.1 6.RP.A.3 MP.2

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	<i>Chemical Reactions: 8, 9, 10, 11</i>	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	MS-PS1.B MS-PS3.A MS-ETS1.B MS-ETS1.C	Energy and Matter	RST.6-8.3

SEVENTH GRADE

Performance Expectation	SEPUP Unit and Activity Number	Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts	Common Core ELA/Math
MS-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions					
MS-PS2-3: Ask questions about data to determine the factors that affect the strength of electric and magnetic forces.	<i>Fields and Interactions:</i> 7, 8, 9, 12, 13*, 14	Asking Questions and Defining Problems Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Connections to the Nature of Science Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-PS2.B MS-ETS1.B	Cause and Effect Patterns Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 WHST.6-8.7 MP.2
MS-PS2-4: Construct and present arguments using evidence to support the claim that gravitational interactions are attractive and depend on the masses of interacting objects.	<i>Fields and Interactions:</i> 3, 4, 7*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models	MS-PS2.B MS-PS3.A MS-PS3.C MS-ETS1.A MS-ETS1.B	Connections to Nature of Science Patterns Systems and System Models	RST.6.8.1 WHST.6-8.1 SL.8.5 6.EE.C.9 MP.2

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		Engaging in Argument from Evidence			
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.	<i>Fields and Interactions:</i> 5, 7, 9, 10, 12*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-PS2.B MS-PS3.A MS-PS3.C MS-ETS1.B	Cause and Effect Patterns Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.3 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.7 MP.2

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MS-PS3 Energy					
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.	<i>Fields and Interactions:</i> 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence	MS-ETS1.A MS-ETS1.B MS-ETS1.C MS-PS2.B MS.PS3.A MS.PS3.C	Cause and Effect Connections to Nature of Science Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 SL.8.5 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.7 6.EE.C.9 MP2
	<i>Also covered in the following Grade 8 unit for the recommended scope and sequence.</i> <i>Force and</i>	Asking Questions and Defining Problems Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	MS-ETS1.A MS-PS2.A MS-PS3.A MS-PS3.C	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science	RST.6-8.7

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	<i>Motion:</i> 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 14				
MS-PS3-4: Plan an investigation to determine the relationships among the energy transferred, the type of matter, the mass, and the change in the average kinetic energy of the particles as measured by the temperature of the sample.	<i>Energy:</i> 1, 4, 6, 7, 8*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Engaging in Argument from Evidence Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-PS3.A MS-PS3.B MS-PS3.C	Cause and Effect Energy and Matter Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.3 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.9 EE.6.C.9 MP.2
MS-PS3-5: Construct, use, and present arguments to support the claim that when the kinetic energy of an object changes, energy is transferred to or from the object.	<i>Energy:</i> 2, 3, 4, 5, 6*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models	MS-PS3.A MS-PS3.B MS-PS3.C	Cause and Effect Energy and Matter Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.3 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.9 EE.6.C.9 MP.2

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		Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations			
MS-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes					
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.	<i>Reproduction:</i> 10*, 11*	Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models	MS-LS1.B MS-LS3.A MS-LS3.B	Cause and Effect Patterns	RI.6.8 RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.4 WHST.6-8.1 6.SP.A.2 6.SP.B.4 6.SP.B.5
MS-LS1-5: Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors	<i>Reproduction:</i> 1, 7*	Asking Questions and Defining Problems Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	MS-LS3.A MS-LS1.B	Cause and Effect Connections to the Nature of Science	RST.6-8.2 SL.8.1 WHST.6-8.9 6.RP.A.1 6.SP.B.5

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influence the growth of organisms.				Structure and Function	
MS-LS1-6: Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for the role of photosynthesis in the cycling of matter and flow of energy into and out of organisms.	<i>Covered in the following Grade 6 unit for the recommended scope and sequence. From Cells to Organisms: 12, 13*</i>	Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	MS-LS1.A MS-LS1.C MS-PS3.D	Energy and Matter Structure and Function	RST.6-8.3
MS-LS1-7: Develop a model to describe how food is rearranged through chemical reactions forming new molecules that support growth and/or release energy as this matter moves through an organism	<i>Covered in the following Grade 6 unit for the recommended scope and sequence. From Cells to Organisms: 12, 13*</i>	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Planning and Carrying Out an Investigation	MS-LS1.A MS-LS1.C MS-PS3.D	Energy and Matter	RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.9
	<i>Covered in the following</i>	Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	MS-LS1.A MS-LS1.C	Energy and Matter	RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.9

