

## Honors Chemistry Pacing Guide

**Unit 1:** How can the substructures of atoms explain the observable properties of substances?  
How do ancient carbon atoms drive economic decisions in the modern world?

Estimated time to complete: 40 days

- ï **Part A (15 days):** How can I use the properties of something (in bulk quantities) to predict what is happening with the subatomic particles?
- ï **Part B (15 days):** How can a periodic table tell me about the subatomic structure of a substance?
- ï **Part C (10 days):** How can I use the periodic table to predict if I need to duck before mixing two elements?

**Unit 2:** How can one explain the structure, properties, and interactions of matter?

Estimated time to complete: 40 days

- ï **Part A (10 days):** How can I use the periodic table to predict if I need to duck before mixing two elements?
- ï **Part B (15 days):** Where do the atoms go during a chemical reaction?
- ï **Part C (15 days):** How do chemical reactions result in the formation of new compounds?

**Unit 3:** Why are we so lucky that water has the physical properties that it does?  
How do the unique physical properties of gases distinguish them from solids and liquids?  
Why are solutions instrumental in allowing chemical reactions to proceed?

Estimated time to complete: 40 days

- ï **Part A (5 days) :** How can I use the properties of something (in bulk quantities) to predict what is happening with the subatomic particles?
- ï **Part B (10 days):** Does thermal energy always transfer or transform in predictable ways?
- ï **Part C (15 days):** What are the properties of gases and what factors affect it?
- ï **Part D (5 days):** I want to do the right

	<p>thing, what is the greener choice for grocery bags (paper or plastic/reusable vs. disposable); cold drink containers (plastic, glass, or aluminum); or hot drink containers (paper, Styrofoam, or ceramic)? [Clarification: Students should have the opportunity to select the product and use the Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) to make an evidence-based claim.]</p> <p>ï <b>Part E (5 days):</b> What makes water's properties essential to life on our planet? Why are aqueous solutions important to chemical reactions?</p>
<p><b>Unit 4:</b>How is energy transferred within a system? How does a system reach chemical equilibrium? How will a system respond to a disturbance?</p>	
<p>Estimated time to complete: 40 days</p>	<p>ï <b>Part A (10 days):</b> Does thermal energy always transfer or transform in predictable ways?</p> <p>ï <b>Part B (5 days):</b> How does energy flow in a chemical reaction?</p> <p>ï <b>Part C (10 days):</b> What is different inside a heat pack and a cold pack?</p> <p>ï <b>Part D (10 days):</b> Is it possible to change the rate of a reaction or cause two elements to react that do not normally want to?</p> <p>ï <b>Part E (10 days):</b> What can we do to make the products of a reaction stable?</p>
<p><b>Unit 5:</b> What happens in stars?</p>	
<p>Estimated time to complete: 20 days</p>	<p>ï <b>Part A (7 days):</b> Why is fusion considered the Holy Grail for the production of electricity? Why aren't all forms of radiation harmful to living things?</p> <p>ï <b>Part B (5 days):</b> How do stars produce elements?</p> <p>ï <b>Part C (4 days):</b> If there was nobody there to Tweet about it, how do we know that there was a Big Bang?</p> <p>ï <b>Part D (4 days):</b> How can chemistry</p>

	help us to figure out ancient events?
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## Unit Summary

***How can the substructures of atoms explain the observable properties of substances?***

***How do ancient carbon atoms drive economic decisions in the modern world?***

In this unit of study, students use investigations, simulations, and models to make sense of the substructure of atoms and to provide more mechanistic explanations of the properties of substances. Students are able to use the periodic table as a tool to explain and predict the properties of elements. Students are expected to communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials. The crosscutting concepts of *structure and function*, *patterns*, *energy and matter*, and *stability and change* are called out as the framework for understanding the disciplinary core ideas. Students will be *developing and using models*, *planning and conducting investigations*, *using mathematical thinking*, and *constructing explanations and designing solutions*. Students are also expected to use the science and engineering practices to demonstrate proficiency with the core ideas.

This unit is based on HS-PS3-4, HS-ESS2-5, HS-ESS3-2, and HS-ETS1-3.

## Student Learning Objectives

**Communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.\*** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the attractive and repulsive forces that determine the functioning of the material. Examples could include why electrically conductive materials are often made of metal, flexible but durable materials are made up of long chained molecules, and pharmaceuticals are designed to interact with specific receptors.]* *[Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided molecular structures of specific designed materials.]* (HS-PS2-6)

**Use the periodic table as a model to predict the relative properties of elements based on the patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms.** *[Clarification Statement: Examples of properties that could be predicted from patterns could include reactivity of metals, types of bonds formed, numbers of bonds formed, and reactions with oxygen.]* *[Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to main group elements. Assessment does not include quantitative understanding of ionization energy beyond relative trends.]* (HS-PS1-1)

**Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and trade-offs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts.**(HS-ETS1-3)

**Use a computer simulation to model the impact of proposed solutions to a complex real-world problem with numerous criteria and constraints on interactions within and between systems relevant to the problem.** (HS-ETS1-4)

<b>Part A (15 days):</b> <i>How can I use the properties of something (in bulk quantities) to predict what is happening with the subatomic particles?</i>	
<b>Concepts</b>	<b>Formative Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms.</li> <li>Attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale explain the structure, properties, and transformations of matter, as well as the contact forces between material objects.</li> <li>Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data that can serve as the basis for evidence for comparing the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles. In the investigation design, decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements; consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time); and refine the design accordingly.</li> <li>Use patterns in the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.</li> </ul>
<b>Part B (15 days):</b> <i>How can a periodic table tell me about the subatomic structure of a substance?</i>	
<b>Concepts</b>	<b>Formative Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied, and these patterns can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena.</li> <li>Each atom has a charged substructure.</li> <li>An atom's nucleus is made of protons and neutrons and is surrounded by electrons.</li> <li>The periodic table orders elements horizontally by number of protons in the nucleus of each element's atoms and places elements with similar chemical properties in columns.</li> <li>The repeating patterns of this table reflect patterns of outer electron states.</li> <li>Patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms can provide</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the periodic table as a model to provide evidence for relative properties of elements at different scales based on the patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms in main group elements.</li> <li>Use the periodic table as a model to predict the relative properties of elements based on the patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms in main group elements.</li> </ul>

evidence for the relative properties of elements at different scales.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale explain the structure, properties, and transformations of matter, as well as the contact forces between material objects.</li> </ul>	

**Part C (10 days):** *How can I use the periodic table to predict if I need to duck before mixing two elements?*

Concepts	Formative Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The periodic table orders elements horizontally by number of protons in the nucleus of each element's atoms and places elements with similar chemical properties in columns.</li> <li>The repeating patterns of the periodic table reflect patterns of outer electron states.</li> <li>The fact that atoms are conserved, together with knowledge of the chemical properties of the elements involved, can be used to describe and predict chemical reactions.</li> <li>Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied, and these patterns can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use valid and reliable evidence (obtained from students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, and peer review) showing the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and patterns of chemical properties to construct and revise an explanation for the outcome of a simple chemical reaction.</li> <li>Use the assumption that theories and laws that describe the outcome of simple chemical reactions operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future.</li> <li>Observe patterns in the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and chemical properties.</li> <li>Use the conservation of atoms and the chemical properties of the elements involved to describe and predict the outcome of a chemical reaction.</li> </ul>

Assessments		
*Formative Assessments provided for each subsection.		
Summative Assessments	Benchmark assessments	Alternative Assessments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter/Unit Tests</li> <li>Writing Assignments</li> <li>Lab Reports/Quizzes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Jersey Student Learning Assessment Science (NJSLA)</li> <li>Quarterlies</li> <li>Performance Assessments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oral Presentation</li> <li>Video Recording</li> <li>Virtual Labs</li> </ul>

**What It Looks Like in the Classroom**

In this unit of study, students begin by understanding how the substructure of substances at the bulk scale infers the strength of electrical forces between particles. Students should plan and conduct investigations illustrating how the structure and interactions of matter determine the properties at the bulk amount. These investigations must take into account the accuracy of data required to produce reliable information and consider limitations on the precision of the data.

Students should also plan and conduct investigations using attraction and repulsion (charges—cations/anions) at the atomic scale to explain the structure of matter at the bulk scale. For example, students could investigate how the strength of forces between particles is dependent on particle type (ions, atoms, molecules, networked materials [allotropes]).

Students might also conduct research projects to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale and use this research to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles. Information should be gathered from multiple reliable sources and used to support claims. Any data reported should include appropriate units while considering limitations on measurements.

Further analysis of atomic structure will lead to investigations of how the periodic table can be used as a model to predict the relative properties of elements based on the patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms. Students must first understand the idea that atoms have a charged substructure consisting of a nucleus that is composed of protons and neutrons surrounded by electrons. Students should use a variety of models to understand the structure of an atom. Examples may include computer simulations, drawings, and kits. Students can create models of atoms by calculating protons, neutrons, and electrons in any given atom, isotope, or ion.

In order to understand the predictive power of the periodic table, students should write electron configurations for main group elements, paying attention to patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level. Students should annotate the periodic table to determine its arrangement horizontally by number of protons in the atom's nucleus and its vertical arrangement by the placement of elements with similar chemical properties in columns. Students should also be able to translate information about patterns in the periodic table into words that describe the importance of the outermost electrons in atoms.

- ✓ Students use the ideas of attraction and repulsion (i.e., charges—cations/anions) at the atomic scale to explain the structure of matter, such as in ion formation, and to explain the properties of matter such as density, luster, melting point, boiling point, etc.

In order to address how the substructure of substances at the bulk scale infers the strength of electrical forces between particles, emphasis should be placed on the importance of outermost electrons in bulk physical properties, bonding, and stability. Students must realize that valence electrons are important.

Students should plan and conduct investigations to show the structure and interactions of matter at the bulk amount. These investigations should illustrate the importance of accurate and reliable data while considering limitations on the precision of the data.

Students should also plan and conduct investigations using attraction and repulsion (charges—cations/anions) at the atomic scale to explain the properties of matter at the bulk scale—for example, investigating melting point, boiling point.

**Optional:** Students might also conduct research projects to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale and use this research to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles. Information should be gathered from multiple reliable sources and used to support claims. Any data reported should include appropriate units while considering limitations on measurements.

### Connecting with English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics

#### *English Language Arts/Literacy*

- Translate information from the periodic table about the patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms into words that describe the relative properties of elements.
  - Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions of competing design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources based on cost–benefit ratios, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other design solutions.
  - Integrate and evaluate multiple design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources based on cost–benefit ratios in order to reveal meaningful patterns and trends.
  - Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions of competing design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources based on cost–benefit ratios, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other design solutions.
  - Synthesize data from multiple sources of information in order to create data sets that inform design decisions and create a coherent understanding of developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources.
- Cite specific textual evidence comparing the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.
  - Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale and use this research to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.
  - Gather applicable information from multiple reliable sources to support the claim that electrical forces between particles can be used to explain the structure of substances at the bulk scale.
  - Develop evidence comparing the structure of substances at the bulk scale and the strength of electrical forces between particles.

#### *Mathematics*

- Determine a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities representing periodic trends for main group elements based on patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms.
- Considering the outermost energy level of atoms, define appropriate quantities for descriptive modeling of periodic trends for main group elements based on patterns of electrons in outermost energy levels.
- Determine and interpret the scale and origin in graphs and data displays representing patterns of chemical properties, outer electron states of atoms, trends in

the periodic table, and patterns of chemical properties.

- Determine a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities of simple chemical reactions.
  - Use symbols to represent energy distribution in a system when two components of different temperature are combined, and manipulate the representing symbols. Make sense of quantities and relationships in the energy distribution in a system when two components of different temperature are combined.
  - Use a mathematical model to describe energy distribution in a system when two components of different temperature are combined. Identify important quantities in energy distribution in a system when two components of different temperature are combined and map their relationships using tools. Analyze those relationships mathematically to draw conclusions, reflecting on the results and improving the model if it has not served its purpose.
  - Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities of the properties of water and their effects on Earth materials and surface processes.
  - Use symbols to represent an explanation of the best of multiple design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources and manipulate the representing symbols. Make sense of quantities and relationships in cost–benefit ratios for multiple design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources symbolically and manipulate the representing symbols.
  - Use a mathematical model to explain the evaluation of multiple design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources. Identify important quantities in cost–benefit ratios for multiple design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources and map their relationships using tools. Analyze those relationships mathematically to draw conclusions, reflecting on the results and improving the model if it has not served its purpose.

### Modifications

*Teacher Note: Teachers identify the modifications that they will use in the unit.*

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- Provide opportunities for students to connect with people of similar backgrounds (e.g. conversations via digital tool such as SKYPE, experts from the community helping with a project, journal articles, and biographies).
- Audio books, movies, and other digital media in lieu of print versions
- Native language texts and native language to English dictionary

#### ï Special Education

- Modified assignments (ex: fewer problems per page)
- Response to Intervention (RTI) ([www.help4teachers.com](http://www.help4teachers.com))
- Follow all IEP modifications

- o Oral Instructions
- o Record lessons instead of taking notes
- o Outlines of lessons
- o Study Guides with answers
- o Word processor to type notes
- o Frequent breaks
- o Provide students with multiple choices for how they can represent their understandings (e.g. multisensory techniques-auditory/visual aids; pictures, illustrations, graphs, charts, data tables, multimedia, modeling).

ï Gifted and Talented

- o Peer Tutoring
- o Cooperative Learning Groups
- o Differentiated Instruction
- o Use project-based science learning to connect science with observable phenomena.
- o Structure the learning around explaining or solving a social or community-based issue.

**Students at Risk of School Failure:**

- Extended Time
- Flexible Grouping
- Small Group Instruction
- Peer Buddies
- Tiered Activities
- Manipulatives
- Graphic Organizers

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- Utilize graphic organizers to help provide a purpose for reading and increase comprehension
- Assign peer tutor
- Provide clear and specific directions
- Provide class notes ahead of time to allow students to preview material and increase comprehension

- Provide extended time
- Simplify written and verbal instructions

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**Career Readiness Standards**

- 9.2.12.CAP.3: Investigate how continuing education contributes to one's career and personal growth.
- 9.2.12.CAP.5: Assess and modify a personal plan to support current interests and postsecondary plans.

**Research on Student Learning**

Students of all ages show a wide range of beliefs about the nature and behavior of particles. They lack an appreciation of the very small size of particles; believe there must be something in the space between particles; have difficulty in appreciating the intrinsic motion of particles in solids, liquids and gases; and have problems in conceptualizing forces between particles ([NSDL, 2015](#)).

**Prior Learning**

Prior to entering the chemistry course, students should understand:

*Physical science*

- Substances are made from different types of atoms, which combine with one another in various ways.
- Atoms form molecules that range in size from two atoms to thousands of atoms.
- Each pure substance has characteristic physical and chemical properties (for any bulk quantity under given conditions) that can be used to identify it.
- Gases and liquids are made of molecules or inert atoms that are moving about relative to each other.
- In a liquid, the molecules are constantly in contact with others.
- In a gas, the molecules are widely spaced except when they happen to collide.
- In a solid, atoms are closely spaced and may vibrate in position but do not change relative locations.
- Solids may be formed from molecules or they may be extended structures with repeating subunits (e.g., crystals).
- The changes of state that occur with variations in temperature or pressure can be described and predicted using these models of matter.

- Substances react chemically in characteristic ways.
- In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules, and these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants.
- The total number of each type of atom is conserved, and thus the mass does not change.
- Some chemical reactions release energy, whereas others store energy.
- The abundance of liquid water on Earth's surface and its unique combination of physical and chemical properties are central to the planet's dynamics.
- These physical and chemical properties include water's exceptional capacity to absorb, store, and release large amounts of energy; transmit sunlight; expand upon freezing; dissolve and transport materials; and lower the viscosities and melting point of rocks.

### Connections to Other Courses

#### *Physical science*

- Each atom has a charged substructure consisting of a nucleus made of protons and neutrons and surrounded by electrons.
- The periodic table orders elements horizontally by the number of protons in the nucleus of each element's atoms and places elements with similar chemical properties in columns. The repeating patterns of this table reflect patterns of outer electron states.
- The structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms.
- A stable molecule has less energy than does the same set of atoms separated; at least this much energy is required in order to take the molecule apart.
- Chemical processes, their rates, and whether or not they store or release energy can be understood in terms of the collisions of molecules and the rearrangements of atoms into new molecules, with consequent changes in the sum of all bond energies in the set of molecules that are matched by changes in kinetic energy.
- In many situations, a dynamic and condition-dependent balance between a reaction and the reverse reaction determines the numbers of all types of molecules present.
- The fact that atoms are conserved in chemical reactions, together with knowledge of the chemical properties of the elements involved, can be used to describe and predict chemical reactions.
- Conservation of energy means that the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system.
- Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems.
- Mathematical expressions, which quantify how the energy stored in a system depends on its configuration (e.g., relative positions of charged particles, compression of a spring) and how kinetic energy depends on mass and speed, allow the concept of conservation of energy to be used to predict and describe

system behavior.

