

# 7.1 Chemical Reactions and Matter Transformations

Content Area: **Science**  
Course(s): **Science 7**  
Time Period: **Marking Period 1**  
Length: **40 days**  
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## Established Goals/Standards

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SCI.MS-PS1-2	Analyze and interpret data on the properties of substances before and after the substances interact to determine if a chemical reaction has occurred.
SCI.MS-PS1-3	Gather and make sense of information to describe that synthetic materials come from natural resources and impact society.
SCI.MS-PS1-5	Develop and use a model to describe how the total number of atoms does not change in a chemical reaction and thus mass is conserved.

## Technology Standards

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TECH.8.1.8.D.2	Demonstrate the application of appropriate citations to digital content.
TECH.8.1.8.D.3	Demonstrate an understanding of fair use and Creative Commons to intellectual property.
TECH.8.1.8.D.4	Assess the credibility and accuracy of digital content.

## NJ 21st Century Life and Careers/NJ Career Ready Practices

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CAEP.9.2.8.B.4	Evaluate how traditional and nontraditional careers have evolved regionally, nationally, and globally.
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## Interdisciplinary Connections

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ELA/Literacy -

**RST.6-8.1** [Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.](#) (MS-PS1-2)

**RST.6-8.7** [Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually \(e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table\).](#) (MS-PS1-2)

Mathematics -

**MP.2** [Reason abstractly and quantitatively.](#) (MS-PS1-2)

**6.RP.A.3** [Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems.](#) (MS-PS1-2)

**6.SP.B.4** [Display numerical data in plots on a number line, including dot plots, histograms, and box plots.](#) (MS-PS1-2)

**6.SP.B.5** [Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context.](#) (MS-PS1-2)

## Essential Questions

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- How do substances combine or change (react) to make new substances?
- How do the combination of substances change the properties of the product substances?

## Enduring Understanding

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- New substances created in a chemical process have different properties from those of the reactants.
- The number and type of atoms in the reactants is the same as the number and type of atoms in the products.

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- Substances react chemically in characteristic ways.
- In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules.
- New substances created in a chemical process have different properties from those of the reactants.
- The total number of each type of atom in a chemical process is conserved, and thus the mass does not change (the law of conservation of matter).
- Matter is conserved because atoms are conserved in physical and chemical processes.
- The law of conservation of mass is a mathematical description of natural phenomena.
- Some chemical reactions release energy, while others store energy.
- The transfer of thermal energy can be tracked as energy flows through a
- designed or natural system.
- Models of all kinds are important for testing solutions.
- There are systematic processes for evaluating solutions with respect to how well they meet the criteria and constraints of a problem.
- The iterative process of testing the most promising solutions and modifying what is proposed on the basis of the test results leads to greater refinement and ultimately to an optimal solution.
- A solution needs to be tested and then modified on the basis of the test results in order to for it to be improved.
- Although one design may not perform the best across all tests, identifying the characteristics of the design that performed the best in each test can provide useful information for the redesign process.
- Some of the characteristics identified as having the best performance may be incorporated into the new design.

## Assessments

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Students who understand the concepts are able to:

- Use physical models or drawings, including digital forms, to represent atoms in a chemical process.
- Use mathematical descriptions to show that the number of atoms before and after a chemical process is the same.
- Undertake a design project, engaging in the design cycle, to construct, test, and modify a device that either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes.
- Specific criteria are limited to amount, time, and temperature of a substance.
- Analyze and interpret data for the amount, time, and temperature of a substance in testing a device that either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes to determine similarities and differences in findings.
- Develop a model to generate data for testing a device that either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes, including those representing inputs and outputs of thermal energy.
- Track the transfer of thermal energy as energy flows through a designed system that either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes.

Summative assessment: Student-created project which shows what is happening to the Taj Mahal.

### Formative Assessments

- Participation/Observations
- Questioning
- Discussion Circles
- Science Notebook
- Exit Slips
- Peer/Self Assessment
- Rubrics
- Teacher-created project-based assessment
- Turn & Talk

### Alternate Assessments

- Teacher-created project-based assessment
- Alternate running records
- Discussion Circles
- Turn and Talks

## Benchmark Assessments

- Teacher-created assessment

## **Accommodations and Modifications**

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Accommodations and Modifications according to student IEP, 504, I&RS goals, and/or gifted status.

## **Resources**

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- BrainPOP
- OpenSciEd