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	<i>Grade 6 unit for the recommended scope and sequence.</i> <i>Body Systems:</i> 5	Developing and Using Models			
MS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics					
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.	<i>Ecology:</i> 5, 6, 9*	Analyzing and Interpret Data Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-LS2.A	Cause and Effect Connections to the Nature of Science Energy and Matter Patterns Stability and Change Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 RST.6-8.8 SL.8.4 SL.8.5 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.9 6.EE.C.9 6.RP.A.1 6.RP.A.3 6.SP.B.5 MP.2 MP.4

Performance Expectation	SEPUP Unit and Activity Number	Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts	Common Core ELA/Math
MS-LS2-2: Construct an explanation that predicts patterns of interactions among organisms across multiple ecosystems.	<i>Ecology:</i> 2, 8, 10*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-LS2.A	Cause and Effect Connections to the Nature of Science Energy and Matter Patterns Stability and Change Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.8 SL.8.4 SL.8.5 WHST.6-8.9 6.RP.A.1 6.RP.A.3 MP.2 MP.4
MS-LS2-3: Develop a model to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy among living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem.	<i>Ecology:</i> 7, 8, 11, 12*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-LS2.B	Cause and Effect Energy and Matter Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 WHST.6-8.9 6.RP.A.1 6.RP.A.3 MP.2 MP.4

Performance Expectation	SEPUP Unit and Activity Number	Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts	Common Core ELA/Math
MS-LS2-4: Construct an argument supported by empirical evidence that changes to physical or biological components of an ecosystem affect populations.	<i>Ecology:</i> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-LS2.C	Cause and Effect Connections to the Nature of Science Energy and Matter Patterns Stability and Change Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.8 SL.8.5 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.9 6.EE.C.9 6.SP.B.5 MP.2

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MS-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits					
MS-LS3-1: Develop and use a model to describe why structural changes to genes (mutations) located on chromosomes may affect proteins and may result in harmful, beneficial, or neutral effects to the structure and function of the organism.	<i>Reproduction: 1, 3, 8, 12, 13*</i>	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-LS1.B MS-LS3.A MS-LS3.B	Cause and Effect Connections to the Nature of Science Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Structure and Function	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.4 RST.6-8.7 SL.8.1 WHST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.9 6.SP.B.5 6.RP.A.1
	<i>Also covered in the following Grade 8 unit for the recommended scope and</i>	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	MS-LS2.A MS-LS3.A MS-LS3.B MS-LS4.B MS-LS4.C	Cause and Effect Patterns Structure and Function	RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.3 SL.8.1 SL.8.4 WHST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.9

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	<i>sequence.</i> <i>Evolution:</i> 3, 4, 5*	Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking			6.SP.B.5 6.RP.A.1
MS-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe					
MS-ESS1-1: Develop and use a model of the Earth-sun-moon system to describe the cyclic patterns of lunar phases, eclipses of the sun and moon, and seasons.	<i>Solar System and Beyond:</i> 2, 3, 4, 5*, 6, 7, 8, 9*	Analyze and Interpret Data Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models	MS-ESS1.A MS-ESS1.B	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to Nature of Science Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.2 SL.8.5 6.RP.A.1
MS-ESS1-2: Develop and use a model to describe the role of gravity in the	<i>Solar System and Beyond:</i> 10, 11, 12,	Analyze and Interpret Data Connections to the Nature of	MS-ESS1.A MS-ESS1.B	Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science	RST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.9

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motions within galaxies and the solar system.	14, 15, 16*	Science Developing and Using Models Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking		Connections to Nature of Science Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Systems and System Models	SL.8.4 6.RP.A.1 6.RP.A.3 MP.2 MP.4
MS-ESS1-3: Analyze and interpret data to determine scale properties of objects in the solar system.	<i>Solar System and Beyond:</i> 1, 10, 11, 12, 13*	Analyze and Interpret Data Developing and Using Models Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	MS-ESS1.A MS-ESS1.B	Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Scale, Proportion, and Quantity	WHST.6-8.2 SL.8.4 6.RP.A.1 6.RP.A.3 MP.2 MP.4
MS-ESS1-4: Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence from rock strata for how the geologic time scale is used to organize Earth's 4.6- billion-year-old	<i>Earth's Resources:</i> 9, 10, 11, 12*	Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-ESS1.C	Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Stability and Change	RST.6-8.3 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.9