- The availability of energy limits what can occur in any system.
- Uncontrolled systems always evolve toward more stable states—that is, toward more uniform energy distribution (e.g., water flows downhill, objects hotter than their surrounding environment cool down).
- Although energy cannot be destroyed, it can be converted to less useful forms—for example, to thermal energy in the surrounding environment.

#### *Life Science*

- Ecosystems have carrying capacities, which are limits to the numbers of organisms and populations they can support. These limits result from such factors as the availability of living and nonliving resources and from such challenges such as predation, competition, and disease. Organisms would have the capacity to produce populations of great size were it not for the fact that environments and resources are finite. This fundamental tension affects the abundance (number of individuals) of species in any given ecosystem.

#### *Earth and space science*

- The abundance of liquid water on Earth's surface and its unique combination of physical and chemical properties are central to the planet's dynamics. These properties include water's exceptional capacity to absorb, store, and release large amounts of energy, transmit sunlight, expand upon freezing, dissolve and transport materials, and lower the viscosities and melting points of rocks.

### Sample of Open Education Resources

[Energy Forms and Changes](#): This simulation allows students to investigate thermal energy transfer.

[Build an Atom](#): This simulation allows students to create different illustrations of atoms and provides evidence that protons determine the identity of the element.

[Periodic Table Trends](#): This is a virtual investigation of the periodic trends.

[Path to Periodic Table](#): This investigation provides students with the opportunity to make sense of how and why the periodic table is organized the way that it is. Students will re-create the thought process that Dmitri Mendeleev and Julius Lothar Meyer went through to devise their early periodic tables.

[Castle of Mendeleev](#): Students engage in a fantasy world that requires them to make claims, based on evidence, regarding the identity of unknown materials.

[Heating and Cooling Curves](#): Students evaluate the spacing and energy of particles in different phases.

[States of Matter](#): Illustration of properties of a substance as a solid, liquid and gas.

[Periodicity of Elements](#): Students evaluate the pattern of valence electrons in the periodic table

[Intermolecular Forces](#): Students evaluate how Coulombic Attraction is affected by the number of valence electrons and principal energy levels.

[Game: Which element does not belong?](#) : Students look at the period and family to determine which element does not fit in with the others.

[Periodic Table Interactive](#) : Useful study tool for all things periodic table.

[Building Atoms](#): Interactive activity where students build atoms by stacking electron orbitals, adding electrons to the orbitals, and viewing how the electron configuration can be used to determine the structure of an atom.

[Atomic and Ionic Structure of the first 12 elements](#): View the Bohr model and quantum model of the each of the first 12 elements. You can also ionize the atoms to see how the structure would respond.

#### Links to Free and Low Cost Instructional Resources

*Note- The majority of the student sense-making experiences found at these links predate the NGSS. Most will need to be modified to include science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas, and cross cutting concepts. [The EQulP Rubrics for Science](#) can be used as a blueprint for evaluating and modifying instructional materials.*

- American Association for the Advancement of Science: <http://www.aaas.org/programs>
- American Association of Physics Teachers: <http://www.aapt.org/resources/>
- American Chemical Society: <http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education.html>
- Concord Consortium: Virtual Simulations: <http://concord.org/>
- International Technology and Engineering Educators Association: <http://www.iteaconnect.org/>
- National Earth Science Teachers Association: <http://www.nestanet.org/php/index.php>
- National Science Digital Library: <https://nsdl.oercommons.org/>
- National Science Teachers Association: <http://ngss.nsta.org/Classroom-Resources.aspx>
- North American Association for Environmental Education: <http://www.naaee.net/>
- Phet: Interactive Simulations <https://phet.colorado.edu/>
- Physics Union Mathematics (PUM): <http://pum.rutgers.edu/>
- Science NetLinks: <http://www.aaas.org/program/science-netlinks>

## Appendix A: NGSS and Foundations for the Unit

**Use the periodic table as a model to predict the relative properties of elements based on the patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms.**

*[Clarification Statement: Examples of properties that could be predicted from patterns could include reactivity of metals, types of bonds formed, numbers of bonds formed, and reactions with oxygen.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to main group elements. Assessment does not include quantitative understanding of ionization energy beyond relative trends.] (HS-PS1-1)*

**Plan and conduct an investigation to gather evidence to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on understanding the strengths of forces between particles, not on naming specific intermolecular forces (such as dipole-dipole). Examples of particles could include ions, atoms, molecules, and networked materials (such as graphite). Examples of bulk properties of substances could include the melting point and boiling point..] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Raoult's law calculations of vapor pressure.] (HS-PS1-3)*

**Communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.\*** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the attractive and repulsive forces that determine the functioning of the material. Examples could include why electrically conductive materials are often made of metal, flexible but durable materials are made up of long chained molecules, and pharmaceuticals are designed to interact with specific receptors.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided molecular structures of specific designed materials.] (HS-PS2-6)*

**Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and tradeoffs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts.** *[Clarification Statement: See Three-Dimensional Teaching and Learning Section for examples]. (HS-ETS1-3)*

**Use a computer simulation to model the impact of proposed solutions to a complex real-world problem with numerous criteria and constraints on interactions within and between systems relevant to the problem. (HS-ETS1-4)**

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

Science and Engineering Practices

Disciplinary Core Ideas

Crosscutting Concepts

<p>ï</p> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>ï Evaluate competing design solutions to a real-world problem based on scientific ideas and principles, empirical evidence, and logical arguments regarding relevant factors (e.g. economic, societal, environmental, ethical considerations). (HS-ESS3-2)</p> <p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a model to predict the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-PS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-PS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate scientific and technical information (e.g. about the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-PS2-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use mathematical models and/or computer</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each atom has a charged substructure consisting of a nucleus, which is made of protons and neutrons, surrounded by electrons. (HS-PS1-1)</li> <li>The periodic table orders elements horizontally by the number of protons in the atom's nucleus and places those with similar chemical properties in columns. The repeating patterns of this table reflect patterns of outer electron states. (HS-PS1-1),(HS-PS1-2)</li> <li>The structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms. (<i>secondary to HS-PS2-6</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS2.B: Types of Interactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale explain the structure, properties, and transformations of matter, as well as the contact forces between material objects. (<i>secondary to HS-PS1-1</i>),(<i>secondary to HS-PS1-3</i>)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <p>ï When investigating or describing a system, the boundaries and initial conditions of the system need to be defined and their inputs and outputs analyzed and described using models. (HS-PS3-4)</p> <p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <p>ï The functions and properties of natural and designed objects and systems can be inferred from their overall structure, the way their components are shaped and used, and the molecular substructures of its various materials. (HS-ESS2-5)</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <p>ï Analysis of costs and benefits is a critical aspect of decisions about technology. (HS-ESS3-2)</p> <p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <p>ï New technologies can have deep impacts on society and the environment, including some that were not anticipated. Analysis of costs and benefits is a critical aspect of decisions about technology. (HS-ETS1-1) (HS-ETS1-3)</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and</b></p>
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<p>simulations to predict the effects of a design solution on systems and/or the interactions between systems. (HS-ETS1-4)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Material World</b></p> <p>ï Science and technology may raise ethical issues for which science, by itself, does not provide answers and solutions. (HS-ESS3-2)</p> <p>ï Science knowledge indicates what can happen in natural systems—not what should happen. The latter involves ethics, values, and human decisions about the use of knowledge. (HS-ESS3-2)</p> <p>ï Many decisions are not made using science alone, but rely on social and cultural contexts to resolve issues. (HS-ESS3-2)</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena. (HS-PS1-1),(HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigating or designing new systems or structures requires a detailed examination of the properties of different materials, the structures of different components, and connections of components to reveal its function and/or solve a problem. (HS-PS2-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows— within and between systems at different scales. (HS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul>
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(HS-ETS1-3)

Embedded English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics	
English Language Arts/Literacy –	
<b>RST.11-12.1</b>	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-PS3-4),(HS-ESS3-2) (HS-PS1-3)
<b>RST.11-12.7</b>	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-ETS1-3)
<b>RST.11-12.8</b>	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-PS3-4),(HS-ETS1-3)
<b>RST.11-12.9</b>	Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible. (HS-ETS1-3)
<b>WHST.9-12.2</b>	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes. (HS-PS1-2)
<b>WHST.9-12.5</b>	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-PS1-2, (HS-ETS1-3)
<b>WHST.9-12.7</b>	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-PS3-4), (HSESS2-5) (HS-PS1-3)
<b>WHST.11-12.8</b>	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (HS-PS1-3) (HS-ETS1-3)
<b>WHST.9-12.9</b>	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-PS3-4) (HS-PS1-3)(HS-ETS1-3)
<b>SL.11-12.5</b>	Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest (HS-PS1-4)
<i>Mathematics –</i>	
<b>MP.2</b>	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-PS3-4),(HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ETS1-3) (HS-ETS1-4)
<b>MP.4</b>	Model with mathematics. (HS-PS3-4), (HS-ETS1-3) (HS-ETS1-4)
<b>HSN-Q.A.1</b>	Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas;

choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-PS1-2), (HS-PS1-3)

## Unit Summary

***How can one explain the structure, properties, and interactions of matter?***

In this unit of study, students will *develop and use models, plan and conduct investigations, use mathematical thinking, and construct explanations and design solutions* as they develop an understanding of the substructure of atoms while providing more mechanistic explanations of the properties of substances. Chemical reactions can be understood by students at this level in terms of the collisions of molecules and the rearrangements of atoms. Provided with a set of reactants, students will apply their understanding of the types of reactions to determine whether a reaction will occur and identify the products that will be produced. Students also apply an understanding of the process of *optimization and engineering design* to chemical reaction systems. Students are expected to *develop and use models, plan and conduct investigations, use mathematical thinking, and construct explanations and design solutions* as they demonstrate proficiency with the disciplinary core ideas. The crosscutting concepts of *patterns, energy and matter, and stability and change* are the organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in *developing and using models, planning and conducting investigations, using mathematical thinking, and constructing explanations and designing solutions*.

## Student Learning Objectives

**Plan and conduct an investigation to gather evidence to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on understanding the strengths of forces between particles, and on naming specific intermolecular forces (such as dipole-dipole). Examples of particles could include ions, atoms, molecules, and networked materials (such as graphite). Examples of bulk properties of substances could include the melting point and boiling point.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Raoult's law calculations of vapor pressure.] (HS-PS1-3)*

**Suggested labs for this standard:** Ask students to design an investigation of physical properties of simple substances. Goal: Students should conclude from their investigation that some substances (i.e. salt and sugar) melt at different temperatures, some freeze at different temperatures, some flow at different rates. Discuss ionic and covalent bonding here, but more so simply the difference in physical properties.

**Construct and revise an explanation for the outcome of a simple chemical reaction based on the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and knowledge of the patterns of chemical properties.** *[Clarification Statement: Chemical reactions to be investigated should include precipitation, single replacement, acid-base, and oxidation-reduction reactions.] (HS-PS1-2)*

**Use mathematical representations to support the claim that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using mathematical ideas to communicate the proportional relationships between masses of atoms in the reactants and the products, and the translation of these relationships to the macroscopic scale using the mole as the conversion from the atomic to the macroscopic scale. Emphasis is on assessing students' use of mathematical thinking and not on memorization and rote application of problem-solving techniques.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include complex chemical reactions.] (HS-PS1-7)*

**Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and tradeoffs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts.** *[Clarification Statement: See Three-Dimensional Teaching and Learning*

*Section for examples]. (HS-ETS1-3)*

<b>Part A (10 days):</b> <i>How can I use the periodic table to predict if I need to duck before mixing two elements?</i>	
<b>Concepts</b>	<b>Formative Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fact that atoms are conserved together with knowledge of the chemical properties of the elements involved, can be used to describe and predict chemical reactions.</li> <li>Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied, and these patterns can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use valid and reliable evidence (obtained from students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, and peer review) showing the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and patterns of chemical properties to construct and revise an explanation for the outcome of a simple chemical reaction.</li> <li>Use the assumption that theories and laws that describe the outcome of simple chemical reactions operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future.</li> <li>Observe patterns in the outermost electron states of atoms and trends in the periodic table</li> <li>Use the conservation of atoms and the chemical properties of the elements involved to describe and predict the outcome of a chemical reaction.</li> </ul>
<b>Part B (15 days):</b> <i>Where do the atoms go during a chemical reaction?</i>	
<b>Concepts</b>	<b>Formative Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fact that atoms are conserved, together with the knowledge of the chemical properties of the elements involved, can be used to describe and predict chemical reactions.</li> <li>The total amount of matter in closed systems is conserved.</li> <li>The total amount of matter in a chemical reaction system is conserved.</li> <li>Changes of matter in a system can be described in terms of how matter</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use mathematical representations of chemical reaction systems to support the claim that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction.</li> </ul> </li> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use mathematical ideas to communicate the proportional relationships between masses of atoms in the reactants and products and the translation of these relationships to the macroscopic scale, using the mole as the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>flows into, out of, and within that system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes of matter in a chemical reaction system can be described in terms of matter flows into, out of, and within that system.</li> </ul>	<p>conversion from the atomic to the macroscopic scale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the fact that atoms are conserved, together with knowledge of the chemical properties of the elements involved, to describe and predict chemical reactions.</li> <li>Describe changes of matter in a chemical reaction system in terms of matter flows into, out of, and within that system.</li> </ul>
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**Part C (15 days):** *How do chemical reactions result in the formation of new compounds?*

Concepts	Formative Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chemical reactions can fall under 5 basic categories (synthesis, decomposition, single-replacement, double-replacement, or combustion).</li> <li>In a double replacement reaction, the ions of two compounds exchange places in an aqueous solution to form two new compounds, one of which is a precipitate or insoluble gas.</li> <li>In a single-displacement reaction, one element replaces a similar element in a compound.</li> <li>In an oxidation-reduction reaction, elements undergo changes in oxidation number.</li> <li>An acid-base neutralization reaction produces water and a salt.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classify reactions based on the reactants provided as well as correctly predict the products of such a reaction.</li> <li>Use solubility rules to determine whether or not a reaction will occur. If a reaction will occur, then students will construct a balanced chemical equation for the reaction which includes the physical states of matter.</li> <li>Write complete and net ionic equations for double replacement reactions.</li> <li>Use the metal reactivity series to predict whether a single metal replacement reaction will occur and the products formed.</li> <li>Assign oxidation numbers and, given a redox reaction, write a balanced half-reaction.</li> <li>Predict the products of an acid-base neutralization reaction and write the complete and net ionic equation for it.</li> </ul>

**Assessments****\*Formative Assessments provided for each subsection.**

Summative Assessments	Benchmark assessments	Alternative Assessments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter/Unit Tests</li> <li>Writing Assignments</li> <li>Lab Reports/Quizzes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Jersey Student Learning Assessment Science (NJSLA)</li> <li>Quarterlies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oral Presentation</li> <li>Video Recording</li> <li>Virtual Labs</li> </ul>

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**What It Looks Like in the Classroom**

In unit 2, students will use their understanding of atomic structure and periodic trends to describe and predict chemical reactions, and the conservations of mass within a system. Students will understand that the total amount of matter in a closed system (including chemical reaction systems) is conserved. Changes of energy and matter in the system can be described in terms of how energy and matter flow into, out of, and within that system. Using this knowledge, and knowledge of the chemical properties of elements, students should be able to describe and predict simple chemical reactions in terms of mass and conversion of kinetic to stored energy.

The mole concept and stoichiometry are used to show proportional relationships between masses of reactants and products. Students should be able to use balanced equations to show mass relationships between reactants and products. Students should also gain an understanding of the use of dimensional analysis to perform mass to mole conversions that demonstrate how mass is conserved during chemical reactions. Focus should be on students' use of mathematics to demonstrate their thinking about proportional relationships among masses of reactants and products and to make connections between the atomic and macroscopic world. Students should use units appropriately and consistently, considering limitations on measurement, for the purpose of descriptive modeling of the proportional relationships between masses of atoms in the reactants and products and the translation of these relationships to the macroscopic scale using the mole as the conversion from the atomic to the macroscopic scale.

To explain the outcomes of chemical reactions using the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and knowledge of the patterns of chemical properties, students should use investigations, simulations, and models of chemical reactions to prove that atoms are conserved. For example, students might observe simple reactions in a closed system and measure the mass before and after the reaction as well as count atoms in reactants and products in chemical formulas. Students should also construct chemical formulas involving main group elements in order to model that atoms are conserved in chemical reactions (the Law of Conservation of Mass). Students need to describe and predict simple chemical reactions, including combustion, involving main group elements. Students should use units when modeling the outcome of chemical reactions. When reporting quantities, students should choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement.

Students should also be able to write a rigorous explanation of the outcome of various chemical reactions (synthesis, decomposition, single replacement, double replacement, acid-base neutralization and oxidation-reduction reactions), using data from their own investigations, models, theories, and simulations. They should strengthen their explanations by drawing and citing evidence from informational text.

- ✓ Students also use the ideas of attraction and repulsion (charges—cations/anions) at the atomic scale to explain transformations of matter—for example, reaction with oxygen, reactivity of metals, types of bonds formed, and number of bonds formed. Students will explain bonding through the patterns in outermost electrons, periodic trends, and chemical properties.

