

K-5 Science

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PS1 - Matter and Its Interactions						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
A	K.PS1.A.1 Make qualitative observations of the physical properties of objects (i.e., size, shape, color, mass).		2. PS1.A.1 Plan and conduct an investigation to describe and classify different kinds of materials by their observable properties. [Clarification Statement: Observations could include color, texture, hardness, and flexibility. Patterns could include the similar properties that different materials share.]	3.PS1.A.1 Predict and investigate that water can change from a liquid to a solid (freeze), and back again (melt), or from a liquid to a gas (evaporation), and back again (condensation) as the result of temperature changes.		5. PS1.A.1 Develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen. [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence supporting a model could include adding air to expand a basketball, compressing air in a syringe, dissolving sugar in water, and evaporating salt water.]
			2.PS1.A.2 Analyze data obtained from testing different materials to determine which materials have the properties that are best suited for an intended purpose. [Clarification Statement: Examples of properties could include, strength, flexibility, hardness, texture, and absorbency.]			5. PS1.A.2 Measure and graph quantities to provide evidence that regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances, the total weight of matter is conserved. [Clarification Statement: Examples of reactions or changes could include phase changes, dissolving, and mixing that form new substances.]
Structure and Properties of Matter						

PS1 - Matter and Its Interactions						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
B				3.PS1.B.1 Construct an argument with evidence that some changes caused by heating or cooling can be reversed and some cannot.		5. PS1.B.1 Plan and conduct investigations to separate the components of a mixture/solution by their physical properties (i.e., sorting, filtration, magnets, screening). 5. PS1.B.2 Conduct an investigation to determine whether the combining of two or more substances results in new substances.
Types of Interactions of Matter						

PS2 - Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
A	<p>K.PS2.A.1 Plan and conduct an investigation to compare the effects of different strengths or different directions of pushes and pulls on the motion of an object. [Clarification Statement: Examples of pushes or pulls could include a string attached to an object being pulled, a person pushing an object, a person stopping a rolling ball, and two objects colliding and pushing on each other.]</p> <p>K.PS2.A.2 Describe ways to change the motion of an object (i.e., how to cause an object to go slower, go faster, go farther, change direction, stop).</p>		<p>2.PS2.A.1 Analyze data to determine how the motion of an object changed by an applied force or the mass of an object.</p>		<p>4.PS2.A.1 Make observations and/or measurements of an object's motion to provide evidence that a pattern can be used to predict future motion.</p> <p>4.PS2.A.2 Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence of the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object. [Clarification Statement: Examples could include an unbalanced force on one side of a ball can make it start moving; and, balanced forces pushing on a box from both sides will not produce any motion at all.]</p>	

PS2 - Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
B				3.PS2.B.1 Plan and conduct investigations to determine the cause and effect relationship of electric or magnetic interactions between two objects not in contact with each other. [Clarification Statement: Examples of an electric force could include the force on hair from an electrically charged balloon and the electrical forces between a charged rod and pieces of paper; examples of a magnetic force could include the force between two permanent magnets, the force between an electromagnet and steel paperclips, and the force exerted by one magnet versus the force exerted by two magnets. Examples of cause and effect relationships could include how the distance between objects affects strength of the force and how the orientation of magnets affects the direction of the magnetic force.]	4.PS2.B.1 Plan and conduct a fair test to compare and contrast the forces (measured by a spring scale in Newtons) required to overcome friction when an object moves over different surfaces (i.e., rough/smooth). 4.PS2.B.2 Predict how changes in either the amount of force applied to an object or the mass of the object affects the motion (speed and direction) of the object.	5. PS2.B.1 Support an argument that the gravitational force exerted by Earth on objects is directed toward the planet's center. [Clarification Statement: "Down" is a local description of the direction that points toward the center of the spherical Earth.]
Types of Interaction						

PS3 - Energy						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
A	K.PS3.A.1 Make observations to determine the effect of sunlight on Earth's surface.	1.PS3.A.1 Identify the source of energy that causes an increase in the temperature of an object (e.g., sun, stove, flame, light bulb).			4.PS3.A.1 Use evidence to construct an explanation relating the speed of an object to the energy of that object.	
Definitions of Energy						

PS3 - Energy						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
B	K.PS3.B.1 With prompting and support, use tools and materials to design and build a structure that will reduce the warming effect of sunlight on an area				4.PS3.B.1 Provide evidence to construct an explanation of an energy transformation(e.g. temperature change, light, sound, motion, and magnetic effects)	
					4.PS3.B.2 Apply scientific ideas to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another. [Clarification Statement: Examples of devices could include electric circuits that convert electrical energy into motion energy of a vehicle, light, or sound; and, a passive solar heater that converts light into heat. Examples of constraints could include the materials, cost, or time to design the device.]	

Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer

PS3 - Energy						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
C					4.PS3.C.1 Use models to explain that simple machines change the amount of effort force and/or direction of force. [Clarification Statement: Memorization of a simple machine is not the focus. This concept builds on the application of force and motion .]	
Relationship Between Energy and Forces						

PS3 - Energy						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
D						5. PS3.D.1 Use models to describe that energy stored in food (used for body repair, growth, motion, and to maintain body warmth) was once energy from the sun. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include diagrams, and flow charts.]
Energy in Chemical Process and Everyday						

Life

PS4 - Waves and Their Applications in technologies for Information Transfer						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
A		1.PS4.A.1 Plan and conduct investigations to provide evidence that vibrating materials can make sound and that sound can make materials vibrate. [Clarification Statement: Examples of vibrating materials that make sound could include tuning forks and plucking a stretched string. Examples of how sound can make matter vibrate could include holding a piece of paper near a speaker making sound and holding an object near a vibrating tuning fork.]	2.PS4.A.1 Plan and conduct investigations to provide evidence that changes in vibration create change in sound.		4.PS4.A.1 Develop a model of waves to describe patterns in terms of amplitude or wavelength and that waves can cause objects to move. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include diagrams, analogies, and physical models using wire to illustrate wavelength and amplitude of waves.]	5. PS4.A.1 Develop a model to describe that objects can be seen only when light is reflected off them or when they produce their own light.
Wave Properties						

PS4 - Waves and Their Applications in technologies for Information Transfer						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
B						
Electromagnetic Radiation						

PS4 - Waves and Their Applications in technologies for Information Transfer						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
C		1.PS4.C.1 Use tools and materials to design and build a device that uses light or sound to solve the problem of communicating over a distance. [Clarification Statement: Examples of devices could include a light source to send signals, paper cup and string “telephones,” and a pattern of drum beats.]				
Information Technologies and Instrumentation						

LS1 - From Molecules to Organisms: Structure and Processes						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
A		1.LS1.A.1 Use materials to design a solution to a human problem by mimicking how plants and/or animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow, and meet their needs. [Clarification Statement: Examples of human problems that can be solved by mimicking plant or animal solutions could include designing clothing or equipment to protect bicyclists by mimicking turtle shells, acorn shells, and animal scales; stabilizing structures by mimicking animal tails and roots on plants; keeping out intruders by mimicking thorns on branches and animal quills; and, detecting intruders by mimicking eyes and ears.]			4.LS1.A.1 Construct an argument that plants and animals have internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, behavior, and plant reproduction. [Clarification Statement: Examples of structures could include thorns, stems, roots, colored petals, heart, stomach, lung, brain, and skin.]	5. LS1.A.1 Compare and contrast the major organs/organ systems (e.g. support, reproductive, digestive, transport/circulatory, excretory, response) that perform similar functions for animals belonging to different vertebrate classes.
Structure and Function						

LS1 - From Molecules to Organisms: Structure and Processes						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
B Growth and Development of Organisms				3.LS1.B.1 Develop a model to compare and contrast observations on the life cycle of different plants and animals. [Clarification Statement: Changes organisms go through during their life form a pattern.]		
LS1 - From Molecules to Organisms: Structure and Processes						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
C Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms	K.LS1.C.1 Use observations to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include that animals need to take in food but plants do not; the different kinds of food needed by different types of animals; the requirement of plants to have light; and, that all living things need water.]					5. LS1.C.1 Support an argument that plants get the materials (i.e. carbon dioxide, water, sunlight) they need for growth chiefly from air and water. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that plant matter comes mostly from air and water, not from the soil. Clarification Statement: [Do not assess photosynthesis.]