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history.		Connections to the Nature of Science			
MS-ETS1 Engineering Design					
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.	<i>Fields and Interactions: 2, 3, 6*</i>	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to Nature of Science Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence	MS-ETS1.A MS-ETS1.B MS-ETS1.C MS-PS3.A MS-PS2.B	Connections to Nature of Science: Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.7 SL8.5 MP.2

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MS-ETS1-2: Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	<i>Fields and Interactions: 6, 13, 15</i>	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence	MS-PS2.B MS-PS3.A MS-ETS1.A MS-ETS1.B MS-ETS1.C	Cause and Effect Connections to Nature of Science Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.7 SL.8.5 WHST.6-8.9 MP.2
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.	<i>Fields and Interactions: 6, 11, 13, 15*</i>	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence	MS-ETS1.A MS-ETS1.B MS-ETS1.C MS-PS3.A MS-PS3.C MS-PS2.B	Cause and Effect Connections to Nature of Science Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.7 SL8.5 WHST.6-8.9 MP.2

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<p>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.</p>	<p><i>Fields and Interactions:</i> 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 13*</p>	<p>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</p> <p>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</p> <p>Connections to Nature of Science: Scientific Knowledge Is Based on Empirical Evidence</p> <p>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</p> <p>Developing and Using Models</p> <p>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</p>	<p>MS-ETS1.A MS-ETS1.B MS-ETS1.C MS-PS2.B MS-PS3.A MS-PS3.B MS-PS3.C</p>	<p>Cause and Effect</p> <p>Connections to Nature of Science: Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</p> <p>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</p> <p>Systems and System Models</p>	<p>RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.7 SL8.5 MP.2</p>

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Performance Expectation	SEPUP Unit and Activity Number	Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts	Common Core ELA/Math
MS-PS1 Matter and Its Interactions					
MS-PS1-3: Gather and make sense of information to describe that synthetic materials come from natural resources and impact society.	<i>Covered in the following Grade 6 unit for the recommended scope and sequence.</i> <i>Chemistry of Materials:</i> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	MS-PS1.A MS-PS1.B	Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Structure and Function	RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.9 7.RP.A.2
MS-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions					
MS-PS2-1: Apply Newton’s Third Law to design a solution to a problem involving the motion of two colliding objects.	<i>Force and Motion:</i> 1, 10, 11, 12*	Asking Questions and Defining Problems Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	MS-ETS1.A MS-PS2.A MS.PS3.A MS-PS3.C	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 MP.2

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		Developing and Using Models Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information		Systems and System Models	
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.	<i>Force and Motion:</i> 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	MS-ETS1.A MS-PS2.A MS-PS3.A MS-PS3.C	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Scale, Proportional, and Quantity Stability and Change	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 6.RP.AP.2 6.SP.B.5 7.EE.B.4 7.RP.A.2 MP.2
MS-PS3 Energy					
MS-PS3-1: Construct and interpret graphical		Analyzing and Interpreting		Cause and Effect	RST.6-8.7

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displays of data to describe the relationships of kinetic energy to the mass of an object and to the speed of an object.	<i>Force and Motion:</i> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5*	Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-ETS1.A MS-PS2.A MS.PS3.A MS-PS3.C	Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Energy and Matter Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity	WHST.6-8.2 6.SP.B.5 7.RP.A.2
MS-PS3-3: Apply scientific principles to design, construct, and test a device that either minimizes or maximizes thermal energy transfer.*	<i>Covered in the following Grade 7 unit for the recommended scope and sequence.</i> <i>Energy:</i> 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-ETS1.A MS-ETS1.B MS-PS3.A MS-PS3.B	Cause and Effect Connections to the Nature of Science Energy and Matter Patterns Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Structure and Function Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 SL.8.4 WHST.6-8.9 EE.6.A.2 EE.6.C.9 MP.2