- ✓ Students will use solubility rules, the activity series, and rules for synthesis/decomposition reaction to predict products.

**Connecting with English Language Arts/Literacy***English Language Arts/Literacy*

- Write an explanation for the outcome of a simple chemical reaction based on the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and knowledge of the patterns of chemical properties of elements using well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts; extended definitions; and concrete details from students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, and peer review.
- Develop and strengthen explanations for the outcome of a simple chemical reaction by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and knowledge of the patterns of chemical properties of elements.
- Draw evidence from informational texts about the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and patterns of chemical properties of elements to construct a rigorous explanation of the outcome of a simple chemical reaction.
- Make strategic use of digital media in presentations to enhance understanding of how photosynthesis transforms light energy into stored chemical energy.
- Use digital media in presentations to enhance understanding of the inputs and outputs of the process of cellular respiration.
- Cite specific textual evidence to support how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large, carbon-based molecules.
- Use evidence from multiple sources to clearly communicate an explanation for how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large, carbon-based molecules.
- Revise an explanation for how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large, carbon-based molecules by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant.
- Draw evidence from informational texts to describe how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large, carbon-based molecules.

*Mathematics*

- Use units as a way to understand the outcome of a simple chemical reaction involving main group elements based on the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and knowledge of the patterns of chemical properties. Choose and interpret units consistently in chemical reactions.
- Determine a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities of simple chemical reactions.
- Represent an explanation that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction symbolically and manipulate the representing symbols. Make sense of quantities and relationships about the conservation of atoms and mass during chemical reactions symbolically and manipulate the representing

symbols.

- Use units as a way to understand the conservation of atoms and mass during chemical reactions; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas representing proportional relationships between masses of atoms in the reactants and products and the translation of these relationships to the macroscopic scale using the mole as the conversion from the atomic to the macroscopic scale; choose and interpret the scale and origin in graphs and data displays representing the conservation of atoms and mass in chemical reactions.
- Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling of the proportional relationships between masses of atoms in the reactants and products and the translation of these relationships to the macroscopic scale using the mole as the conversion from the atomic to the macroscopic scale.
- Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities representing proportional relationships between masses of atoms in the reactants and products and the translation of these relationships to the macroscopic scale using the mole as the conversion from the atomic to the macroscopic scale.

### Modifications

*Teacher Note: Teachers identify the modifications that they will use in the unit.*

#### ï ELL

- o Provide opportunities for students to connect with people of similar backgrounds (e.g. conversations via digital tool such as SKYPE, experts from the community helping with a project, journal articles, and biographies).
- o Audio books, movies, and other digital media in lieu of print versions
- o Native language texts and native language to English dictionary

#### ï Special Education

- o Modified assignments (ex: fewer problems per page)
- o Response to Intervention (RTI) ([www.help4teachers.com](http://www.help4teachers.com))
- o Follow all IEP modifications
- o Oral Instructions
- o Record lessons instead of taking notes
- o Outlines of lessons
- o Study Guides with answers

- o Word processor to type notes
- o Frequent breaks
- o Provide students with multiple choices for how they can represent their understandings (e.g. multisensory techniques-auditory/visual aids; pictures, illustrations, graphs, charts, data tables, multimedia, modeling).

**ï Gifted and Talented**

- o Peer Tutoring
- o Cooperative Learning Groups
- o Differentiated Instruction
- o Use project-based science learning to connect science with observable phenomena.
- o Structure the learning around explaining or solving a social or community-based issue.

**Students at Risk of School Failure:**

- Extended Time
- Flexible Grouping
- Small Group Instruction
- Peer Buddies
- Tiered Activities
- Manipulatives
- Graphic Organizers

**504:**

- Utilize graphic organizers to help provide a purpose for reading and increase comprehension
- Assign peer tutor
- Provide clear and specific directions
- Provide class notes ahead of time to allow students to preview material and increase comprehension
- Provide extended time
- Simplify written and verbal instructions

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**Career Readiness Standards**

- 9.2.12.CAP.3: Investigate how continuing education contributes to one's career and personal growth.
- 9.2.12.CAP.5: Assess and modify a personal plan to support current interests and postsecondary plans.

**Research on Student Learning**

Middle- and high-school student thinking about chemical change tends to be dominated by the obvious features of the change. For example, some students think that when something is burned in a closed container, it will weigh more because they see the smoke that was produced. Further, many students do not view chemical changes as interactions. They do not understand that substances can be formed by the recombination of atoms in the original substances. Rather, they see chemical change as the result of a separate change in the original substance, or changes, each one separate, in several original substances. For example, some students see the smoke formed when wood burns as having been driven out of the wood by the flame ([NSDL, 2015](#)).

**Prior Learning***Physical science*

- ï Substances are made from different types of atoms, which combine with one another in various ways. Atoms form molecules that range in size from two to thousands of atoms.
- ï Each pure substance has characteristic physical and chemical properties (for any bulk quantity under given conditions) that can be used to identify it.
- ï Gases and liquids are made of molecules or inert atoms that are moving about relative to each other.
- ï In a liquid, the molecules are constantly in contact with others; in a gas, they are widely spaced except when they happen to collide. In a solid, atoms are closely spaced and may vibrate in position but do not change relative locations.
- ï Solids may be formed from molecules, or they may be extended structures with repeating subunits (e.g., crystals).
- ï The changes of state that occur with variations in temperature or pressure can be described and predicted using these models of matter.
- ï Substances react chemically in characteristic ways. In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules, and these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants. The total number of each type of atom is conserved, and thus the mass does not change.
- ï Some chemical reactions release energy, others store energy.

*Life science*

- ï Plants, algae (including phytoplankton), and many microorganisms use the energy from light to make sugars (food) from carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and water through the process of photosynthesis, which also releases oxygen. These sugars can be used immediately or stored for growth or later use.
- ï Within individual organisms, food moves through a series of chemical reactions in which it is broken down and rearranged to form new molecules, to support growth, or to release energy.
- ï Photosynthesis and cellular respiration (including anaerobic processes) provide most of the energy for life processes.
- ï Photosynthesis and cellular respiration are important components of the carbon cycle, in which carbon is exchanged among the biosphere, atmosphere, oceans, and geosphere through chemical, physical, geological, and biological processes.

**Connections to Other Courses***Physical science*

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- Atoms form molecules that range in size from two to thousands of atoms.
- Each pure substance has characteristic physical and chemical properties (for any bulk quantity under given conditions) that can be used to identify it.
- Gases and liquids are made of molecules or inert atoms that are moving about relative to each other.
- In a liquid, the molecules are constantly in contact with others; in a gas, they are widely spaced except when they happen to collide. In a solid, atoms are closely spaced and may vibrate in position but do not change relative locations.
- Solids may be formed from molecules, or they may be extended structures with repeating subunits (e.g., crystals).
- The changes of state that occur with variations in temperature or pressure can be described and predicted using these models of matter.
- Substances react chemically in characteristic ways. In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules, and these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants. The total number of each type of atom is conserved, and thus the mass does not change.
- Some chemical reactions release energy, others store energy.

*Life science*

- The process of photosynthesis converts light energy to stored chemical energy by converting carbon dioxide plus water into sugars plus released oxygen.
- The sugar molecules thus formed contain carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen: Their hydrocarbon backbones are used to make amino acids and other carbon-based molecules that can be assembled into larger molecules (such as proteins or DNA), used for example to form new cells.

- As matter and energy flow through different organizational levels of living systems, chemical elements are recombined in different ways to form different products.
- Photosynthesis and cellular respiration are important components of the carbon cycle, in which carbon is exchanged among the biosphere, atmosphere, oceans, and geosphere through chemical, physical, geological, and biological processes.
- Cellular respiration is a chemical process in which the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and new compounds are formed that can transport energy to muscles.
- Cellular respiration also releases the energy needed to maintain body temperature despite ongoing energy transfer to the surrounding environment.

#### Sample of Open Education Resources

- [Ionic Bonding Interactive Game](#): Students fit together cations and anions to create ionic compounds.
- [Molecular Geometry](#): Students evaluate how the number of bonds and lone pairs of electrons determine the shape of a molecule.
- [Types of Chemical Reactions](#): Students apply the analogy of dancing to identify different types of reactions.
- [Balancing Chemical Reactions](#): Students demonstrate how to balance a chemical equation.

#### Links to Free and Low Cost Instructional Resources

*Note- The majority of the student sense-making experiences found at these links predate the NGSS. Most will need to be modified to include science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas, and cross cutting concepts. [The EQUiP Rubrics for Science](#) can be used as a blueprint for evaluating and modifying instructional materials.*

- American Association for the Advancement of Science: <http://www.aaas.org/programs>
- American Chemical Society: <http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education.html>
- Concord Consortium: Virtual Simulations: <http://concord.org/>
- International Technology and Engineering Educators Association: <http://www.iteaconnect.org/>
- National Earth Science Teachers Association: <http://www.nestanet.org/php/index.php>
- National Science Digital Library: <https://nsdl.oercommons.org/>

- ï National Science Teachers Association: <http://ngss.nsta.org/Classroom-Resources.aspx>
- ï North American Association for Environmental Education: <http://www.naaee.net/>
- ï Phet: Interactive Simulations <https://phet.colorado.edu/>
- ï Science NetLinks: <http://www.aaas.org/program/science-netlinks>

#### Appendix A: NGSS and Foundations for the Unit

**Construct and revise an explanation for the outcome of a simple chemical reaction based on the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and knowledge of the patterns of chemical properties.** *[Clarification Statement: Examples of chemical reactions could include the reaction of sodium and chlorine, of carbon and oxygen, or of carbon and hydrogen.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to chemical reactions involving main group elements and combustion reactions.] (HS-PS1-2)*

**Use mathematical representations to support the claim that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using mathematical ideas to communicate the proportional relationships between masses of atoms in the reactants and the products, and the translation of these relationships to the macroscopic scale using the mole as the conversion from the atomic to the macroscopic scale. Emphasis is on assessing students' use of mathematical thinking and not on memorization and rote application of problem-solving techniques.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include complex chemical reactions.] (HS-PS1-7)*

**Design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering.** (HS-ETS1-2)

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

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï Use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS1.B: Chemical Reactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fact that atoms are conserved, together with knowledge of the chemical properties of the elements involved, can be used to describe and predict chemical reactions. (HS-PS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS2.D: Weather and Climate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gradual atmospheric changes were due to</li> </ul>	<p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-LS1-5), (HS-LS1-6)</li> <li>ï Energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between</li> </ul>

<p>variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-6)</p>	<p>plants and other organisms that captured carbon dioxide and released oxygen. (HS-ESS2-6)</p> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. (HS-ETS1-3)</li> <li>Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs. (HS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criteria may need to be broken down into simpler ones that can be approached systematically, and decisions about the priority of certain criteria over others (trade-offs) may be needed. (secondary to HS-PS1-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criteria and constraints also include satisfying any requirements set by society, such as taking issues of risk mitigation into account, and they should be quantified to the extent possible and stated in such a way that one can tell if a given design meets them. (HS-ETS1-1)</li> </ul>	<p>systems. (HS-LS1-7)</p>
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	<p>ï Humanity faces major global challenges today, such as the need for supplies of clean water and food or for energy sources that minimize pollution, which can be addressed through engineering. These global challenges also may have manifestations in local communities. (HS-ETS1-1)</p> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <p>ï When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. (HS-ETS1-3)</p> <p>ï Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs. (HS-ETS1-4)</p> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <p>ï Criteria may need to be broken down into simpler ones that can be approached systematically, and decisions about the priority of certain criteria over others (trade-offs) may be needed. (HS-ETS1-2)</p>	
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<p>Embedded English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics Standards</p>	

*English Language Arts/Literacy*

- RST.9-10.7** Translate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text into visual form (e.g., a table or chart) and translate information expressed visually or mathematically (e.g., in an equation) into words. (HS-PS1-1)
- WHST.9-12.5** Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS1-6)
- RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-PS1-5) (HS-LS1-6)
- WHST.9-12.9** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection and research (HS-LS1-6)
- RST.11-12.7** Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-ETS1-1),(HS-ETS1-3)
- RST.11-12.8** Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-ETS1-1),(HS-ETS1-3)
- RST.11-12.9** Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible. (HS-ETS1-1),(HS-ETS1-3)
- WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-PS1-5)
- WHST.9-12.7** Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-PS1-6)

**Unit Summary**

***Why are we so lucky that water has the physical properties that it does?***

***How do the unique physical properties of gases distinguish them from solids and liquids?***

***Why are solutions instrumental in allowing chemical reactions to proceed?***

In this unit of study, students *develop and use models, plan and carry out investigations, analyze and interpret data, and engage in argument from evidence* to make sense of energy as a quantitative property of a system—a property that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system. They will also use the findings of investigations to provide a mechanistic explanation for the core idea that total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system. Additionally, students develop an understanding that energy, at both the macroscopic and the atomic scales, can be accounted for as motions of particles or as energy associated with the configurations (relative positions) of particles.

Students will *develop and use models, plan and carry out investigations, analyze and interpret data, and engage in argument from evidence* to describe the relationship between pressure, temperature, and volume in gases. They will use these relationships to formulate the ideal gas law and then analyze and interpret experimental data.

Students will *develop and use models, plan and carry out investigations, analyze and interpret data, and engage in argument from evidence* to discover how the unique properties of water (i.e. melting point, density of solid and liquid phases) provide the framework for life and our world as we know it. Emphasis will then shift to water's role as a universal solvent and the importance that this plays in chemical reactions (especially acid-base reactions).

Students will plan and carry out investigations that include creating an aqueous solution, evaluating its colligative properties and observing the outcomes of various chemical reactions.

Students apply their understanding of energy to explain the role that water plays in affecting weather. Students examine the ways that human activities cause feedback that create changes to other systems. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in *developing and using models, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, engaging in argument from evidence, and using these practices to demonstrate understanding of core ideas*. Students also develop possible solutions for major global problems. They begin by breaking these problems into smaller problems that can be tackled with engineering methods. To evaluate potential solutions, students are expected not only to consider a wide range of criteria, but also to recognize that criteria need to be prioritized.

This unit is based on HS-PS3-4, HS-ESS2-5, HS-ESS3-2, and HS-ETS1-3.

**Student Learning Objectives**

**Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that the transfer of thermal energy when two components of different temperature are combined within a closed system results in a more uniform energy distribution among the components in the system (second law of thermodynamics).** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on analyzing data from student investigations and using mathematical thinking to describe the energy changes both quantitatively and conceptually. Examples of investigations could include mixing liquids at different initial temperatures or adding objects at different temperatures to water.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to investigations based on materials and tools provided to students.] (HS-PS3-4)*

**Communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.\*** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the attractive and repulsive forces that determine the functioning of the material. Examples could include why electrically conductive materials are often made of metal, flexible but durable materials are made up of long chained molecules, and pharmaceuticals are designed to interact with specific*

<i>receptors.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided molecular structures of specific designed materials.] (HS-PS2-6)</i>
<b>Plan and conduct an investigation to gather evidence to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.</b> <i>[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on understanding the strengths of forces between particles, not on naming specific intermolecular forces (such as dipole-dipole). Examples of particles could include ions, atoms, molecules, and networked materials (such as graphite). Examples of bulk properties of substances could include the melting point and boiling point.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Raoult's law calculations of vapor pressure.] (HS-PS1-3)</i>
<b>Suggested labs for this standard:</b> Ask students to design an investigation of physical properties of simple substances. Goal: Students should conclude from their investigation that some substances (i.e. salt and sugar) melt at different temperatures, some freeze at different temperatures, some flow at different rates. Do not discuss ionic and covalent bonding here, but more simply the difference in physical properties.
<b>Plan and conduct an investigation of the properties of water and its effects on Earth materials and surface processes.</b> <i>[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on physical investigations with water and a variety of solid materials. Examples of investigations include solubility, weathering and recrystallization (by testing the solubility of different materials) or melt generation (by examining how water lowers the melting temperature of most solids).] (HS-ESS2-5)</i>
<b>Evaluate competing design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources based on cost-benefit ratios.*</b> <i>[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the conservation, recycling, and reuse of resources (such as minerals and metals) where possible, and on minimizing impacts where it is not. Examples include developing best practices for agricultural soil use, mining (for coal, tar sands, and oil shales), and pumping (for petroleum and natural gas). Science knowledge indicates what can happen in natural systems—not what should happen.] (HS-ESS3-2)</i>
<b>Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and trade-offs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts.</b> (HS-ETS1-3)
<b>Use a computer simulation to model the impact of proposed solutions to a complex real-world problem with numerous criteria and constraints on interactions within and between systems relevant to the problem.</b> (HS-ETS1-4)

<b>Part A (5 days) : How can I use the properties of something (in bulk quantities) to predict what is happening with the subatomic particles?</b>	
<b>Concepts</b>	<b>Formative Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms.</li> <li>Attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale explain the structure, properties, and transformations of matter, as well as the contact forces between material objects.</li> <li>Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data that can serve as the basis for evidence for comparing the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles. In the investigation design, decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements; consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time); and refine the design accordingly.</li> <li>Use patterns in the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the</li> </ul>

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<b>Part B (10 days): Does thermal energy always transfer or transform in predictable ways?</b>	
<b>Concepts</b>	<b>Formative Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï When investigating or describing a system, the boundaries and initial conditions of the system need to be defined and their inputs and outputs analyzed and described using models.</li> <li>ï Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems.</li> <li>ï Uncontrolled systems always move toward more stable states—that is, toward a more uniform energy distribution.</li> <li>ï Although energy cannot be destroyed, it can be converted into less useful forms—for example, to thermal energy in the surrounding environment.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï Plan and conduct an investigation individually or collaboratively to produce data on transfer of thermal energy in a closed system that can serve as a basis for evidence of uniform energy distribution among components of a system when two components of different temperatures are combined.</li> <li>ï Use models to describe a system and define its boundaries, initial conditions, inputs, and outputs.</li> <li>ï Design an investigation to produce data on transfer of thermal energy in a closed system that can serve as a basis for evidence of uniform energy distribution among components of a system when two components of different temperatures are combined, considering types, how much, and the accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements.</li> <li>ï Consider the limitations of the precision of the data collected and refine the design accordingly</li> </ul>

<b>Part C (15 days): What are the properties of gases and what factors affect it?</b>	
<b>Concepts</b>	<b>Formative Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï An ideal gas is one whose particles do not interact with one another</li> <li>ï The volume of any gas at Standard Temperature and Pressure is the same.</li> <li>ï The variables of a gas can be related either directly or indirectly.</li> <li>ï The ideal gas law can be used to analyze data in experimental conditions</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï Create and interpret graphs to determine the relationship (direct or indirect) between temperature, pressure and volume.</li> <li>ï Perform stoichiometric calculations using the ideal gas law for gases at STP and gases at varying temperature and pressure.</li> <li>ï Discuss how changing one variable of a gas (i.e. volume, temperature, pressure, amount) will affect the other variables.</li> </ul>

**Part D (5 days):** I want to do the right thing, what is the greener choice for *grocery bags (paper or plastic/reusable vs. disposable); cold drink containers (plastic, glass, or aluminum); or hot drink containers (paper, Styrofoam, or ceramic)?* [Clarification: Students should have the opportunity to select the product and use the Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) to make an evidence-based claim.]

