

NGSS Grade 6 Standards Conceptual Flow Map

*conceptual flow map is a working draft and subject to revisions throughout the year

| Unit/Estimated Dates | Phenomena/ Topic | Standards |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Unit 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Systems and Subsystems in Earth and Life Science</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dates</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aug-Sep</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cells ● Anatomy of a Cell ● Bodies and Systems ● The Water Cycle ● Influences of Weather and Climate | <p>MS-LS1-1: Conduct an investigation to provide evidence that living things are made of cells; either one cell or many different numbers and types of cells.</p> <p>MS-LS1-2: Develop and use a model to describe the function of a cell as a whole and ways parts of cells contribute to the function.</p> <p>MS-LS1-3: Use argument supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells.</p> <p>MS-ESS2-4: Develop a model to describe the cycling of water through Earth's systems driven by energy from the sun and the force of gravity.</p> <p>MS-ESS2-6: Develop and use a model to describe how unequal heating and rotation of the Earth cause patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine regional climates.</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Unit 2 Earth System Interactions Cause Weather</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dates Oct-Nov</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ocean Currents ● Thermal Energy Transfer ● Kinetic Energy ● Energy Transfer and Temperature ● The Water Cycle ● Influences of Weather and Climate | <p>MS-ESS2-6: Develop and use a model to describe how unequal heating and rotation of Earth cause patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine regional climates.</p> <p>MS-PS3-3: Apply scientific principles to design, construct, and test a device that either minimizes or maximizes thermal energy transfer.</p> <p>MS-PS3-4: Plan an investigation to determine the relationships among the energy transferred, the type of matter, the mass, and the change in the average kinetic energy of the particles as measured by the temperature of the sample.</p> <p>MS-ETS1-1: Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.</p> <p>MS-ETS1-4: Develop a model to generate data for interactive testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.</p> <p>MS-PS3-1: Construct and interpret graphical displays of data to describe the relationships of kinetic energy to the mass of an object and to the speed of an object.</p> <p>MS-PS3-5: Construct, use, and present arguments to support the claim that when the kinetic energy of an object changes, energy is transferred to or from the object.</p> <p>MS-PS3-4: Plan an investigation to determine the relationships among the energy transferred, the type of matter, the mass, and the change in the average kinetic energy of the particles as measured by the temperature of the sample.</p> <p>MS-ESS2-4: Develop a model to describe the cycling of water through Earth's systems driven by energy from the sun and the force of gravity.</p> <p>MS-ESS2-6: Develop and use a model to describe how unequal heating and rotation of the Earth cause patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine regional climates.</p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Unit 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Causes and Effects of Regional Climates</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dates Dec-Feb</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Animals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Growth of Organisms ● Sensory Receptors ● Inheritance and Genetic Variation ● Predicting Weather ● Influences of Weather and Climate (mentioned) ● Thermal Energy Transfer (mentioned) ● Energy Transfer and Temperature (mentioned) ● Ocean Currents (mentioned) | <p>characteristic animal behaviors and specialized plant structures affect the probability of successful reproduction of animals and plants respectively.</p> <p>MS-LS1-5: Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.</p> <p>MS-LS1-8: Gather and synthesize information that sensory receptors respond to stimuli by sending messages to the brain for immediate behavior or storage as memories.</p> <p>MS-LS3-2: Develop and use a model to describe why asexual reproduction results in offspring with identical genetic information and sexual reproduction results in offspring with genetic variation.</p> <p>MS-ESS2-5: Collect data to provide evidence for how the motions and complex interactions of air masses result in changes in weather conditions</p> <p>MS-ESS2-6: Develop and use a model to describe how unequal heating and rotation of the Earth cause patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine regional climates.</p> <p>MS-PS3-3: Apply scientific principles to design, construct, and test a device that either minimizes or maximizes thermal energy transfer.</p> <p>MS-PS3-4: Plan an investigation to determine the relationships among the energy transferred, the type of matter, the mass, and the change in the average kinetic energy of the particles as measured by the temperature of the sample.</p> <p>MS-ETS1-1: Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.</p> <p>MS-ETS1-4: Develop a model to generate data for interactive testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.</p> <p>MS-PS3-4: Plan an investigation to determine the relationships among the energy transferred, the type of matter, the mass, and the change in the average kinetic energy of the particles as measured by the temperature of the sample.</p> <p>MS-ESS2-6: Develop and use a model to describe how unequal heating and rotation of Earth cause patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine regional climates.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Unit 4</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Human Impact on the | <p>MS-ESS3-3: Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the</p> |

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| <p>Effects of Global Warming on Living Systems</p> <p>Dates Mar-Jun</p> | <p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Human Activities and Global Climate Change ● Reproduction in Plants and Animals (mentioned) ● Growth of Organisms (mentioned) | <p>environment.</p> <p>MS-ESS3-4: Construct an argument supported by evidence for how increases in human population and per-capita consumption of natural resources impact Earth's systems.</p> <p>MS-EST1-3: Analyze data from tests to determine similarities and differences among several design solutions to identify the best characteristics of each that can be combined into a new solution to better meet the criteria for success.</p> <p>MS-ETS1-4: Develop a model to generate data for iterative testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.</p> <p>MS-ESS3-5: Ask questions to clarify evidence of the factors that have caused the rise in global temperatures over the past century.</p> <p>MS-LS1-4: Use argument based on empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to support an explanation for how characteristic animal behaviors and specialized plant structures affect the probability of successful reproduction of animals and plants respectively.</p> <p>MS-LS1-5: Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.</p> |
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