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MS-PS4 Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer					
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.	<i>Waves:</i> 1, 2, 3, 7*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Developing and Using Models Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	MS-PS4.A	Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Patterns Structure and Function	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.9 6.RP.A.1 7.RP.A.2 MP.2 MP.4
MS-PS4-2: Develop and use a model to describe that waves are reflected, absorbed, or transmitted through various materials.	<i>Waves:</i> 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Connections to the Nature of Science Developing and Using Models Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Using Mathematics and	MS-PS4.A MS-PS4.B	Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Patterns Structure and Function	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.9 MP.2

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		Computational Thinking			
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.	<i>Waves:</i> 5, 6	Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Structure and Function Developing and Using Models Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	MS-PS4.C MS-ETS1.A MS-ETS1.B MS-ETS1.C	Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Structure and Function	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.9 WHST.6-8.9
MS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics					
MS-LS2-5: Evaluate competing design solutions for maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services.*	<i>Covered in the following Grade 7 unit for the recommended scope and sequence.</i> <i>Ecology:</i> 2, 4, 15*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	MS-ETS1.B MS-LS2.C MS-LS4.D	Cause and Effect Connections to the Nature of Science Energy and Matter Patterns Stability and Change	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.8 SL.8.5 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.9 6.SP.B.5

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		Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking			
MS-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity					
MS-LS4-1: Analyze and interpret data for patterns in the fossil record that document the existence, diversity, extinction, and change of life forms throughout the history of life on Earth under the assumption that natural laws operate today as in the past.	<i>Evolution:</i> 7, 8, 9, 10, 11*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	MS-ESS1.C MS-LS3.B MS-LS4.A MS-LS4.B MS-LS4.C	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science Patterns	RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 RST.6-8.9 WHST.6-8.2 6.SP.B.5

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MS-LS4-2: Apply scientific ideas to construct an explanation for the anatomical similarities and differences among modern organisms and between modern and fossil organisms to infer evolutionary relationships.	<i>Evolution:</i> 7, 8, 9, 10 11, 12*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	MS-ESS1.C MS-LS3.B MS-LS4.A MS-LS4.B MS-LS4.C	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science Patterns	RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 RST.6-8.9 WHST.6-8.2 6.SP.B.5
MS-LS4-3: Analyze displays of pictorial data to compare patterns of similarities in the embryological development across multiple species to identify relationships not evident in the fully formed anatomy.	<i>Evolution:</i> 12, 13*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Engaging in Argument from Evidence	MS-ESS1.C MS-LS4.A	Connections to the Nature of Science Patterns	RST.6-8.7 6.SP.B.5
MS-LS4-4: Construct an explanation based on evidence that describes	<i>Evolution:</i> 1, 2, 3, 4*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data	MS-LS2.A MS-LS3.B MS-LS4.B	Cause and Effect	RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.3 WHST.6-8.2

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how genetic variations of traits in a population increase some individuals' probability of surviving and reproducing in a specific environment.		Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	MS-LS4.C	Patterns	WHST.6-8.9 6.RP.A.1 6.SP.B.5
MS-LS4-5: Gather and synthesize information about the technologies that have changed the way humans influence the inheritance of desired traits in organisms.	<i>Evolution:</i> 14, 15, 16*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	MS-ESS3.C MS-LS4.A MS-LS4.B MS-LS4.C MS-LS4.D	Cause and Effect Connections to the Nature of Science: Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World Connections to the Nature of Science: Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems Patterns	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.7 WHST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.8 WHST.6-8.9
MS-LS4-6: Use mathematical	<i>Evolution:</i> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data	MS-LS2.A MS-LS3.A MS-LS3.B	Cause and Effect	RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.3 SL.8.1

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representations to support explanations of how natural selection may lead to increases and decreases of specific traits in populations over time.		Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	MS-LS4.B MS-LS4.C	Patterns Structure and Function	SL.8.4 WHST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.9 6.RP.A.1 6.SP.B.5
MS-ESS2 Earth's Systems					
MS-ESS2-4: Develop a model to describe the cycling of water through Earth's systems driven by energy from the sun and the force of gravity.	<i>Land, Water, and Human Interactions: 2, 5, 7, 8, 9*</i>	Asking Questions and Defining Problems Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-ETS1.A MS-ESS2.A MS-ESS2.C MS-ESS3.C MS-PS2.A	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Energy and Matter Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Stability and Change	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.9 WHST.6-8.2