Concepts	Formative Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms.</li> <li>• Attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale explain the structure, properties, and transformations of matter, as well as the contact forces between material objects.</li> <li>• When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts.</li> <li>• Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs.</li> <li>• Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular - level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.</li> <li>• Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on scientific knowledge, student generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoffs considerations to determine why the molecular level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.</li> <li>• Use mathematical models and/or computer simulations to show why the molecular level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.</li> <li>• Communicate scientific and technical information about the attractive and repulsive forces that determine the functioning of the material.</li> <li>• Use mathematical models and/or computer simulations to show the attractive and repulsive forces that determine the functioning of the material.</li> <li>• Examine in detail the properties of designed materials, the structure of the components of designed materials, and the connections of the components to reveal the function.</li> <li>• Use models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) to simulate systems of designed materials and interactions--including energy, matter, and information flows--within and between designed materials at different scales.</li> </ul>

<b>Part E (5 days):</b> <i>What makes water's properties essential to life on our planet? Why are aqueous solutions important to chemical reactions?</i>	
<b>Concepts</b>	<b>Formative Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The abundance of liquid water on Earth's surface and its unique combination of physical and chemical properties are central to the planet's dynamics.</li> <li>The functions and properties of water and water systems can be inferred from the overall structure, the way the components are shaped and used, and the molecular substructure.</li> <li>These properties include water's exceptional capacity to absorb, store, and release large amounts of energy; transmit sunlight; expand upon freezing; dissolve and transport materials; and lower the viscosities and melting points of rocks.</li> <li>Most ionic solutes and some molecular solutes form aqueous solutions that allow for the formation of new substances.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively of the properties of water and its effects on Earth materials and surface processes.</li> <li>Use models to describe a hydrological system and define its boundaries, initial conditions, inputs, and outputs.</li> <li>Design an investigation considering the types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements.</li> <li>Consider the limitations on the precision of the data collected and refine the design accordingly.</li> <li>Design an investigation in which ionic solutes and molecular solutes in solution are manipulated to form new substances.</li> </ul>

<b>Assessments</b>		
<b>*Formative Assessments provided for each subsection.</b>		
<b>Summative Assessments</b>	<b>Benchmark assessments</b>	<b>Alternative Assessments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter/Unit Tests</li> <li>Writing Assignments</li> <li>Lab Reports/Quizzes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Jersey Student Learning Assessment Science (NJSLA)</li> <li>Quarterlies</li> <li>Performance Assessments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oral Presentation</li> <li>Video Recording</li> <li>Virtual Labs</li> </ul>

<b>What It Looks Like in the Classroom</b>
<p>In this unit of study, students continue to investigate how the substructure of substances at the bulk scale infers the strength of electrical forces between particles. Students should plan and conduct investigations illustrating how the structure and interactions of matter determine the properties at the bulk amount. These investigations must take into account the accuracy of data required to produce reliable information and consider limitations on the precision of the data.</p> <p>Students should also plan and conduct investigations using attraction and repulsion (charges—cations/anions) at the atomic scale to explain the structure of matter at the bulk scale. For example, students could investigate how the strength of forces between particles is dependent on particle type (ions, atoms, molecules,</p>

networked materials [allotropes]). Students should also examine crystal structures and amorphous structures.

Students could further investigate the role of attraction and repulsion at the atomic scale by investigating melting point and boiling point. Students could plan and conduct an investigation using attraction and repulsion at the atomic scale to explain transformations of matter at the bulk scale—for example, collecting data to create cooling and heating curves.

Students might also conduct research projects to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale and use this research to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles. Information should be gathered from multiple reliable sources and used to support claims. Any data reported should include appropriate units while considering limitations on measurements.

In this unit of study, students begin building their understanding of the law of conservation of energy by planning and conducting investigations of thermal energy transfer. Students should investigate and describe a system focusing specifically on thermal energy transfer in a closed system. These investigations will provide opportunities for students to use models that can be made of a variety of materials, such as student-generated drawings and/or digital simulations, such as those available from [PhET](#). These models can be used to describe a system, and define its boundaries, initial conditions, inputs, and outputs.

Students should have the opportunity to ask and refine questions, using specific textual evidence, about the energy distribution in a system. Students should collect relevant data from several sources, including their own investigations, and synthesize their findings into a coherent understanding.

Using the knowledge that energy cannot be created or destroyed, students should create computational or mathematical models to calculate the change in the energy in one component of a system when the change in energy of the other component(s) and energy flows in and out of the systems are known. In order to do this, students should manipulate variables in specific heat calculations. For example, students can use data collected from simple Styrofoam calorimeters to investigate the mixing of water at different initial temperatures or the adding of objects at different temperatures to water to serve as a basis for evidence of uniform energy distribution among components of a system. Students might conduct an investigation using different materials such as various metals, glass, and rock samples. Using the specific heat values for these substances, students could create mathematical models to represent the energy distribution in a system, identify important quantities in energy distribution, map relationships, and analyze those relationships mathematically to draw conclusions.

These investigations will allow students to collect data to show that energy is transported from one place to another or transferred between systems, and that uncontrolled systems always move toward more stable states with more uniform energy distribution. Students should also observe during investigations that energy can be converted into less useful forms, such as thermal energy released to the surrounding environment. During the design and implementation of investigations, students must consider the precision and accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement of the data collected and refine their design accordingly.

In this unit of study, students will build their understanding of gases, and how they behave differently than solids and liquids. Students will *develop and use models, plan and carry out investigations, analyze and interpret data, and engage in argument from evidence* to evaluate the relationships between volume, temperature and pressure. Students will use this knowledge to develop the ideal gas law, and use it in calculations of experimental data.

This unit will also focus on the planning and conducting of mechanical and chemical investigations of water. Properties to be investigated should include water's exceptional capacity to absorb, store, and release large amounts of energy; transmit sunlight; expand upon freezing; dissolve and transport materials; and lower the viscosities and melting points of rocks. This focus is particularly important since water's abundance on Earth's surface, and its unique combination of physical and chemical properties, are central to the planet's dynamics.

This unit will conclude with a study of solutions. Students will *develop and use models, plan and carry out investigations, analyze and interpret data, and engage in argument from evidence* to create aqueous solutions of particular concentrations. Students will then plan and conduct investigations to evaluate the properties of a solution and how the presence of a solute affects the boiling point and melting point of the solution. (colligative properties).

**Optional:** Students might also conduct research projects to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale and use this research to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles. Information should be gathered from multiple reliable sources and used to support claims. Any data reported should include appropriate units while considering limitations on measurements.

### ***Suggested Integration of Engineering***

In this unit, students consider communicating scientific and technical information about why the molecular level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials. Students evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem, such as electrically conductive materials made of metal, plastics made of organic polymers, or pharmaceuticals designed for specific biological targets, and then use a computer simulation to model the impact of that solution.

As students consider communicating scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials, the focus should be on attractive and repulsive forces. Students might research information about Life Cycle Analysis (LCA), which examines every part of the production, use, and final disposal of a product. LCA requires that students examine the inputs (raw materials and energy) required to manufacture products, as well as the outputs (atmospheric emissions, waterborne wastes, solid wastes, coproducts, and other resources). This allows them to make connections between molecular-level structure and product functionality. Students should evaluate the LCA process and communicate a solution to a real-world problem, such as the environmental impact of different types of grocery bags (paper or plastic/reusable vs. disposable), cold drink containers (plastic, glass, or aluminum), or hot drink containers (paper, Styrofoam, or ceramic). They should base their solution to their chosen real-world problem on prioritized criteria and tradeoffs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts.

Students should then use technology to present a life-cycle-stage model that considers the LCA and typical inputs and outputs measured for their real-world problem. Students need to consider the properties of various materials (e.g. Molar mass, solubility, and bonding) to decide what materials to use for what purposes, inputs and outputs measured for their real-world problem. Students must consider the properties of various materials (e.g. solubility, bonding) to decide which materials to use for which purposes. When students have properties appropriate for the final use, they will be able to consider material uses in LCAs to determine if they are environmentally appropriate. For further reference, see ChemMatters, February 2014, "It's Not Easy Being Green, Or Is It?" at [www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/resources/highschool/chemmatters.html](http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/resources/highschool/chemmatters.html).

To gain a more complete understanding, students might conduct short or more sustained research projects to determine how the properties of water affect Earth materials and surface processes. Once students have an understanding of the conservation of energy and the properties of water that allow it to absorb, store, and release large amounts of energy, the unit will transition to an engineering design problem.

Working from the premise that all forms of energy production and other resource extraction have associated economic, social, environmental, and geopolitical costs, risks, and benefits, students will use cost-benefit ratios to evaluate competing design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources.

For example, students might investigate the real-world technique of using hydraulic fracturing to extract natural gas from shale deposits versus other traditional means of acquiring energy from natural resources. Students will synthesize information from a range of sources into a coherent understanding of competing design

solutions for extracting and utilizing energy and mineral resources. As students evaluate competing design solutions, they should consider that new technologies could have deep impacts on society and the environment, including some that were not anticipated. Some of these impacts could raise ethical issues for which science does not provide answers or solutions. In their evaluations, students should make sense of quantities and relationships associated with developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources. Mathematical models can be used to explain their evaluations. Students might represent their understanding by conducting a Socratic seminar as a way to present opposing views. Students should consider and discuss decisions about designs in scientific, social, and cultural contexts.

### Connecting with English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics

#### *English Language Arts/Literacy*

- Translate information from the periodic table about the patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms into words that describe the relative properties of elements.
  - Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions of competing design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources based on cost–benefit ratios, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other design solutions.
  - Integrate and evaluate multiple design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources based on cost–benefit ratios in order to reveal meaningful patterns and trends.
  - Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions of competing design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources based on cost–benefit ratios, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other design solutions.
  - Synthesize data from multiple sources of information in order to create data sets that inform design decisions and create a coherent understanding of developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources.
- Cite specific textual evidence comparing the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.
  - Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale and use this research to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.
  - Gather applicable information from multiple reliable sources to support the claim that electrical forces between particles can be used to explain the structure of substances at the bulk scale.
  - Develop evidence comparing the structure of substances at the bulk scale and the strength of electrical forces between particles.

#### *Mathematics*

- Use symbols to represent energy distribution in a system when two components of different temperature are combined, and manipulate the representing symbols. Make sense of quantities and relationships in the energy distribution in a system when two components of different temperature are combined.

- Use a mathematical model to describe energy distribution in a system when two components of different temperature are combined. Identify important quantities in energy distribution in a system when two components of different temperature are combined and map their relationships using tools. Analyze those relationships mathematically to draw conclusions, reflecting on the results and improving the model if it has not served its purpose.
- Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities of the properties of water and their effects on Earth materials and surface processes.
- Use symbols to represent an explanation of the best of multiple design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources and manipulate the representing symbols. Make sense of quantities and relationships in cost–benefit ratios for multiple design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources symbolically and manipulate the representing symbols.
- Use a mathematical model to explain the evaluation of multiple design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources. Identify important quantities in cost–benefit ratios for multiple design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources and map their relationships using tools. Analyze those relationships mathematically to draw conclusions, reflecting on the results and improving the model if it has not served its purpose.

#### Modifications

*Teacher Note: Teachers identify the modifications that they will use in the unit.*

#### İ ELL

- o Provide opportunities for students to connect with people of similar backgrounds (e.g. conversations via digital tool such as SKYPE, experts from the community helping with a project, journal articles, and biographies).
- o Audio books, movies, and other digital media in lieu of print versions
- o Native language texts and native language to English dictionary

#### İ Special Education

- o Modified assignments (ex: fewer problems per page)
- o Response to Intervention (RTI) ([www.help4teachers.com](http://www.help4teachers.com))
- o Follow all IEP modifications
- o Oral Instructions
- o Record lessons instead of taking notes
- o Outlines of lessons
- o Study Guides with answers
- o Word processor to type notes
- o Frequent breaks

- o Provide students with multiple choices for how they can represent their understandings (e.g. multisensory techniques-auditory/visual aids; pictures, illustrations, graphs, charts, data tables, multimedia, modeling).

**ï Gifted and Talented**

- o Peer Tutoring
- o Cooperative Learning Groups
- o Differentiated Instruction
- o Use project-based science learning to connect science with observable phenomena.
- o Structure the learning around explaining or solving a social or community-based issue.

**Students at Risk of School Failure:**

- Extended Time
- Flexible Grouping
- Small Group Instruction
- Peer Buddies
- Tiered Activities
- Manipulatives
- Graphic Organizers

**504:**

- Utilize graphic organizers to help provide a purpose for reading and increase comprehension
- Assign peer tutor
- Provide clear and specific directions
- Provide class notes ahead of time to allow students to preview material and increase comprehension
- Provide extended time
- Simplify written and verbal instructions

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**Career Readiness Standards**

- 9.2.12.CAP.3: Investigate how continuing education contributes to one's career and personal growth.
- 9.2.12.CAP.5: Assess and modify a personal plan to support current interests and postsecondary plans.

**Research on Student Learning**

Students of all ages show a wide range of beliefs about the nature and behavior of particles. They lack an appreciation of the very small size of particles; believe there must be something in the space between particles; have difficulty in appreciating the intrinsic motion of particles in solids, liquids and gases; and have problems in conceptualizing forces between particles ([NSDL, 2015](#)).

#### Prior Learning

Prior to entering the chemistry course, students should understand:

##### *Physical science*

- Substances are made from different types of atoms, which combine with one another in various ways.
- Atoms form molecules that range in size from two atoms to thousands of atoms.
- Each pure substance has characteristic physical and chemical properties (for any bulk quantity under given conditions) that can be used to identify it.
- Gases and liquids are made of molecules or inert atoms that are moving about relative to each other.
- In a liquid, the molecules are constantly in contact with others.
- In a gas, the molecules are widely spaced except when they happen to collide.
- In a solid, atoms are closely spaced and may vibrate in position but do not change relative locations.
- Solids may be formed from molecules or they may be extended structures with repeating subunits (e.g., crystals).
- The changes of state that occur with variations in temperature or pressure can be described and predicted using these models of matter.
- Substances react chemically in characteristic ways.
- In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules, and these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants.
- The total number of each type of atom is conserved, and thus the mass does not change.
- Some chemical reactions release energy, whereas others store energy.
- The abundance of liquid water on Earth's surface and its unique combination of physical and chemical properties are central to the planet's dynamics.
- These physical and chemical properties include water's exceptional capacity to absorb, store, and release large amounts of energy; transmit sunlight; expand

upon freezing; dissolve and transport materials; and lower the viscosities and melting point of rocks.