LS1 - From Molecules to Organisms: Structure and Processes						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
D					4.LS1.D.1 Use a model to describe that animals receive different types of information through their senses, process the information in their brain, and respond to the information in different ways. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on systems of information transfer.]	
Information Processing						

LS2 - Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
A			2.LS2.A.1 Plan and conduct investigations on the growth of plants when growing conditions are altered (e.g., dark vs. light, water vs. no water).			
			2.LS2.A.2 Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants.			
Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems						
LS2 - Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
B						5. LS2.B.1 Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that matter that is not food (air, water, decomposed materials in soil) is changed by plants into matter that is food.

<p style="text-align: center;">Cycles of matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems</p>						<p>Examples of systems could include organisms, ecosystems, and the Earth.]</p>

LS3 - Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
A		1.LS3.A.1 Make observations to construct an evidence based account that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly like, their parents. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include features plants or animals share. Examples of observations could include leaves from the same kind of plant are the same shape but can differ in size; and, a particular breed of dog looks like its parents but is not exactly the same.]		3.LS3.A.1 Construct scientific arguments to support claims that some characteristics of organisms are inherited from parents and some are influenced by the environment. [Clarification Statement: Examples of the environment affecting a trait could include normally tall plants grown with insufficient water are stunted; and, a pet dog that is given too much food and little exercise may become overweight.]		
Inheritance of Traits						

LS3 - Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
B				<p>3.LS3.B.1 Use evidence to construct an explanation for how the variations in characteristics among individuals of the same species may provide advantages in surviving and finding mates. [Clarification Statement: Examples of cause and effect relationships could be plants that have larger thorns than other plants may be less likely to be eaten by predators; and, animals that have better camouflage coloration than other animals may be more likely to survive and therefore more likely to leave offspring.]</p>		
Natural Selection						

LS3 - Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
C				3.LS3.C.1 Construct an argument with evidence that in a particular ecosystem some organisms -- based on structural adaptations or behaviors -- can survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot. [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence could include needs and characteristics of the organisms and habitats involved. The organisms and their habitat make up a system in which the parts depend on each other.]		
Adaptation						

LS3 - Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
D				<p>3.LS3.D.1 Make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem caused when the environment changes and the types of plants and animals that live there may change. [Clarification Statement: Examples of environmental changes could include changes in land characteristics, water distribution, temperature, food, and other organisms.]</p>		
Biodiversity and Humans						

ESS1 - Earth's Place in the Universe						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
A		<p>1.ESS1.A.1 Describe the presence of the sun, moon, and stars in the sky over time.</p> <p>1.ESS1.A.2 Use observations of the sun, moon, and stars to describe patterns that can be predicted. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include that the sun and moon appear to rise in one part of the sky, move across the sky, and set; and stars other than our sun are visible at night but not during the day.]</p>				<p>5. ESS1.A.1 Support an argument that relative distances from Earth affects the apparent brightness of the sun compared to other stars.</p>
The Universe and its Stars						

ESS1 - Earth's Place in the Universe						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
B	<p>K.ESS1.B.1 Make observations during different seasons to relate the amount of daylight to the time of year. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on relative comparisons of the amount of daylight in the winter to the amount in the spring or fall.]</p>					<p>5. ESS1.B.1 Make observations during different seasons to relate the amount of daylight to the time of year. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on relative comparisons of the amount of daylight in the winter to the amount in the spring or fall.]</p> <p>5. ESS1.B.2 Represent data in graphical displays to reveal patterns of daily changes in length and direction of shadows, day and night, and the seasonal appearance of some stars in the night sky. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include the position and motion of Earth with respect to the sun and selected stars that are visible only in particular months.]</p>
Earth and the Solar System						

ESS1 - Earth's Place in the Universe						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
C			<p>2.ESS1.C.1 Use information from several sources to provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly. [Clarification Statement: Examples of events and timescales could include volcanic explosions and earthquakes, which happen quickly and erosion of rocks, which occurs slowly.]</p>		<p>4.ESS1.C.1 Identify evidence from patterns in rock formations and fossils in rock layers to support an explanation for changes in a landscape over time. [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence from patterns could include rock layers with marine shell fossils above rock layers with plant fossils and no shells, indicating a change from land to water over time; and, a canyon with different rock layers in the walls and a river in the bottom, indicating that over time a river cut through the rock.]</p>	
The History of Planet Earth						