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MS-ESS2-5: Collect data to provide evidence for how the motions and complex interactions of air masses result in changes in weather conditions.	<i>Weather and Climate:</i> 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-ETS1.B MS-ETS1.C MS-ESS2.C MS-ESS2.D MS-ESS3.D MS-LS4.C	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science Energy and Matter Patterns Structure and Function System and System Models	RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 RST.6-8.9 WHST.6-8.7 SL.8.1 SL.8.4 MP.2
MS-ESS2-6: Develop and use a model to describe how unequal heating and rotation of the Earth cause patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine regional	<i>Weather and Climate:</i> 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science	MS-ESS2.C MS-ESS2.D MS-ESS3.D MS-LS4.C MS-PS3.B	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science	RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 WHST.6-8.7 SL.8.1 SL.8.4 MP.2

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climates.		Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Planning and Carrying Out Investigations		Energy and Matter Patterns Systems and System Models	
MS-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity					
MS-ESS3-3: Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment.*	<i>Land, Water, and Human Interactions:</i> 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from	MS-ESS2.A MS-ESS2.C MS-ESS3.C MS-LS2.A MS-LS2.C	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science Energy and Matter Patterns Scale, Proportion, and	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.9 WHST.6-8.2 WHST.6-8.9 SL.8.4 6.RP.A.1 6.SP.B.5 MP.4

Performance Expectation	SEPUP Unit and Activity Number	Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts	Common Core ELA/Math
		Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations		Quantity Stability and Change	
MS-ESS3-4: Construct an argument supported by evidence for how increases in human population and per-capita consumption of natural resources impact Earth's systems.	<i>Evolution:</i> 14	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Engaging in Argument from Evidence	MS-ESS3.C MS.LS4.A MS.LS4.B MS.LS4.D	Cause and Effect Connections to the Nature of Science Patterns	RST.6-8.7 WHST.6-8.9
	<i>Also covered in the following Grade 7 unit for the recommended scope and sequence.</i> <i>Earth's Resources:</i> 2, 4, 6, 13*	Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	MS-ESS3.A MS-ESS3.C	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Connections to the Nature of Science Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 WHST.6-8.1 WHST.6-8.9 6.SP.B.5 7.RP.A.2

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MS-ESS3-5: Ask questions to clarify evidence of the factors that have caused the rise in global temperatures over the past century.	<i>Weather and Climate:</i> 1, 10, 14, 15, 16*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Connections to the Nature of Science Developing and Using Models Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-ESS2.C MS-ESS2.D MS-ESS3.C MS-ESS3.D	Connections to the Nature of Science Energy and Matter Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Stability and Change Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.7 WHST.6-8.1 SL.8.1 MP.4
MS-ETS1 Engineering Design					
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	<i>Force and Motion:</i> 1, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15*	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Asking Questions and Defining Problems Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from	MS-ETS1.A MS-PS2.A MS-PS3.A MS-PS3.C	Cause and Effect Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Patterns Stability and Change Systems and System Models	RST.6-8.1 RST.6-8.3 RST.6-8.7 MP.2

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limit possible solutions.		Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Planning and Carrying Out Investigations			
	<i>Land, Water, and Human Interactions: 7, 12*</i>	Asking Questions and Defining Problems Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models	MS-ETS1.A MS-ETS2.A MS-ETS2.C	Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Energy and Matter Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Stability and Change	RST.6-8.3
MS-ETS1-2: Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	<i>Land, Water, and Human Interactions: 12, 16*</i>	Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Engaging in Argument from Evidence	MS-ESS2.C MS-ESS3.C MS-ETS1.B	Cause and Effect Connections to Nature of Science	WHST.6-8.2 SL.8.4

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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.	<i>Weather and Climate: 12*</i>	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	MS-ETS1.B MS-ESS1.C MS-ESS2.C	Connections to Engineering, Technology and Applications of Science Structure and Function	RST.6-8.3 SL.8.1 SL.8.4
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.	<i>Weather and Climate: 12*</i>	Developing and Using Models Engaging in Argument from Evidence Planning and Conducting Investigations	MS-ETS1.B MS-ESS1.C MS-ESS2.C	Connections to Engineering, Technology and Applications of Science Structure and Function	RST.6-8.3 SL.8.1 SL.8.4