#### Connections to Other Courses

##### *Physical science*

- Each atom has a charged substructure consisting of a nucleus made of protons and neutrons and surrounded by electrons.
- The periodic table orders elements horizontally by the number of protons in the nucleus of each element's atoms and places elements with similar chemical properties in columns. The repeating patterns of this table reflect patterns of outer electron states.
- The structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms.
- A stable molecule has less energy than does the same set of atoms separated; at least this much energy is required in order to take the molecule apart.
- Chemical processes, their rates, and whether or not they store or release energy can be understood in terms of the collisions of molecules and the rearrangements of atoms into new molecules, with consequent changes in the sum of all bond energies in the set of molecules that are matched by changes in kinetic energy.
- In many situations, a dynamic and condition-dependent balance between a reaction and the reverse reaction determines the numbers of all types of molecules present.
- The fact that atoms are conserved in chemical reactions, together with knowledge of the chemical properties of the elements involved, can be used to describe and predict chemical reactions.
- Conservation of energy means that the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system.
- Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems.
- Mathematical expressions, which quantify how the energy stored in a system depends on its configuration (e.g., relative positions of charged particles, compression of a spring) and how kinetic energy depends on mass and speed, allow the concept of conservation of energy to be used to predict and describe system behavior.
- The availability of energy limits what can occur in any system.
- Uncontrolled systems always evolve toward more stable states—that is, toward more uniform energy distribution (e.g., water flows downhill, objects hotter than their surrounding environment cool down).
- Although energy cannot be destroyed, it can be converted to less useful forms—for example, to thermal energy in the surrounding environment.

##### *Life Science*

- Ecosystems have carrying capacities, which are limits to the numbers of organisms and populations they can support. These limits result from such factors as the availability of living and nonliving resources and from such challenges such as predation, competition, and disease. Organisms would have the capacity to produce populations of great size were it not for the fact that environments and resources are finite. This fundamental tension affects the abundance (number of individuals) of species in any given ecosystem.

*Earth and space science*

- The abundance of liquid water on Earth's surface and its unique combination of physical and chemical properties are central to the planet's dynamics. These properties include water's exceptional capacity to absorb, store, and release large amounts of energy, transmit sunlight, expand upon freezing, dissolve and transport materials, and lower the viscosities and melting points of rocks.

**Sample of Open Education Resources**

[Energy Forms and Changes](#): This simulation allows students to investigate thermal energy transfer.

[Heating and Cooling Curves](#): Students evaluate the spacing and energy of particles in different phases.

[States of Matter](#): Illustration of properties of a substance as a solid, liquid and gas.

[Intermolecular Forces](#): Students evaluate how Coulombic Attraction is affected by the number of valence electrons and principal energy levels.

**Links to Free and Low Cost Instructional Resources**

*Note- The majority of the student sense-making experiences found at these links predate the NGSS. Most will need to be modified to include science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas, and cross cutting concepts. [The EQuIP Rubrics for Science](#) can be used as a blueprint for evaluating and modifying instructional materials.*

- American Association for the Advancement of Science: <http://www.aaas.org/programs>
- American Association of Physics Teachers: <http://www.aapt.org/resources/>
- American Chemical Society: <http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education.html>
- Concord Consortium: Virtual Simulations: <http://concord.org/>
- International Technology and Engineering Educators Association: <http://www.iteaconnect.org/>
- National Earth Science Teachers Association: <http://www.nestanet.org/php/index.php>
- National Science Digital Library: <https://nsdl.oercommons.org/>
- National Science Teachers Association: <http://ngss.nsta.org/Classroom-Resources.aspx>
- North American Association for Environmental Education: <http://www.naaee.net/>
- Phet: Interactive Simulations <https://phet.colorado.edu/>
- Physics Union Mathematics (PUM): <http://pum.rutgers.edu/>
- Science NetLinks: <http://www.aaas.org/program/science-netlinks>

## Appendix A: NGSS and Foundations for the Unit

**Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that the transfer of thermal energy when two components of different temperature are combined within a closed system results in a more uniform energy distribution among the components in the system (second law of thermodynamics).** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on analyzing data from student investigations and using mathematical thinking to describe the energy changes both quantitatively and conceptually. Examples of investigations could include mixing liquids at different initial temperatures or adding objects at different temperatures to water.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to investigations based on materials and tools provided to students.]* (HS-PS3-4)

**Plan and conduct an investigation of the properties of water and its effects on Earth materials and surface processes.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on mechanical and chemical investigations with water and a variety of solid materials to provide the evidence for connections between the hydrologic cycle and system interactions commonly known as the rock cycle. Examples of mechanical investigations include stream transportation and deposition using a stream table, erosion using variations in soil moisture content, or frost wedging by the expansion of water as it freezes. Examples of chemical investigations include chemical weathering and recrystallization (by testing the solubility of different materials) or melt generation (by examining how water lowers the melting temperature of most solids).]* (HS-ESS2-5)

**Plan and conduct an investigation to gather evidence to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on understanding the strengths of forces between particles, not on naming specific intermolecular forces (such as dipole-dipole). Examples of particles could include ions, atoms, molecules, and networked materials (such as graphite). Examples of bulk properties of substances could include the melting point and boiling point..] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Raoult's law calculations of vapor pressure.]* (HS-PS1-3)

**Communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.\*** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the attractive and repulsive forces that determine the functioning of the material. Examples could include why electrically conductive materials are often made of metal, flexible but durable materials are made up of long chained molecules, and pharmaceuticals are designed to interact with specific receptors.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided molecular structures of specific designed materials.]* (HS-PS2-6)

**Evaluate competing design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources based on cost-benefit ratios.\*** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the conservation, recycling, and reuse of resources (such as minerals and metals) where possible, and on minimizing impacts where it is not. Examples include developing best practices for agricultural soil use, mining (for coal, tar sands, and oil shales), and pumping (for petroleum and natural gas). Science knowledge indicates what can happen in natural systems—not what should happen.]* (HS-ESS3-2)

**Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and tradeoffs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts.** *[Clarification Statement: See Three-Dimensional Teaching and Learning Section for examples].* (HS-ETS1-3)

**Use a computer simulation to model the impact of proposed solutions to a complex real-world problem with numerous criteria and constraints on interactions within and between systems relevant to the problem.** (HS-ETS1-4)

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

Science and Engineering Practices

Disciplinary Core Ideas

Crosscutting Concepts

<p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b></p> <p>ï Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-PS3-4)</p> <p><b>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</b></p> <p>ï Evaluate competing design solutions to a real-world problem based on scientific ideas and principles, empirical evidence, and logical arguments regarding relevant factors (e.g. economic, societal, environmental, ethical considerations). (HS-ESS3-2)</p> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b></p> <p>ï Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-ESS2-5)</p> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>ï Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-ETS1-3)</p> <p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a model to predict the relationships between systems or between components of a</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer</b></p> <p>ï Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems. (HS-PS3-4)</p> <p>ï Uncontrolled systems always evolve toward more stable states—that is, toward more uniform energy distribution (e.g., water flows downhill, objects hotter than their surrounding environment cool down). (HS-PS3-4)</p> <p><b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes</b></p> <p>ï Although energy cannot be destroyed, it can be converted to less useful forms—for example, to thermal energy in the surrounding environment. (HS-PS3-4)</p> <p><b>ESS3.A: Natural Resources</b></p> <p>ï All forms of energy production and other resource extraction have associated economic, social, environmental, and geopolitical costs and risks as well as benefits. New technologies and social regulations can change the balance of these factors. (HS-ESS3-2)</p> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <p>ï When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. (<i>secondary to HS-ESS3-2</i>),(<i>secondary HS-ESS3-4</i>)</p> <p><b>ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes</b></p> <p>ï The abundance of liquid water on Earth's surface and its unique combination of physical and chemical properties are central to the planet's dynamics. These properties include water's exceptional capacity to absorb, store, and</p>	<p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <p>ï When investigating or describing a system, the boundaries and initial conditions of the system need to be defined and their inputs and outputs analyzed and described using models. (HS-PS3-4)</p> <p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <p>ï The functions and properties of natural and designed objects and systems can be inferred from their overall structure, the way their components are shaped and used, and the molecular substructures of its various materials. (HS-ESS2-5)</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <p>ï Analysis of costs and benefits is a critical aspect of decisions about technology. (HS-ESS3-2)</p> <p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <p>ï New technologies can have deep impacts on society and the environment, including some that were not anticipated. Analysis of costs and benefits is a critical aspect of decisions about technology. (HS-ETS1-1) (HS-ETS1-3)</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World</b></p> <p>ï Science and technology may raise ethical issues for which science, by itself, does not provide</p>
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<p>system. (HS-PS1-1)</p> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-PS1-2)</li> <li>Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate scientific and technical information (e.g. about the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-PS2-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use mathematical models and/or computer simulations to predict the effects of a design solution on systems and/or the interactions</li> </ul>	<p>release large amounts of energy, transmit sunlight, expand upon freezing, dissolve and transport materials, and lower the viscosities and melting points of rocks. (HS-ESS2-5)</p> <p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criteria and constraints also include satisfying any requirements set by society, such as taking issues of risk mitigation into account, and they should be quantified to the extent possible and stated in such a way that one can tell if a given design meets them. (HS-ETS1-1)</li> <li>Humanity faces major global challenges today, such as the need for supplies of clean water and food or for energy sources that minimize pollution, which can be addressed through engineering. These global challenges also may have manifestations in local communities. (HS-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. (HS-ETS1-3)</li> <li>Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs. (HS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criteria may need to be broken down into</li> </ul>	<p>answers and solutions. (HS-ESS3-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science knowledge indicates what can happen in natural systems—not what should happen. The latter involves ethics, values, and human decisions about the use of knowledge. (HS-ESS3-2)</li> <li>Many decisions are not made using science alone, but rely on social and cultural contexts to resolve issues. (HS-ESS3-2)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena. (HS-PS1-1),(HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigating or designing new systems or structures requires a detailed examination of the properties of different materials, the structures of different components, and connections of components to reveal its function and/or solve a problem. (HS-PS2-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows— within and between systems at different scales. (HS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <p>New technologies can have deep impacts on society</p>
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<p>between systems. (HS-ETS1-4)</p>	<p>simpler ones that can be approached systematically, and decisions about the priority of certain criteria over others (trade-offs) may be needed. (HS-ETS1-2)</p> <p><b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms. (<i>secondary to HS-PS2-6</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS2.B: Types of Interactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale explain the structure, properties, and transformations of matter, as well as the contact forces between material objects. (<i>secondary to HS-PS1-1</i>),(<i>secondary to HS-PS1-3</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. (HS-ETS1-3)</li> <li>Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs. (HS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul>	<p>and the environment, including some that were not anticipated. Analysis of costs and benefits is a critical aspect of decisions about technology. (HS-ETS1-1) (HS-ETS1-3)</p>
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<b>Embedded English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics</b>	
English Language Arts/Literacy –	

- RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-PS3-4),(HS-ESS3-2) (HS-PS1-3)
- RST.11-12.7** Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-ETS1-3)
- RST.11-12.8** Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-ESS3-2),(HS-PS3-4),(HS-ETS1-3)
- RST.11-12.9** Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible. (HS-ETS1-3)
- WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes. (HS-PS1-2)
- WHST.9-12.5** Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-PS1-2, (HS-ETS1-3)
- WHST.9-12.7** Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-PS3-4), (HSESS2-5) (HS-PS1-3)
- WHST.11-12.8** Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (HS-PS1-3) (HS-ETS1-3)
- WHST.9-12.9** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-PS3-4) (HS-PS1-3)(HS-ETS1-3)
- SL.11-12.5** Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest (HS-PS1-4)
- Mathematics –*
- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-PS3-4),(HS-ESS3-2),(HS-ETS1-3) (HS-ETS1-4)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-PS3-4), (HS-ETS1-3) (HS-ETS1-4)
- HSN-Q.A.1** Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-PS1-2), (HS-PS1-3)

## Unit Summary

***How is energy transferred within a system?***

***How does a system reach chemical equilibrium?***

***How will a system respond to a disturbance?***

Students will understand energy as a quantitative property of a system—a property that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system. They will also understand that the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system. Students develop an understanding that energy, at both the macroscopic and the atomic scales, can be accounted for as motions of particles or as energy associated with the configurations (relative positions) of particles.

In this unit of study, students *develop and using models, plan and conduct investigations, use mathematical thinking, and construct explanations and design solutions* as they develop an understanding of the substructure of atoms and to provide more mechanistic explanations of the properties of substances. Chemical reactions, including rates of reactions and energy changes, can be understood by students at this level in terms of the collisions of molecules and the rearrangements of atoms. Students also apply an understanding of the process of *optimization and engineering design* to chemical reaction systems. The crosscutting concepts of *patterns, energy and matter, and stability and change* are the organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in *developing and using models, planning and conducting investigations, using mathematical thinking, and constructing explanations and designing solutions*.

Students will understand equilibrium as opposing processes that occur at the same time at the same rate. In systems that have attained chemical equilibrium, the relative amounts of reactants and products stay the same. But changes in pressure, concentration or temperature can alter the equilibrium position and thereby change the relative amounts of reactants and products. Students will *develop and use models, plan and conduct investigations, use mathematical thinking, and construct explanations* as they predict how an equilibrium shifts in response to changes in pressure, temperature and concentration.

## Student Learning Objectives

**Develop a model to illustrate that the release or absorption of energy from a chemical reaction system depends upon the changes in total bond energy.**

*[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that a chemical reaction is a system that affects the energy change. Examples of models could include molecular-level drawings and diagrams of reactions, graphs showing the relative energies of reactants and products, and representations showing energy is conserved.]*

*[Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include calculating the total bond energy changes during a chemical reaction from the bond energies of reactants and products.] (HS-PS1-4)*

**Apply scientific principles and evidence to provide an explanation about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on student reasoning that focuses on the number and energy of collisions between molecules.]*

*[Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to simple reactions in which there are only two reactants; evidence from temperature, concentration, and rate data; and qualitative relationships between rate and temperature.] (HS-PS1-5)*

**Refine the design of a chemical system by specifying a change in conditions that would produce increased amounts of products at equilibrium.\*** *[Clarification*

*Statement: Emphasis is on the application of Le Chatlier's Principle and on refining designs of chemical reaction systems, including descriptions of the connection between changes made at the macroscopic level and what happens at the molecular level. Examples of designs could include different ways to increase product formation including adding reactants or removing products.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to specifying the change in only one variable at a time. Assessment does not include calculating equilibrium constants and concentrations.] (HS-PS1-6)*

**Part A (10 days): Does thermal energy always transfer or transform in predictable ways?**

Concepts	Formative Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï When investigating or describing a system, the boundaries and initial conditions of the system need to be defined and their inputs and outputs analyzed and described using models.</li> <li>ï Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems.</li> <li>ï Uncontrolled systems always move toward more stable states—that is, toward a more uniform energy distribution.</li> <li>ï Although energy cannot be destroyed, it can be converted into less useful forms—for example, to thermal energy in the surrounding environment.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï Plan and conduct an investigation individually or collaboratively to produce data on transfer of thermal energy in a closed system that can serve as a basis for evidence of uniform energy distribution among components of a system when two components of different temperatures are combined.</li> <li>ï Use models to describe a system and define its boundaries, initial conditions, inputs, and outputs.</li> <li>ï Design an investigation to produce data on transfer of thermal energy in a closed system that can serve as a basis for evidence of uniform energy distribution among components of a system when two components of different temperatures are combined, considering types, how much, and the accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements.</li> <li>ï Consider the limitations of the precision of the data collected and refine the design accordingly</li> </ul>

**Part B (5 days): How does energy flow in a chemical reaction?**

Concepts	Formative Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The total amount of energy in closed systems is conserved.</li> <li>● The total amount of energy in a chemical reaction system is conserved.</li> <li>● Changes of energy in a system can be described in terms of how energy flows into, out of, and within that system.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï Use the fact that energy is conserved to describe and predict energy flow in chemical reactions.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes of energy in a chemical reaction system can be described in terms of how energy flows into, out of, and within that system.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe changes of energy and matter in a chemical reaction system in terms of how energy flows into, out of, and within that system.</li> </ul>
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<b>Part C (10 days):</b> <i>What is different inside a heat pack and a cold pack?</i>	
<b>Concepts</b>	<b>Formative Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A stable molecule has less energy than the same set of atoms separated; at least this much energy must be provided in order to take the molecule apart.</li> <li>Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system.</li> <li>Changes of energy and matter in a chemical reaction system can be described in terms of collisions of molecules and the rearrangements of atoms into new molecules, with subsequent changes in the sum of all bond energies in the set of molecules that are matched by changes in kinetic energy.</li> <li>Chemical processes, their rates, and whether or not energy is stored or released can be understood in terms of the collisions of molecules and the rearrangements of atoms into new molecules, with consequent changes in the sum of all bond energies in the set of molecules that are matched by changes in kinetic energy.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the idea that a stable molecule has less energy than the same set of atoms separated.</li> <li>Describe changes of energy and matter in a chemical reaction system in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system.</li> <li>Describe chemical processes, their rates, and whether or not they store or release energy in terms of the collisions of molecules and the rearrangements of atoms into new molecules, with consequent changes in the sum of all bond energies in the set of molecules that are matched by changes in kinetic energy.</li> <li>Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationship between the release or absorption of energy from a chemical reaction system and the changes in total bond energy.</li> </ul>

<b>Part D (10 days):</b> <i>Is it possible to change the rate of a reaction or cause two elements to react that do not normally want to?</i>	
<b>Concepts</b>	<b>Formative Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chemical processes, their rates, and whether or not energy is stored or released can be understood in terms of the collisions of molecules and the</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the number and energy of collisions between molecules (particles) to</li> </ul>

<p>rearrangements of atoms into new molecules, with consequent changes in the sum of all bond energies in the set of molecules that are matched by changes in kinetic energy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena.</li> <li>• Patterns in the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles can be used to provide evidence for causality in the rate at which a reaction occurs.</li> </ul>	<p>explain the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use patterns in the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reactant particles to provide evidence for causality in the rate at which a reaction occurs.</li> <li>• Apply scientific principles and multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence to provide an explanation of the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs.</li> </ul>
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**Part E (10 days):** *What can we do to make the products of a reaction stable?*

Concepts	Formative Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable.</li> <li>• In many situations, a dynamic and condition-dependent balance between a reaction and the reverse reaction determines the numbers of all types of molecules present.</li> <li>• Criteria may need to be broken down into simpler ones that can be approached systematically, and decisions about the priority of certain criteria over others may be needed.</li> <li>• Explanations can be constructed explaining how chemical reaction systems can change and remain stable.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct explanations for how chemical reaction systems change and how they remain stable.</li> <li>• Design a solution to specify a change in conditions that would produce increased amounts of products at equilibrium in a chemical system based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations.</li> <li>• Break down and prioritize criteria for increasing amounts of products in a chemical system at equilibrium.</li> <li>• Refine the design of a solution to specify a change in conditions that would produce increased amounts of products at equilibrium in a chemical system based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations.</li> </ul>

**Assessments****\*Formative Assessments provided for each subsection.**

Summative Assessments	Benchmark assessments	Alternative Assessments
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter/Unit Tests</li><li>● Writing Assignments</li><li>● Lab Reports/Quizzes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● New Jersey Student Learning Assessment Science (NJSLA)</li><li>● Quarterlies</li><li>● Performance Assessments</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Oral Presentation</li><li>● Video Recording</li><li>● Virtual Labs</li></ul>
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**What It Looks Like in the Classroom**

This unit of study looks at energy flow and matter. Students should use models such as diagrams, chemical equations, and conceptual models to illustrate how matter and energy flow into and out of a system.

