

# \*Unit 5. Chemical Reactions and Calculations

Content Area: **Science**  
Course(s): **Chemistry CP**  
Time Period: **February**  
Length: **10-15 Blocks**  
Status: **Published**

## Unit Summary

---

Chemists use the mole to count atoms, molecules, ions, and formula units. A mole always contains the same number of particles; however, moles of different substances have different masses. The molar mass of a compound can be calculated from its chemical formula and can be used to convert from mass to moles of that compound. A molecular formula of a compound is a whole-number multiple of its empirical formula.

Hydrates are solid ionic compounds in which water molecules are trapped. : Millions of chemical reactions in and around us transform reactants into products, resulting in the absorption or release of energy. Chemical reactions are represented by balanced equations. There are four main types of chemical reactions: synthesis, combustion, decomposition, and replacement (single and double) reactions. Double replacement reactions occur between substances in aqueous solutions and produce precipitates, water, or gases The amount of each reactant present at the start of a chemical reaction determines how much product can form. The solution to every stoichiometric problem requires a balanced chemical equation. A chemical reaction stops when one of the reactants is used up. Percent yield is a measure of the efficiency of a chemical reaction.

## Enduring Understandings

---

The properties of elements determine how atoms and molecules interact.

Matter is neither created nor destroyed.

The interactions of substances with one another create new products in a predictable, quantifiable way.

The conservation of atoms in chemical reactions leads to the law of conservation of mass.

## Essential Questions

---

How can one convert between various metric measurements?

How can conversions be made among particles, mass, and moles of any substance?

What is the difference between empirical and molecular formulas?

Why do we need a proper balanced equation to solve a stoichiometry problem?

Why is the mole such a large number (Avogadro's number)?

How can you support the law of conservation of mass using a chemical equation?

How can you determine if a chemical reaction will occur?

How can you identify the different types of reactions based on the reactant(s) and product(s)?

How can you predict the products of a single replacement or double replacement reaction?

How can you prove that mass is conserved during a chemical reaction?

What are the differences between an exothermic reaction and an endothermic reaction?

How is the limiting reactant related to the theoretical yield?

Why is there a difference between the theoretical yield and actual yield?

How do you calculate the percent composition by mass of any given compound?

What are indicators of chemical change?

What information can be conveyed by a balanced chemical equation?

What types of products are obtained from chemical reactions?

How are quantities of substances in chemical reactions calculated?

How is the law of conservation of matter applied to chemical reactions?

## **Student Learning Objectives (PE, SEP, DCI, CCC) & Aligned Standards**

---

### **Performance Expectations**

**HS-PS1-2:** 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-PS1-7:** 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.]

## Science and Engineering Practices

### Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

Planning and carrying out investigations in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.

- 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-PS1-2)

### Analyzing and Interpreting Data

Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.

- Consider limitations of data analysis (e.g., measurement error, sample selection) when analyzing and interpreting data. (HS-PS1-2)

### Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking

Mathematical and computational thinking at the 9–12 level builds on K–8 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.

- Use mathematical representations of phenomena to support claims. (HS-PS1-7)

### Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

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.

- 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)

## Disciplinary Core Ideas

### PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter

• 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 those with similar chemical properties in columns. The repeating patterns of this table reflect patterns of outer electron states. (HS-PS1-2)

### PS1.B: Chemical Reactions

• 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)

## Crosscutting Concepts

### Patterns

- 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-PS1-2)

### Energy and Matter

- The total amount of energy and matter in closed systems is conserved.(HS-PS1-7, HS-ESS1-2, HS-ESS1-3)

### Connections to Nature of Science

- Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems
- Science assumes the universe is a vast single system in which basic laws are consistent. (HS-PS1-7)

### Literacy Standards

**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)

CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP2.1	Career-ready individuals readily access and use the knowledge and skills acquired through experience and education to be more productive. They make connections between abstract concepts with real-world applications, and they make correct insights about when it is appropriate to apply the use of an academic skill in a workplace situation.
CRP.K-12.CRP7	Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
CRP.K-12.CRP7.1	Career-ready individuals are discerning in accepting and using new information to make decisions, change practices or inform strategies. They use reliable research process to search for new information. They evaluate the validity of sources when considering the use and adoption of external information or practices in their workplace situation.
CRP.K-12.CRP8	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
CRP.K-12.CRP8.1	Career-ready individuals readily recognize problems in the workplace, understand the nature of the problem, and devise effective plans to solve the problem. They are aware of problems when they occur and take action quickly to address the problem; they thoughtfully investigate the root cause of the problem prior to introducing solutions. They carefully consider the options to solve the problem. Once a solution is agreed upon, they follow through to ensure the problem is solved, whether through their own actions or the actions of others.
CRP.K-12.CRP10	Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.

CRP.K-12.CRP10.1	Career-ready individuals take personal ownership of their own education and career goals, and they regularly act on a plan to attain these goals. They understand their own career interests, preferences, goals, and requirements. They have perspective regarding the pathways available to them and the time, effort, experience and other requirements to pursue each, including a path of entrepreneurship. They recognize the value of each step in the education and experiential process, and they recognize that nearly all career paths require ongoing education and experience. They seek counselors, mentors, and other experts to assist in the planning and execution of career and personal goals.
CRP.K-12.CRP11	Use technology to enhance productivity.
CRP.K-12.CRP11.1	Career-ready individuals find and maximize the productive value of existing and new technology to accomplish workplace tasks and solve workplace problems. They are flexible and adaptive in acquiring new technology. They are proficient with ubiquitous technology applications. They understand the inherent risks-personal and organizational-of technology applications, and they take actions to prevent or mitigate these risks.
CRP.K-12.CRP12	Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.
CRP.K-12.CRP12.1	Career-ready individuals positively contribute to every team, whether formal or informal. They apply an awareness of cultural difference to avoid barriers to productive and positive interaction. They find ways to increase the engagement and contribution of all team members. They plan and facilitate effective team meetings.

