

# oldU.2 Forces & Motion

Content Area: **Science**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **October**  
Length: **15 Days**  
Status: **Published**

## Unit Summary

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In this unit, students use the practices of analyzing and interpreting data, developing and using models, and engaging in argument from evidence to make sense of relationship between energy and forces. Students develop their understanding of important qualitative ideas about the conservation of energy. Students understand that objects that are moving have kinetic energy and that objects may also contain stored (potential) energy, depending on their relative positions. Students also understand the difference between energy and temperature, and the relationship between forces and energy. The crosscutting concepts of scale, proportion, and quantity, systems and system models, and energy and matter are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. Students use the practices of analyzing and interpreting data, developing and using models, and engaging in argument from evidence. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

## Standards

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SCI.6-8.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.
SCI.6-8.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.
SCI.6-8.MS-PS3-2	Develop a model to describe that when the arrangement of objects interacting at a distance changes, different amounts of potential energy are stored in the system.

## Student Learning Objectives

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- **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.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on descriptive relationships between kinetic energy and mass separately from kinetic energy and speed. Examples could include riding a bicycle at different speeds, rolling different sizes of rocks downhill, and getting hit by a wiffle ball versus a tennis ball.] (MS-PS3-1)
- **Develop a model to describe that when the arrangement of objects interacting at a distance changes, different amounts of potential energy are stored in the system.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on relative amounts of potential energy, not on calculations of potential energy. Examples of objects within systems interacting at varying distances could include: the Earth and either a roller coaster cart at varying positions on a hill or objects at varying heights on shelves, changing the direction/orientation of a magnet, and a balloon with static electrical charge being brought closer to a classmate's hair. Examples of models could include representations, diagrams, pictures, and written descriptions of systems.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to two objects and electric, magnetic, and gravitational interactions.] (MS-PS3-2)
- **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.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of empirical evidence used in arguments could include an inventory or other representation of the energy before and after the transfer in the form of temperature changes or motion of object.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include calculations of energy.] (MS-PS3-5)

## **Driving Questions**

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Is it better to have an aluminum (baseball/softball) bat or a wooden bat?

What would give you a better chance of winning a bowling match, using a basketball that you can roll really fast, or a bowling ball that you can only roll slowly?

What are the characteristics of a successful roller coaster?