Models should use evidence to illustrate how chemical reactions can absorb or release energy; how a chemical reaction is a chemical process whereby the bonds in reactants are broken and the bonds in new compounds are formed, resulting in a net transfer of energy; and to illustrate the inputs and outputs of matter and the transformations of energy in both processes. Models could include chemical equations, flow diagrams, manipulatives, and conceptual models. Models should also illustrate that energy cannot be created or destroyed, and that it moves only between one place and another, between objects, or between systems.

This unit also expands student understanding of the conservation of energy within a system by emphasizing the key idea that a stable molecule has less energy than the same set of atoms when separated. To support this concept, students might look at the change in energy when bonds are made and broken in a reaction system. Students might also analyze molecular-level drawings and tables showing energies in compounds with multiple bonds to show that energy is conserved in a chemical reaction.

In addition to conservation of energy, students should explore energy flow into, out of, and within systems (including chemical reaction systems). Students might be given data and asked to graph the relative energies of reactants and products to determine whether energy is released or absorbed. They should also conduct simple chemical reactions that allow them to apply the law of conservation of energy by collecting data from their own investigations. Students should be able to determine whether reactions are endothermic and exothermic, constructing explanations in terms of energy changes. These experiences will allow them to develop a model that relates energy flow to changes in total bond energy. Examples of models might include molecular-level drawings, energy diagrams, and graphs.

Students should expand their study of bond energies by relating this concept to kinetic energy. This can be understood in terms of the collisions of molecules and the rearrangement of atoms into new molecules as a function of their kinetic energy content. Students should also study the effect on reaction rates of changing the temperature and/or concentration of a reactant (Le Chatelier's principle). Students might explore the concept of equilibrium through investigations, which may include manipulations of variables such as temperature and concentration. Examples of these investigations may include the iodine clock reaction, the ferrous cyanide complex, as well as computer simulations such as those located at [www.harpercollege.edu/tm-ps/chm/100/dgodambe/thedisk/equil/equil.htm](http://www.harpercollege.edu/tm-ps/chm/100/dgodambe/thedisk/equil/equil.htm). Using results from these investigations, students should develop an explanation about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs and on equilibrium. Students should be able to cite evidence from text to support their explanations after conducting research.

Finally, in order to meet the engineering requirement for Unit 4, students should design a solution to specify a change in conditions that would produce increased

amounts of products at equilibrium. As they consider their design, students should keep in mind that much of science deals with constructing explanations for how things change and how they remain stable. Through investigations and practice in changing reaction conditions (as mentioned above), as well as through teacher demonstrations such as MOM to the Rescue/Acid–Base Reaction (Flinn Scientific), students should come to understand that in many situations, a dynamic and condition dependent balance between a reaction and the reverse reaction determines the number of all types of molecules present. Examples of designs that students could refine might include different ways to increase product formation. Designs should include methods such as adding reactants or removing products as a means to change equilibrium. Students will base these design solutions on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence from prior investigations, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. They will do this in order to produce the greatest amount of product from a reaction system.

#### *Integration of engineering -*

The engineering performance expectation HS-PS1-1 calls specifically for a connection to HS-ETS1.C. To meet this requirement, HS-ETS1-2 has been identified as appropriate for this unit, since it directs students to design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering. Students will design a solution to specify a change in conditions that would produce increased amounts of products at equilibrium.

### Connecting with English Language Arts/Literacy

#### *English Language Arts/Literacy*

- Make strategic use of digital media in presentations to enhance understanding of how photosynthesis transforms light energy into stored chemical energy.
- Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations showing that the release or absorption of energy from a chemical reaction system depends upon the changes in total bond energy to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.
- Cite specific textual evidence to support the concept that changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles affects the rate at which a reaction occurs.
- Develop an explanation about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- Construct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer how to increase amounts of products at equilibrium in a chemical system. Synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

#### *Mathematics*

- Use a mathematical model to explain how the release or absorption of energy from a chemical reaction system depends upon the changes in total bond energy, and map their relationships using tools. Analyze those relationships mathematically to draw conclusions, reflecting on the results and improving the model if it

has not served its purpose.

- Represent an explanation about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs symbolically and manipulate the representing symbols. Make sense of quantities and relationships about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs symbolically and manipulate the representing symbols.
- Use units as a way to understand an explanation about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs. Choose and interpret units consistently in formulas representing the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs. Choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays representing the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs.
- Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities representing the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs.
- Use a mathematical model to explain how to increase amounts of products at equilibrium in a chemical system. Identify important quantities in the cycling of matter and flow of energy among organisms in an ecosystem, and map their relationships using tools. Analyze those relationships mathematically to draw conclusions, reflecting on the results and improving the model if it has not served its purpose.

#### Modifications

*Teacher Note: Teachers identify the modifications that they will use in the unit.*

##### ï ELL

- o Provide opportunities for students to connect with people of similar backgrounds (e.g. conversations via digital tool such as SKYPE, experts from the community helping with a project, journal articles, and biographies).
- o Audio books, movies, and other digital media in lieu of print versions
- o Native language texts and native language to English dictionary

##### ï Special Education

- o Modified assignments (ex: fewer problems per page)
- o Response to Intervention (RTI) ([www.help4teachers.com](http://www.help4teachers.com))
- o Follow all IEP modifications
- o Oral Instructions
- o Record lessons instead of taking notes

- o Outlines of lessons
- o Study Guides with answers
- o Word processor to type notes
- o Frequent breaks
- o Provide students with multiple choices for how they can represent their understandings (e.g. multisensory techniques-auditory/visual aids; pictures, illustrations, graphs, charts, data tables, multimedia, modeling).

ï Gifted and Talented

- o Peer Tutoring
- o Cooperative Learning Groups
- o Differentiated Instruction
- o Use project-based science learning to connect science with observable phenomena.
- o Structure the learning around explaining or solving a social or community-based issue.
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**Students at Risk of School Failure:**

- Extended Time
- Flexible Grouping
- Small Group Instruction
- Peer Buddies
- Tiered Activities
- Manipulatives
- Graphic Organizers

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- Utilize graphic organizers to help provide a purpose for reading and increase comprehension
- Assign peer tutor
- Provide clear and specific directions
- Provide class notes ahead of time to allow students to preview material and increase comprehension
- Provide extended time

- ☐ Simplify written and verbal instructions

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**Career Readiness Standards**

- 9.2.12.CAP.3: Investigate how continuing education contributes to one's career and personal growth.
- 9.2.12.CAP.5: Assess and modify a personal plan to support current interests and postsecondary plans.

**Research on Student Learning**

Students' meaning for "energy" both before and after traditional instruction is considerably different from its scientific meaning. In particular, students believe energy is associated only with humans or movement, is a fuel-like quantity which is used up, or is something that makes things happen and is expended in the process. Students rarely think energy is measurable and quantifiable.

Students tend to think that energy transformations involve only one form of energy at a time. Although they develop some skill in identifying different forms of energy, in most cases their descriptions of energy change focus only on forms that have perceivable effects. The transformation of motion to heat seems to be difficult for students to accept, especially in cases with no obvious temperature increase. Finally, it may not be clear to students that some forms of energy, such as light, sound, and chemical energy, can be used to make things happen.

Some students of all ages have difficulty in identifying the sources of energy for plants and also for animals. Students tend to confuse energy and other concepts such as food, force, and temperature. As a result, students may not appreciate the uniqueness and importance of energy conversion processes like respiration and photosynthesis. Although specially designed instruction does help students correct their understanding about energy exchanges, some difficulties remain. [10] Careful coordination between The Physical Setting and The Living Environment benchmarks about conservation of matter and energy and the nature of energy may help alleviate these difficulties ([NSDL, 2015](#)).

**Prior Learning***Physical science*

- Substances are made from different types of atoms, which combine with one another in various ways. Atoms form molecules that range in size from two to thousands of atoms.
- Each pure substance has characteristic physical and chemical properties (for any bulk quantity under given conditions) that can be used to identify it. Gases and liquids are made of molecules or inert atoms that are moving about relative to each other.
- In a liquid, the molecules are constantly in contact with others; in a gas, they are widely spaced except when they happen to collide. In a solid, atoms are closely spaced and may vibrate in position but do not change relative locations. Solids may be formed from molecules, or they may be extended structures with

repeating subunits (e.g., crystals).

- The changes of state that occur with variations in temperature or pressure can be described and predicted using models of matter. Substances react chemically in characteristic ways. In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules, and these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants. The total number of each type of atom is conserved, and thus the mass does not change. Some chemical reactions release energy; others store energy.
- Electric and magnetic (electromagnetic) forces can be attractive or repulsive, and their sizes depend on the magnitudes of the charges, currents, or magnetic strengths involved and on the distances between the interacting objects. Gravitational forces are always attractive. There is a gravitational force between any two masses, but it is very small except when one or both of the objects have large mass—e.g., Earth and the sun.
- Forces that act at a distance (electric, magnetic, and gravitational) can be explained by fields that extend through space and can be mapped by their effect on a test object (a charged object or a ball, respectively).
- Motion energy is properly called kinetic energy; it is proportional to the mass of the moving object and grows with the square of its speed.
- A system of objects may also contain stored (potential) energy, depending on their relative positions.
- Temperature is a measure of the average kinetic energy of particles of matter. The relationship between the temperature and the total energy of a system depends on the types, states, and amounts of matter present.
- When the motion energy of an object changes, there is inevitably some other change in energy at the same time.
- The amount of energy transfer needed to change the temperature of a matter sample by a given amount depends on the nature of the matter, the size of the sample, and the environment.
- Energy is spontaneously transferred out of hotter regions or objects and into colder ones.
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*Earth and space sciences*

- All Earth processes are the result of energy flowing and matter cycling within and among the planet's systems. This energy is derived from the sun and Earth's hot interior. The energy that flows and matter that cycles produce chemical and physical changes in Earth's materials and living organisms.
- The planet's systems interact over scales that range from microscopic to global in size, and they operate over fractions of a second to billions of years. These interactions have shaped Earth's history and will determine its future.

#### Connections to Other Courses

##### *Physical science*

- Energy is a quantitative property of a system that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system. That there is a single quantity called energy is due to the fact that a system's total energy is conserved, even as, within the system, energy is continually transferred from one object to another and between its various possible forms.
- At the macroscopic scale, energy manifests itself in multiple ways, such as in motion, sound, light, and thermal energy.
- These relationships are better understood at the microscopic scale, at which all of the different manifestations of energy can be modeled as a combination of energy associated with the motion of particles and energy associated with the configuration (relative position) of the particles. In some cases, the relative position of energy can be thought of as stored in fields (which mediate interactions between particles). This last concept includes radiation, a phenomenon in which energy stored in fields moves across space.
- Conservation of energy means that the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system.
- Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems.
- Mathematical expressions, which quantify how the stored energy in a system depends on its configuration (e.g., relative positions of charged particles, compression of a spring) and how kinetic energy depends on mass and speed, allow the concept of conservation of energy to be used to predict and describe system behavior. The availability of energy limits what can occur in any system.
- Uncontrolled systems always evolve toward more stable states—that is, toward more uniform energy distribution (e.g., water flows downhill, objects hotter than their surrounding environment cool down).
- Although energy cannot be destroyed, it can be converted to less useful forms—for example, to thermal energy in the surrounding environment.

#### Sample of Open Education Resources

[Dynamic Equilibrium](#): Students will define what is meant by dynamic equilibrium.

[Equilibrium and LeChatlier's Principle](#): Students identify the factors that affect equilibrium and how the system responds to the change.

[Collision Theory and Rates of Reaction](#): Students use the virtual simulation to observe how a chemical reaction occurs.

[Control a Haber-Bosch Ammonia Plant](#): You will learn about the economics of operating a chemical factory as you try to optimize the process of a simulated Haber-Bosch process ammonia fertilizer plant.

#### Links to Free and Low Cost Instructional Resources

*Note- The majority of the student sense-making experiences found at these links predate the NGSS. Most will need to be modified to include science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas, and cross cutting concepts. [The EQulP Rubrics for Science](#) can be used as a blueprint for evaluating and modifying instructional materials.*

- American Association for the Advancement of Science: <http://www.aaas.org/programs>
- American Chemical Society: <http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education.html>
- Concord Consortium: Virtual Simulations: <http://concord.org/>
- International Technology and Engineering Educators Association: <http://www.iteaconnect.org/>
- National Earth Science Teachers Association: <http://www.nestanet.org/php/index.php>
- National Science Digital Library: <https://nsdl.oercommons.org/>
- National Science Teachers Association: <http://ngss.nsta.org/Classroom-Resources.aspx>
- North American Association for Environmental Education: <http://www.naaee.net/>
- Phet: Interactive Simulations <https://phet.colorado.edu/>
- Science NetLinks: <http://www.aaas.org/program/science-netlinks>

#### Appendix A: NGSS and Foundations for the Unit

**Develop a model to illustrate that the release or absorption of energy from a chemical reaction system depends upon the changes in total bond energy.**

*[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that a chemical reaction is a system that affects the energy change. Examples of models could include molecular-level drawings and diagrams of reactions, graphs showing the relative energies of reactants and products, and representations showing energy is conserved.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include calculating the total bond energy changes during a chemical reaction from the bond energies of reactants and products.] (HS-PS1-4)*

**Apply scientific principles and evidence to provide an explanation about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on student reasoning that focuses on the number and energy of collisions between molecules.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to simple reactions in which there are only two reactants; evidence from temperature, concentration, and rate data; and qualitative relationships between rate and temperature.] (HS-PS1-5)*

**Refine the design of a chemical system by specifying a change in conditions that would produce increased amounts of products at equilibrium.\*** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the application of Le Chatelier's Principle and on refining designs of chemical reaction systems, including descriptions of the connection between changes made at the macroscopic level and what happens at the molecular level. Examples of designs could include different ways to increase product formation including adding reactants or removing products.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to specifying the change in only one variable at a time. Assessment does not include calculating equilibrium constants and concentrations.] (HS-PS1-6)*

**Design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering.** (HS-ETS1-2)

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

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-8)</li> <li>ï Use a model to predict the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-PS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï Plan and conduct an investigation individually and</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï A stable molecule has less energy than the same set of atoms separated; one must provide at least this energy in order to take the molecule apart. (HS-PS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS1.B: Chemical Reactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï Chemical processes, their rates, and whether or not energy is stored or released can be understood in terms of the collisions of molecules and the rearrangements of atoms</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena. (HS-PS1-1),(HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ï The total amount of energy and matter in closed systems is conserved. (HS-PS1-7)</li> </ul>