## Concepts & Skills

---

Metric:

use dimensional analysis to solve a variety of single-step and multistep problems.

convert between various metric measurements (Kilo, milli, and nano).

differentiate between accuracy and precision.

Use significant figures in calculations

Moles:

calculate the number of atoms, molecules, ions, formula units, etc. in a sample of material using the mole concept.

define Avogadro's number as one mole equals  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  particles (atoms, formula units, ions, or molecules).

define molar mass and use the periodic table to obtain or calculate the molar mass for any given substance.

calculate the percent composition of a given substance.

Chemical Reactions

identify physical and chemical changes and identify physical and chemical properties.

identify reactants and products in a chemical reaction.

write a balanced equation when given the names or formulas of all reactants and products in a chemical reaction.

understand that chemical reactions can be described by writing balanced equations.

classify a reaction as synthesis, decomposition, combustion, single replacement or double replacement.

use the appropriate symbol to indicate a reactant or product as a solid, liquid, gas, or aqueous

prove that conservation of mass occurs during a chemical reaction.

Stoichiometry:

understand that coefficients in a chemical reaction describe the quantities of individual particles (atoms, molecules, and formula units) and moles of the substances involved.

prove that the mass of the reactants equals the mass of the products (law of conservation of mass) in a chemical reaction.

perform stoichiometric calculations to determine mass and/or mole relationships between reactants and products and calculations for limiting reactants and percent yield.

define and apply the concepts of theoretical, actual, and percent yield.

## Resources

---

### 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/>
- 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>

## **The Science Classroom**

---

The Bonding and Chemical Reaction unit ties together the concepts developed in Structure and Properties of Matter and Energy and its Applications in Abiotic Systems units (how to describe and predict chemical reactions, and energy flow and conservation within a system). In this unit, students will develop an understanding that the total amount of energy and matter in a closed system (including chemical reaction systems) is conserved and that 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. 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 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.

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 cite evidence from text to support their explanations after conducting research.

Finally, in order to meet the engineering requirement for Unit 3, 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 and Mathematics**

---

### *Connections to English Language Arts/Literacy-*

- 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.

*Connections to Mathematics-*

- 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.
- 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. The unneeded modifications can then be deleted from the list.*

- Restructure lesson using UDL principals ([http://www.cast.org/our-work/about-udl.html#.VXmoXcfD\\_UA](http://www.cast.org/our-work/about-udl.html#.VXmoXcfD_UA))
- Structure lessons around questions that are authentic, relate to students' interests, social/family background and knowledge of their community.
- 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).
- 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). • Provide multiple grouping opportunities for students to share their ideas and to encourage work among various backgrounds and cultures (e.g. multiple representation and multimodal experiences).
- Engage students with a variety of Science and Engineering practices to provide students with multiple entry points and multiple ways to demonstrate their understandings. • Use project-based science learning to connect science with observable phenomena.
- Structure the learning around explaining or solving a social or community-based issue.
- Provide ELL students with multiple literacy strategies.
- Collaborate with after-school programs or clubs to extend learning opportunities.

## 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

---

**By the end of Grade 8, students know that:**

## *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.
- 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.

## *Life science-*

- Plants, algae (including phytoplankton), and many microorganisms use 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.
- 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.
- Food webs are models that demonstrate how matter and energy are transferred among producers, consumers, and decomposers as the three groups interact within an ecosystem. Transfers of matter into and out of the physical environment occur at every level. Decomposers recycle nutrients from dead plant or animal matter back to the soil in terrestrial environments or to the water in aquatic environments. The atoms that make up the organisms in an ecosystem are cycled repeatedly between the living and nonliving parts of the ecosystem.

## *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.

### ***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. As a result of these chemical reactions, energy is transferred from one system of interacting molecules to another. 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. • Photosynthesis and cellular respiration (including anaerobic processes) provide most of the energy for life processes. • Plants or algae form the lowest level of the food web. At each link upward in a food web, only a small fraction of the matter consumed at the lower level is transferred upward to produce growth and release energy in cellular respiration at the higher level. Given this inefficiency, there are generally fewer organisms at higher levels of a food web. Some matter reacts to release energy for life functions, some matter is stored in newly made structures, and much is discarded. The chemical elements that make up the molecules of organisms pass through food webs and into and out of the atmosphere and soil, and they are combined and recombined in different ways. At each link in an ecosystem, matter and energy are conserved. • 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 NJSL ELA & MATH**

---

ELA/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)

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-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-5)

WHST.9-12.2 Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-5)

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)

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-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-6)

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)

WHST.9-12.9 Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-PS1-3)

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-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-7)

MP.4 Model with mathematics. (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-8)

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),(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),(HS-PS1-8)

HSN-Q.A.3 Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-PS1-2),(HS-PS1-3),(HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5),(HS-PS1-7),(HS-PS1-8)