ESS2 - Earth's Systems						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
A			2.ESS2.A.1 Compare multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land. [Clarification Statement: Examples of solutions could include different designs of dikes and windbreaks to hold back wind and water, and different designs for using shrubs, grass, and trees to hold back the land.]		4.ESS2.A.1 Plan and conduct scientific investigations or simulations to provide evidence how natural processes (e.g. weathering and erosion) shape Earth's surfaces.	5. ESS2.A.1 Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact. [Clarification Statement: Examples could include the influence of the ocean on ecosystems, landform shape, and climate; the influence of the atmosphere on landforms and ecosystems through weather and climate; and the influence of mountain ranges on winds and clouds in the atmosphere. The geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere are each a system.]
Earth Materials and Systems						

ESS2 - Earth's Systems						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
B	Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale Systems		2.ESS2.B.1 Develop a model to represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area.		4.ESS2.B.1 Analyze and interpret data from maps to describe patterns of Earth's features. [Clarification Statement: Maps can include topographic maps of Earth's land and ocean floor, as well as maps of the locations of mountains, continental boundaries, volcanoes, and earthquakes.]	

ESS2 - Earth's Systems						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
C	The Role of Water in Earth's Surface Processes		2.ESS2.C.1 Obtain information to identify where water is found on Earth and that it can be solid or liquid.			5. ESS2.C.1 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.

ESS2 - Earth's Systems						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
D	<p>K.ESS2.D.1 Use and share observations of local weather conditions to describe patterns over time. [Clarification Statement: Examples of qualitative observations could include descriptions of the weather (such as sunny, cloudy, rainy, and warm); examples of quantitative observations could include numbers of sunny, windy, and rainy days in a month. Examples of patterns could include that it is usually cooler in the morning than in the afternoon and the number of sunny days versus cloudy days in different months.]</p>	<p>1.ESS2.D.1 Identify patterns indicating relationships between observed weather data and weather phenomena (e.g., temperature and types of precipitation, clouds and amounts of precipitation).</p>		<p>3.ESS2.D.1 Represent data in tables and graphical displays to describe typical weather conditions expected during a particular season. [Clarification Statement: Examples of data could include average temperature, precipitation, and wind direction.]</p> <p>3.ESS2.D.2 Obtain and combine information to describe climates in different regions of the world.</p>		

Weather and Climate

ESS2 - Earth's Systems						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
E	K.ESS2.E.1 With prompting and support, construct an argument using evidence for how plants and animals (including but not limited to humans) can change the environment to meet their needs.					
Biogeology						

ESS3 - Earth and Human Activity						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
A	K.ESS3.A.1 Use a model to represent the relationship between the needs of different plants or animals (including humans) and the places they live.				4.ESS3.A.1 Generate and compare multiple solutions to reduce the impacts of natural Earth processes on humans. [Clarification Statement: Examples of solutions could include designing an earthquake resistant building and improving monitoring of volcanic activity.]	
		Natural Resources				
ESS3 - Earth and Human Activity						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
B				3.ESS3.B.1 Make a claim about the merit of an existing design solution (e.g. levies, tornado shelters, sea walls, etc.) that reduces the impacts of a weather-related hazard. [Clarification Statement: Examples of design solutions to weather-related hazards could include barriers to prevent flooding, wind resistant roofs, and lightning rods.]		
		Natural Hazards				

ESS3 - Earth and Human Activity						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
C	K.ESS3.C.1 Communicate solutions that will reduce the impact of humans on the land, water, air, and/or other living things in the local environment.					5. ESS3.C.1 Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.

ETS1 - Engineering Design						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
A	K.ETS1.A.1 Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.	1.ETS1.A.1 Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.	2.ETS1.A.1 Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.	3.ETS1.A.1 Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.	4.ETS1.A.1 Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.	5.ETS1.A.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.

ETS1 - Engineering Design						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
B	K.ETS1.B.1 Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.	1.ETS1.B.1 Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.	2.ETS1.B.1 Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.	3.ETS1.B.1 Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	4.ETS1.B.1 Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	5.ETS1.B.1 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.

ETS1 - Engineering Design						
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
C	K.ETS1.C.1 Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.	1.ETS1.C.1 Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.	2.ETS1.C.1 Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.	3.ETS1.C.1 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.	4.ETS1.C.1 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.	5.ETS1.C.1 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.