<p>collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-PS1-3)</p> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b></p> <p>ï Use mathematical representations of phenomena to support claims. (HS-PS1-7)</p> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>ï Apply scientific principles and evidence to provide an explanation of phenomena and solve design problems, taking into account possible unanticipated effects. (HS-PS1-5)</p> <p>ï Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-PS1-2)</p> <p>ï Refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-PS1-6)</p> <p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <p>ï Analyze complex real-world problems by specifying criteria and constraints for successful solutions. (HS-ETS1-1)</p> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b></p>	<p>into new molecules, with consequent changes in the sum of all bond energies in the set of molecules that are matched by changes in kinetic energy. (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5)</p> <p>ï In many situations, a dynamic and condition-dependent balance between a reaction and the reverse reaction determines the numbers of all types of molecules present. (HS-PS1-6)</p> <p>ï The fact that atoms are conserved, together with knowledge of the chemical properties of the elements involved, can be used to describe and predict chemical reactions. (HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-7)</p> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <p>ï Criteria may need to be broken down into simpler ones that can be approached systematically, and decisions about the priority of certain criteria over others (trade-offs) may be needed. (secondary to HS-PS1-6)</p> <p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <p>ï Criteria and constraints also include satisfying any requirements set by society, such as taking issues of risk mitigation into account, and they should be quantified to the extent possible and stated in such a way that one can tell if a given design meets them. (HS-ETS1-1)</p> <p>ï Humanity faces major global challenges today, such as the need for supplies of clean water and food or for energy sources that minimize pollution, which can be addressed through engineering. These global challenges also may</p>	<p>ï Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-PS1-4)</p> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <p>ï Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable. (HS-PS1-6)</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <p>ï Science assumes the universe is a vast single system in which basic laws are consistent. (HS-PS1-7)</p> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <p>ï Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-LS1-5), (HS-LS1-6)</p> <p>ï Energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS1-7)</p>
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<p>ï Use mathematical models and/or computer simulations to predict the effects of a design solution on systems and/or the interactions between systems. (HS-ETS1-4)</p> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>ï Design a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-ETS1-2)</p> <p>ï Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-ETS1-3)</p>	<p>have manifestations in local communities. (HS-ETS1-1)</p> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <p>ï When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. (HS-ETS1-3)</p> <p>ï Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs. (HS-ETS1-4)</p> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <p>ï Criteria may need to be broken down into simpler ones that can be approached systematically, and decisions about the priority of certain criteria over others (trade-offs) may be needed. (HS-ETS1-2)</p>	
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**Embedded English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics**

*English Language Arts/Literacy*

**RST.9-10.7** Translate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text into visual form (e.g., a table or chart) and translate information expressed visually or mathematically (e.g., in an equation) into words. (HS-PS1-1)

**WHST.9-12.5** Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most

significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS1-6)

- RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-PS1-5) (HS-LS1-6)
- WHST.9-12.9** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection and research (HS-LS1-6)
- RST.11-12.7** Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-ETS1-1),(HS-ETS1-3)
- RST.11-12.8** Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-ETS1-1),(HS-ETS1-3)
- RST.11-12.9** Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible. (HS-ETS1-1),(HS-ETS1-3)
- WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-PS1-5)
- WHST.9-12.7** Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-PS1-6)
- SL.11-12.5** Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (HS-PS1-4)

*Mathematics -*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-7),(HS-ETS1-1),(HS-ETS1-3),(HS-ETS1-4)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-PS1-4), (HS-ETS1-1),(HS-ETS1-2),(HS-ETS1-3),(HS-ETS1-4)
- HSF-IF.C.7** Graph functions expressed symbolically and show key features of the graph, by hand in simple cases and using technology for more complicated cases. (HS-LS1-4)

- HSF-BF.A.1** Write a function that describes a relationship between two quantities. (HS-LS1-4)
- HSN-Q.A.1** Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-7),(HS-PS1-8)
- HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-7)
- HSN-Q.A.3** Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-7)

**Unit Summary*****What happens in stars?***

In this unit of study, energy and matter are studied further by investigating the processes of nuclear fusion and fission that govern the formation, evolution, and workings of the solar system in the universe. Some concepts studied are fundamental to science and demonstrate *scale, proportion, and quantity*, such as understanding how the matter of the world formed during the Big Bang and within the cores of stars over the cycle of their lives.

In addition, an important aspect of Earth and space sciences involves understanding the concept of *stability and change* while making inferences about events in Earth's history based on a data record that is increasingly incomplete the farther one goes back in time. A mathematical analysis of radiometric dating is used to comprehend how absolute ages are obtained for the geologic record.

The crosscutting concepts of *energy and matter; scale, proportion, and quantity; and stability and change* are called out as organizing concepts for this unit. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in *developing and using models; constructing explanations and designing solutions; using mathematical and computational thinking; and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information*; and they are expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

**Student Learning Objectives**

**Develop models to illustrate the changes in the composition of the nucleus of the atom and the energy released during the processes of fission, fusion, and radioactive decay.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on simple qualitative models, such as pictures or diagrams, and on the scale of energy released in nuclear processes relative to other kinds of transformations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative calculation of energy released. Assessment is limited to alpha, beta, and gamma radioactive decays.] (HS-PS1-8)*

**Communicate scientific ideas about the way stars, over their life cycle, produce elements.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the way nucleosynthesis, and therefore the different elements created, varies as a function of the mass of a star and the stage of its lifetime.] [Assessment Boundary: Details of the many different nucleosynthesis pathways for stars of differing masses are not assessed.] (HS-ESS1-3)*

**Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the life span of the sun and the role of nuclear fusion in the sun's core to release energy that eventually reaches Earth in the form of radiation.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the energy transfer mechanisms that allow energy from nuclear fusion in the sun's core to reach Earth. Examples of evidence for the model include observations of the masses and lifetimes of other stars, as well as the ways that the sun's radiation varies due to sudden solar flares ("space weather"), the 11-year sunspot cycle, and non-cyclic variations over centuries.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include details of the atomic and subatomic processes involved with the sun's nuclear fusion.] (HS-ESS1-1)*

**Construct an explanation of the Big Bang theory based on astronomical evidence of light spectra, motion of distant galaxies, and composition of matter in the universe.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the astronomical evidence of the red shift of light from galaxies as an indication that the universe is currently expanding, the cosmic microwave background as the remnant radiation from the Big Bang, and the observed composition of ordinary matter of the universe, primarily found in stars and interstellar gases (from the spectra of electromagnetic radiation from stars), which matches that predicted by the Big Bang theory (3/4 hydrogen*

*and 1/4 helium).] (HS-ESS1-2)*

**Apply scientific reasoning and evidence from ancient Earth materials, meteorites, and other planetary surfaces to construct an account of Earth's formation and early history. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using available evidence within the solar system to reconstruct the early history of Earth, which formed along with the rest of the solar system 4.6 billion years ago. Examples of evidence include the absolute ages of ancient materials (obtained by radiometric dating of meteorites, moon rocks, and Earth's oldest minerals), the sizes and compositions of solar system objects, and the impact cratering record of planetary surfaces.] (HS-ESS1-6)**

**Use mathematical representations to support a claim regarding relationships among the frequency wavelength and speed of waves traveling in various media. (HS-PS4-1)**

**Evaluate the claims evidence and reasoning behind the idea that electromagnetic radiation can be described either by a wave model or a particle model and that for some situations one model is more useful than the other. (HS-PS4-3.)**

**Part A (7 days):** *Why is fusion considered the Holy Grail for the production of electricity?*

Why aren't all forms of radiation harmful to living things?

Concepts	Formative Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nuclear processes, including fusion, fission, and radioactive decay of unstable nuclei, involve release or absorption of energy.</li> <li>The total number of neutrons plus protons does not change in any nuclear process.</li> <li>In nuclear processes, atoms are not conserved, but the total number of protons plus neutrons is conserved.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop models based on evidence to illustrate the changes in the composition of the nucleus of the atom and the energy released during the processes of fission, fusion, and radioactive decay.</li> <li>Use simple qualitative models based on evidence to illustrate the scale of energy released in nuclear processes relative to other kinds of transformations.</li> <li>Develop models based on evidence to illustrate the changes in the composition of the nucleus of the atom and the energy released during the processes of alpha, beta, and gamma radioactive decays.</li> </ul>

**Part B (5 days):** *How do stars produce elements?*

Concepts	Formative Assessment
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The study of stars' light spectra and brightness is used to identify compositional elements of stars, their movements, and their distances from Earth. Other than the hydrogen and helium formed at the time of the Big Bang, nuclear fusion within stars produces all atomic nuclei lighter than and including iron, and the process releases electromagnetic energy. Heavier elements are produced when certain massive stars achieve a supernova stage and explode.</li> <li>In nuclear processes, atoms are not conserved, but the total number of protons plus neutrons is conserved.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate scientific ideas in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically) about the way stars, over their life cycles, produce elements.</li> <li>Communicate scientific ideas about the way nucleosynthesis, and therefore the different elements it creates, vary as a function of the mass of a star and the stage of its lifetime.</li> <li>Communicate scientific ideas about how in nuclear processes, atoms are not conserved, but the total number of protons plus neutrons is conserved.</li> </ul>
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<b>Part C (4 days):</b> <i>If there was nobody there to Tweet about it, how do we know that there was a Big Bang?</i>	
<b>Concepts</b>	<b>Formative Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The study of stars' light spectra and brightness is used to identify compositional elements of stars, their movements, and their distances from Earth.</li> <li>The Big Bang theory is supported by observations of distant galaxies receding from our own, of the measured composition of stars and nonstellar gases, and of the maps of spectra of the primordial radiation (cosmic microwave background) that still fills the universe.</li> <li>Other than the hydrogen and helium formed at the time of the Big Bang, nuclear fusion within stars produces all atomic nuclei lighter than and including iron, and the process releases electromagnetic energy. Heavier elements are produced when certain massive stars achieve a supernova stage and explode.</li> <li>Atoms of each element emit and absorb characteristic frequencies of light. These characteristics allow identification of the presence of an element, even in microscopic quantities.</li> <li>Energy cannot be created or destroyed, only moved between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct an explanation of the Big Bang theory based on astronomical evidence of light spectra, motion of distant galaxies, and composition of matter in the universe.</li> <li>Construct an explanation of the Big Bang theory based on the astronomical evidence of the red shift of light from galaxies as an indication that the universe is currently expanding, the cosmic microwave background as the remnant radiation from the Big Bang, and the observed composition of ordinary matter of the universe, primarily found in stars and interstellar gases (from the spectra of electromagnetic radiation from stars).</li> <li>Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence that energy in the universe cannot be created or destroyed, only moved between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science and engineering complement each other in the cycle known as research and development (R&amp;D). Many R&amp;D projects may involve scientists, engineers, and others with wide ranges of expertise.</li> <li>• Scientific knowledge is based on the assumption that natural laws operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future.</li> <li>• Science assumes the universe is a vast single system in which basic laws are consistent.</li> <li>• A scientific theory is a substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world, based on a body of facts that have been repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment, and the science community validates each theory before it is accepted. If new evidence is discovered that the theory does not accommodate, the theory is generally modified in light of this new evidence.</li> </ul>	
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<b>Part D (4 days): How can chemistry help us to figure out ancient events?</b>	
<b>Concepts</b>	<b>Formative Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although active geologic processes, such as plate tectonics and erosion, have destroyed or altered most of the very early rock record on Earth, other objects in the solar system, such as lunar rocks, asteroids, meteorites, have changed little over billions of years. Studying these objects can provide information about Earth's formation and early history.</li> <li>• Spontaneous radioactive decays follow a characteristic exponential decay law. Nuclear lifetimes allow radiometric dating to be used to determine the ages of rocks and other materials.</li> <li>• Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students who understand the concepts are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply scientific reasoning and evidence from ancient Earth materials, meteorites, and other planetary surfaces to construct an account of Earth's formation and early history.</li> <li>• Use available evidence within the solar system to reconstruct the early history of Earth, which formed along with the rest of the solar system 4.6 billion years ago.</li> <li>• Apply scientific reasoning to link evidence from ancient Earth materials, meteorites, and other planetary surfaces to claims about Earth's formation and early history, and assess the extent to which the reasoning and data support the explanation or conclusion.</li> <li>• Use available evidence within the solar system to construct explanations for how Earth has changed and how it remains stable.</li> </ul>

Assessments		
*Formative Assessments provided for each subsection.		
Summative Assessments	Benchmark assessments	Alternative Assessments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter/Unit Tests</li> <li>Writing Assignments</li> <li>Lab Reports/Quizzes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Jersey Student Learning Assessment Science (NJSLA)</li> <li>Quarterlies</li> <li>Performance Assessments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oral Presentation</li> <li>Video Recording</li> <li>Virtual Labs</li> </ul>

What It Looks Like in the Classroom
<p>This unit of study continues looking at energy flow and matter but with a new emphasis on Earth and space science in relation to the history of Earth starting with the Big Bang theory. Students will also explore the production of elements in stars and radioactive decay. Students should develop and use models to illustrate the processes of fission, fusion, and radioactive decay and the scale of energy released in nuclear processes relative to other kinds of transformations, such as chemical reactions. Models should be qualitative, based on evidence, and might include depictions of radioactive decay series such as Uranium-238, chain reactions such as the fission of Uranium-235 in reactors, and fusion within the core of stars. Students could also explore the PhET nuclear fission inquiry lab and graphs to illustrate the changes in the composition of the nucleus of the atom and the energy released during the processes of alpha, beta, and gamma radioactive decays. When modeling nuclear processes, students should depict that atoms are not conserved, but the total number of protons plus neutrons is conserved. Models should include changes in the composition of the nucleus of atoms and the scale of energy released in nuclear processes.</p> <p>The study of stars' light spectra and brightness is used to identify compositional elements of stars, their movements, and their distances from Earth. Other than hydrogen and helium formed at the time of the Big Bang, nuclear fusion within stars produces all atomic nuclei lighter than and including iron, and the process releases electromagnetic energy. Heavier elements are produced when certain massive stars achieve a supernova stage and explode. Because atoms of each element emit and absorb characteristic frequencies of light, the presence of an element can be detected in stars and interstellar gases. Students should develop an understanding of how analysis of light spectra gives us information about the composition of stars and interstellar gases. Communication of scientific ideas about how stars produce elements should be done in multiple formats, including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically. The conservation of the total number of protons plus neutrons is important in their explanations, and students should cite supporting evidence from text.</p> <p>Students should also use the sun as a model to illustrate the relationship between nuclear fusion in the sun's core and energy that reaches the Earth in the form of radiation. Students could construct a mathematical model of nuclear fusion in the sun's core, identifying important quantities and factors that affect the life span of the sun. They should also be able to use units and consider limitations on measurement when describing energy from nuclear fusion in the sun's core that reaches the Earth. For example, students should be able to quantify the amounts of energy in joules when comparing energy sources. In this way, students will develop an understanding of how our sun changes and how it will burn out over a lifespan of approximately 10 billion years.</p> <p>This unit continues with a study of how astronomical evidence ("red shift/blue shift," wavelength relationships to energy, and universe expansion) can be used to</p>

support the Big Bang theory. Students should construct an explanation of the Big Bang theory based on evidence of light spectra, motion of distant galaxies, and composition of matter in the universe. Students should explore and cite evidence from text of distant galaxies receding from our own, of the measured composition of stars and nonstellar gases, and of the maps of spectra of primordial radiation that still fills the universe. The concept of conservation of energy should be evident in student explanations. Students should also be aware that a scientific theory is a substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world, based on a body of facts that have been repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment, and the science community validates each theory before it is accepted. Students should also know that if new evidence is discovered that the theory does not accommodate, the theory is generally modified in light of the new evidence.

Students should be able to cite specific evidence from text to support their explanations of the life cycle of stars, the role of nuclear fusion in the sun's core, and the Big Bang theory. In their explanations, they should discuss the idea that science assumes the universe is a vast single system in which laws are consistent.

This unit concludes with the application of scientific reasoning and the use of evidence from ancient Earth materials, meteorites, and other planetary surfaces to construct an account of the Earth's formation and early history. For example, students will use examples of spontaneous radioactive decay as a tool to determine the ages of rocks or other materials (K-39 to Ar-40). Students should make claims about Earth's formation and early history supported by data while considering appropriate units, quantities and limitations on measurement. Students might construct graphs showing data on the absolute ages and composition of Earth's rocks, lunar rocks, and meteorites. Using available evidence within the solar system, students should construct explanations for how the earth has changed and how it has remained stable in its 4.6 billion year history.

#### Connecting with English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics

##### *English Language Arts/Literacy*

- RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-ESS1-1)
- WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-ESS1-3),(HS-ESS1-2)
- SL.11-12.4** Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. (HS-ESS1-3)

*Mathematics*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS1-1), (HS-ESS1-2), (HS-ESS1-3), (HS-PS1-8)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS1-1)
- HSN-Q.A.1** Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-ESS1-1), (HS-ESS1-2)
- HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS1-1), (HS-ESS1-2)
- HSN-Q.A.3** Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS1-1), (HS-ESS1-2)
- HSA-SSE.A.1** Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context. (HS-ESS1-1)
- HSA-CED.A.2** Create equations in two or more variables to represent relationships between quantities; graph equations on coordinate axes with labels and scales. (HS-ESS1-1), (HS-ESS1-2)
- HSA-CED.A.4** Rearrange formulas to highlight a quantity of interest, using the same reasoning as in solving equations. (HS-ESS1-1), (HS-ESS1-2)

**Modifications**

*Teacher Note: Teachers identify the modifications that they will use in the unit.*

## ï ELL

- o Provide opportunities for students to connect with people of similar backgrounds (e.g. conversations via digital tool such as SKYPE, experts from the community helping with a project, journal articles, and biographies).
- o Audio books, movies, and other digital media in lieu of print versions
- o Native language texts and native language to English dictionary

## ï Special Education

- o Modified assignments (ex: fewer problems per page)
- o Response to Intervention (RTI) ([www.help4teachers.com](http://www.help4teachers.com))
- o Follow all IEP modifications
- o Oral Instructions

- o Record lessons instead of taking notes
- o Outlines of lessons
- o Study Guides with answers
- o Word processor to type notes
- o Frequent breaks
- o Provide students with multiple choices for how they can represent their understandings (e.g. multisensory techniques-auditory/visual aids; pictures, illustrations, graphs, charts, data tables, multimedia, modeling).

ï Gifted and Talented

- o Peer Tutoring
- o Cooperative Learning Groups
- o Differentiated Instruction
- o Use project-based science learning to connect science with observable phenomena.
  
- o Structure the learning around explaining or solving a social or community-based issue.

**Students at Risk of School Failure:**

- Extended Time
- Flexible Grouping
- Small Group Instruction
- Peer Buddies
- Tiered Activities
- Manipulatives
- Graphic Organizers

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- Utilize graphic organizers to help provide a purpose for reading and increase comprehension
- Assign peer tutor
- Provide clear and specific directions
- Provide class notes ahead of time to allow students to preview material and increase comprehension

- Provide extended time
- Simplify written and verbal instructions

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**Career Readiness Standards**

- 9.2.12.CAP.3: Investigate how continuing education contributes to one's career and personal growth.
- 9.2.12.CAP.5: Assess and modify a personal plan to support current interests and postsecondary plans.

**Research on Student Learning**

N/A

**Prior Learning***Physical science*

- Substances are made from different types of atoms, which combine with one another in various ways. Atoms form molecules that range in size from two to thousands of atoms.
- Each pure substance has characteristic physical and chemical properties (for any bulk quantity under given conditions) that can be used to identify it.
- Gases and liquids are made of molecules or inert atoms that are moving about relative to each other.
- In a liquid, the molecules are constantly in contact with others; in a gas, they are widely spaced except when they happen to collide. In a solid, atoms are closely spaced and may vibrate in position but do not change relative locations.
- Solids may be formed from molecules, or they may be extended structures with repeating subunits (e.g., crystals).
- The changes of state that occur with variations in temperature or pressure can be described and predicted using these models of matter.
- Substances react chemically in characteristic ways. In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules, and these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants.
- The total number of each type of atom is conserved, and thus the mass does not change.
- Some chemical reactions release energy, others store energy.
- When light shines on an object, it is reflected, absorbed, or transmitted through the object, depending on the object's material and the frequency (color) of the light.

- The path that light travels can be traced as straight lines, except at surfaces between different transparent materials (e.g., air and water, air and glass) where the light path bends.
- A wave model of light is useful for explaining brightness, color, and the frequency-dependent bending of light at a surface between media.
- However, because light can travel through space, it cannot be a matter wave, like sound or water waves.

#### *Earth and space science*

- Patterns of the apparent motion of the sun, the moon, and stars in the sky can be observed, described, predicted, and explained with models.
- Earth and its solar system are part of the Milky Way Galaxy, which is one of many galaxies in the universe.
- All Earth processes are the result of energy flowing and matter cycling within and among the planet's systems. This energy is derived from the sun and Earth's hot interior. The energy that flows and matter that cycles produce chemical and physical changes in Earth's materials and living organisms.
- The planet's systems interact over scales that range from microscopic to global in size, and they operate over fractions of a second to billions of years. These interactions have shaped Earth's history and will determine its future.
- Weather and climate are influenced by interactions involving sunlight, the ocean, the atmosphere, ice, landforms, and living things. These interactions vary with latitude, altitude, and local and regional geography, all of which can affect oceanic and atmospheric flow patterns.
- Because these patterns are so complex, weather can only be predicted probabilistically.
- The ocean exerts a major influence on weather and climate by absorbing energy from the sun, releasing it over time, and globally redistributing it through ocean currents.

#### **Connections to Other Courses**

##### *Physical science*

- Each atom has a charged substructure consisting of a nucleus, which is made of protons and neutrons, surrounded by electrons.
- The periodic table orders elements horizontally by the number of protons in the atom's nucleus and places elements with similar chemical properties in columns. The repeating patterns of this table reflect patterns of outer electron states.
- The structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms.
- A stable molecule has less energy than the same set of atoms separated; one must provide at least this energy in order to take the molecule apart.
- Nuclear processes, including fusion, fission, and radioactive decays of unstable nuclei, involve release or absorption of energy. The total number of neutrons plus protons does not change in any nuclear process.

- Energy is a quantitative property of a system that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system. That there is a single quantity called energy is due to the fact that a system's total energy is conserved, even as, within the system, energy is continually transferred from one object to another and between its various possible forms.
- Conservation of energy means that the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system.
- Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems.
- Mathematical expressions, which quantify how the stored energy in a system depends on its configuration (e.g., relative positions of charged particles, compression of a spring) and how kinetic energy depends on mass and speed, allow the concept of conservation of energy to be used to predict and describe system behavior.
- The availability of energy limits what can occur in any system.
- Uncontrolled systems always evolve toward more stable states—that is, toward more uniform energy distribution (e.g., water flows downhill, objects hotter than their surrounding environment cool down).
- When two objects interacting through a field change relative position, the energy stored in the field is changed.
- Although energy cannot be destroyed, it can be converted to less useful forms—for example, to thermal energy in the surrounding environment.
- Electromagnetic radiation (e.g., radio, microwaves, light) can be modeled as a wave of changing electric and magnetic fields or as particles called photons. The wave model is useful for explaining many features of electromagnetic radiation, and the particle model explains other features.
- When light or longer wavelength electromagnetic radiation is absorbed in matter, it is generally converted into thermal energy (heat). Shorter wavelength electromagnetic radiation (ultraviolet, X-rays, gamma rays) can ionize atoms and cause damage to living cells.
- Photoelectric materials emit electrons when they absorb light of a high-enough frequency.

#### *Earth and space science*

- The star called the sun is changing and will burn out over a lifespan of approximately 10 billion years.
- The study of stars' light spectra and brightness is used to identify compositional elements of stars, their movements, and their distances from Earth.
- The Big Bang theory is supported by observations of distant galaxies receding from our own, of the measured composition of stars and nonstellar gases, and of the maps of spectra of the primordial radiation (cosmic microwave background) that still fills the universe.
- Other than the hydrogen and helium formed at the time of the Big Bang, nuclear fusion within stars produces all atomic nuclei lighter than and including iron, and the process releases electromagnetic energy. Heavier elements are produced when certain massive stars achieve a supernova stage and explode.
- Continental rocks, which can be older than 4 billion years, are generally much older than the rocks of the ocean floor, which are less than 200 million years old.
- Although active geologic processes, such as plate tectonics and erosion, have destroyed or altered most of the very early rock record on Earth, other objects in the solar system, such as lunar rocks, asteroids, and meteorites, have changed little over billions of years. Studying these objects can provide information about

Earth's formation and early history.

#### Sample of Open Education Resources

- İ [Stellar Spectra](#): Students analyze bright line spectra of stars for evidence of a red shift.
- İ [Spectrum Simulator](#): Allows you to simulate various spectra for discussion.
- İ [Spectrum Simulation](#): Interactive periodic table where students can see the emission spectrum for each element.
- İ [Analysis of Spectral Lines Inkewriter](#): Interactive story based on a [pogil](#) for students to evaluate how a bright line spectrum is produced and how it can be used to identify elements.
- İ [Nuclear Fission PhET Simulation](#): Online interactive simulator for nuclear fission, chain reactions and nuclear reactors.
- İ [EM Spectrum Module](#):
- İ [Hydrogen Atom Simulator](#): Model the interactions of a hydrogen atom with light to discuss the quantum nature of absorption and emission.
- İ [3 views spectrum demonstrator](#): View the difference in spectra between a hot incandescent light bulb and a cold, thin, gas cloud.
- İ [Online Simulation of a Nuclear Reactor](#)
- İ [Extrasolar Planet Radial Velocity Demonstrator](#): View the shift in spectrum as a planet and star orbit their center of mass.
- İ [Doppler Shift Simulator](#)
- İ [Nuclear Fission Simulation](#): Shoot a neutron at a nucleus of uranium-235. The nucleus splits and you can discuss how the number of protons and neutrons were conserved as two different elements were formed from the original nucleus.
- İ [Nuclear Fusion Simulation](#)
- İ [Nuclear Chain Reaction simulation](#): Simulates both a controlled and an uncontrolled chain reaction within a nuclear reactor.

#### Links to Free and Low Cost Instructional Resources

*Note- The majority of the student sense-making experiences found at these links predate the NGSS. Most will need to be modified to include science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas, and cross cutting concepts. [The EQulP Rubrics for Science](#) can be used as a blueprint for evaluating and modifying instructional materials.*

- ï American Association for the Advancement of Science: <http://www.aaas.org/programs>
- ï American Chemical Society: <http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education.html>
- ï Concord Consortium: Virtual Simulations: <http://concord.org/>
- ï International Technology and Engineering Educators Association: <http://www.iteaconnect.org/>
- ï National Earth Science Teachers Association: <http://www.nestanet.org/php/index.php>
- ï National Science Digital Library: <https://nsdl.oercommons.org/>
- ï National Science Teachers Association: <http://ngss.nsta.org/Classroom-Resources.aspx>
- ï North American Association for Environmental Education: <http://www.naaee.net/>
- ï Phet: Interactive Simulations <https://phet.colorado.edu/>
- ï Science NetLinks: <http://www.aaas.org/program/science-netlinks>

## Appendix A: NGSS and Foundations for the Unit

**Develop models to illustrate the changes in the composition of the nucleus of the atom and the energy released during the processes of fission, fusion, and radioactive decay.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on simple qualitative models, such as pictures or diagrams, and on the scale of energy released in nuclear processes relative to other kinds of transformations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative calculation of energy released. Assessment is limited to alpha, beta, and gamma radioactive decays.]* (HS-PS1-8)

**Communicate scientific ideas about the way stars, over their life cycle, produce elements.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the way nucleosynthesis, and therefore the different elements created, varies as a function of the mass of a star and the stage of its lifetime.] [Assessment Boundary: Details of the many different nucleosynthesis pathways for stars of differing masses are not assessed.]* (HS-ESS1-3)

**Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the life span of the sun and the role of nuclear fusion in the sun's core to release energy that eventually reaches Earth in the form of radiation.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the energy transfer mechanisms that allow energy from nuclear fusion in the sun's core to reach Earth. Examples of evidence for the model include observations of the masses and lifetimes of other stars, as well as the ways that the sun's radiation varies due to sudden solar flares ("space weather"), the 11-year sunspot cycle, and non-cyclic variations over centuries.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include details of the atomic and subatomic processes involved with the sun's nuclear fusion.]* (HS-ESS1-1)

**Construct an explanation of the Big Bang theory based on astronomical evidence of light spectra, motion of distant galaxies, and composition of matter in the universe.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the astronomical evidence of the red shift of light from galaxies as an indication that the universe is currently expanding, the cosmic microwave background as the remnant radiation from the Big Bang, and the observed composition of ordinary matter of the universe, primarily found in stars and interstellar gases (from the spectra of electromagnetic radiation from stars), which matches that predicted by the Big Bang theory (3/4 hydrogen and 1/4 helium).]* (HS-ESS1-2)

**Apply scientific reasoning and evidence from ancient Earth materials, meteorites, and other planetary surfaces to construct an account of Earth's formation and early history.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using available evidence within the solar system to reconstruct the early history of Earth, which formed along with the rest of the solar system 4.6 billion years ago. Examples of evidence include the absolute ages of ancient materials (obtained by radiometric dating of meteorites, moon rocks, and Earth's oldest minerals), the sizes and compositions of solar system objects, and the impact cratering record of planetary surfaces.]* (HS-ESS1-6)

**Use mathematical representations to support a claim regarding relationships among the frequency wavelength and speed of waves traveling in various media.** (HS-PS4-1)

**Evaluate the claims evidence and reasoning behind the idea that electromagnetic radiation can be described either by a wave model or a particle model and that for some situations one model is more useful than the other.** (HS-PS4-3.)

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

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <p>Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-PS1-8),(HS-ESS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students’ own investigations, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-ESS1-2)</li> <li>Apply scientific reasoning to link evidence to the claims to assess the extent to which the reasoning and data support the explanation or conclusion. (HS-ESS1-6)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS1.C: Nuclear Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nuclear processes, including fusion, fission, and radioactive decays of unstable nuclei, involve release or absorption of energy. The total number of neutrons plus protons does not change in any nuclear process. (HS-PS1-8)</li> <li>Spontaneous radioactive decays follow a characteristic exponential decay law. Nuclear lifetimes allow radiometric dating to be used to determine the ages of rocks and other materials.(secondary (HS-ESS1-6)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS1.A: The Universe and Its Stars</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The study of stars’ light spectra and brightness is used to identify compositional elements of stars, their movements, and their distances from Earth. (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-3)</li> <li>The Big Bang theory is supported by observations of distant galaxies receding from our own, of the measured composition of stars and non-stellar gases, and of the maps of spectra of the primordial radiation (cosmic microwave background) that still fills the universe. (HS-ESS1-2)</li> <li>Other than the hydrogen and helium formed at the time of the Big Bang, nuclear fusion within stars produces all atomic nuclei lighter than and including iron, and the process releases electromagnetic energy. Heavier elements are produced when certain massive stars achieve a supernova stage and explode. (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-</li> </ul>	<p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In nuclear processes, atoms are not conserved, but the total number of protons plus neutrons is conserved. (HS-ESS1-3), (HS-PS1-8), (HS-ESS1-1)</li> <li>Energy cannot be created or destroyed—only moved between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-ESS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The significance of a phenomenon is dependent on the scale, proportion, and quantity at which it occurs. (HS-ESS1-1)</li> <li>Algebraic thinking is used to examine scientific data and predict the effect of a change in one variable on another (e.g., linear growth vs. exponential growth). (HS-ESS1-4)</li> <li>In nuclear processes, atoms are not conserved, but the total number of protons plus neutrons is conserved.</li> </ul> <p><b>Stability and Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable. (HS-ESS1-6)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p>

<p><b>Using Mathematical and Computational Thinking</b></p> <p>Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use mathematical or computational representations of phenomena to describe explanations. (HS-ESS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to evaluating the validity and reliability of the claims, methods, and designs. (HS-ESS1-6)</li> <li>Communicate scientific ideas (e.g. about phenomena and/or the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-ESS1-3)</li> </ul>	<p>ESS1-3)</p> <p><b>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nuclear Fusion processes in the center of the sun release the energy that ultimately reaches Earth as radiation. (secondary) (HS-ESS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atoms of each element emit and absorb characteristic frequencies of light. These characteristics allow identification of the presence of an element, even in microscopic quantities.(secondary)HS-ESS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ESS1.C: The History of Planet Earth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although active geologic processes, such as plate tectonics and erosion, have destroyed or altered most of the very early rock record on Earth, other objects in the solar system, such as lunar rocks, asteroids, and meteorites, have changed little over billions of years. Studying these objects can provide information about Earth’s formation and early history.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science and engineering complement each other in the cycle known as research and development (R&amp;D). Many R&amp;D projects may involve scientists, engineers, and others with wide ranges of expertise. (HS-ESS1-2),(HS-ESS1-4)</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientific knowledge is based on the assumption that natural laws operate today as they did in the past and they will continue to do so in the future. (HS-ESS1-2)</li> <li>Science assumes the universe is a vast single system in which basic laws are consistent. (HS-ESS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A scientific theory is a substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world, based on a body of facts that have been repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment and the science community validates each theory before it is accepted. If new evidence is discovered that the theory does not accommodate, the theory is generally modified in light of this new evidence. (HS-ESS1-2)</li> </ul>
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## Embedded English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics

*English Language Arts/Literacy -*

- RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-ESS1-1)
- WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-ESS1-3),(HS-ESS1-2)
- SL.11-12.4** Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. (HS-ESS1-3)

*Mathematics -*

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS1-1), (HS-ESS1-2) ,(HS-ESS1-3) ,(HS-PS1-8)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS1-1)
- HSN-Q.A.1** Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2)
- HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS1-1), (HS-ESS1-2)

- HSN-Q.A.3** Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS1-1), (HS-ESS1-2)
- HSA-SSE.A.1** Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context. (HS-ESS1-1)
- HSA-CED.A.2** Create equations in two or more variables to represent relationships between quantities; graph equations on coordinate axes with labels and scales. (HS-ESS1-1), (HS-ESS1-2)
- HSA-CED.A.4** Rearrange formulas to highlight a quantity of interest, using the same reasoning as in solving equations. (HS-ESS1-1),(HS-ESS1-2)