

# Unit 1: Engineering and Technology

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## **Unit Overview**

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**In Unit 1 students will:**

- **discover how science and math are used in engineering.**
- **investigate a design process**
- **explore how technology decisions affect society**

## **Enduring Understanding**

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**Enduring understandings:**

- define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specific criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
- generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
- plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.

## **Essential Questions**

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- **How are science and math used in engineering?**
- **What is the design process?**
- **How does technology affect society?**

## Exit Skills

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By the end of Grade 5, Science Unit 1, students should be able to:

- describe how science and math are used in engineering
- use the engineering design process to find a good solution to a problem
- understand how and why technology changes over time

## New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSL-S)

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SCI.3-5-ETS1-2	Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
SCI.3-5-ETS1-1	Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
SCI.3-5-ETS1-3	Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.
SCI.5-ESS3-1	Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.
3-5-ETS1-1.1.1	Define a simple design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process, or system and includes several criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
3-5-ETS1-3.3.1	Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered.
3-5-ETS1-2.6.1	Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design problem.
3-5-ETS1-1.ETS1.A.1	Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account.
3-5-ETS1-2.ETS1.B.1	Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions.
3-5-ETS1-3.ETS1.B.1	Tests are often designed to identify failure points or difficulties, which suggest the elements of the design that need to be improved.
3-5-ETS1-2.ETS1.B.2	At whatever stage, communicating with peers about proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs.
3-5-ETS1-3.ETS1.C.1	Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints.
5-ESS3-1.4.1	A system can be described in terms of its components and their interactions.
5-ESS3-1.8.1	Obtain and combine information from books and/or other reliable media to explain

phenomena or solutions to a design problem.

5-ESS3-1.ESS3.C.1

Human activities in agriculture, industry, and everyday life have had major effects on the land, vegetation, streams, ocean, air, and even outer space. But individuals and communities are doing things to help protect Earth's resources and environments.

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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### Language Arts and Math

MA.K-12.2	Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
MA.K-12.4	Model with mathematics.
MA.5.OA.B.3	Generate two numerical patterns using two given rules. Identify apparent relationships between corresponding terms. Form ordered pairs consisting of corresponding terms from the two patterns, and graph the ordered pairs on a coordinate plane.
MA.5.G.A.2	Represent real world and mathematical problems by graphing points in the first quadrant of the coordinate plane, and interpret coordinate values of points in the context of the situation.
LA.W.5.7	Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different perspectives of a topic.
LA.W.5.8	Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources.

## **Learning Objectives**

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### Unit 1 Project

Lesson 1: Explain the purpose of engineering and technology and give examples of how engineering and math are used in science

Lesson 2: Define problems seen in photographs and maps, using the engineering design process to find good solutions to the problems

Lesson 3: Explain how society affects the evolution and development of technology, describe positive and negatives and planned and unintended consequences of technology and explain tradeoffs.

## **Suggested Activities**

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### Unit project: Dropping off, Picking up

For this task, small groups of students will work together to design a school entranceway that improve access to the school during congested time periods. They will ask questions and identify a problem to solve related to the school entrance, and then engineer a possible solution to the problem. Students may have limited knowledge of the laws and safety regulations that must be considered when children are entering and leaving school. Provide background, instruction and assistance as needed.

## **Evidence of Student Learning - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals
- KWL Chart
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit tests

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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HMH Science Dimensions

## **Ancillary Resources**

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### **Technology Infusion**

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Upon completion of this section, please remove all remaining descriptions, notes, outlines, examples and/or illustrations that are not needed or used.

What **Technology Infusion** and/or strategies are integrated into this unit to enhance learning? Please list all hardware, software and strategies. Please find a technology pedagogy wheel for assistance while completing this section.



## **Differentiation**

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Effective educational **Differentiation** in a lesson lies within content, process, and/or product.

### **Differentiations:**

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Story guides
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

### **Hi-Prep Differentiations:**

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects
- Interest groups

- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Literature circles
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

#### **Lo-Prep Differentiations**

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts
- Varied supplemental materials

## **Intervention Strategies**

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- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides

- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## **Special Education Learning**

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- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multi-sensory presentation
- multiple test sessions
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **English Language Learning**

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- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## **Sample Lesson**

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Unit Name: Engineering and Technology

NGSS: ESS3.C; 3-5 ETS1.A

Interdisciplinary Connection: Math and Language Arts

Statement of Objective: explain the purpose of engineering and technology, and give examples of how engineering and math are used in science.

Anticipatory Set/Do Now: "Can you solve it?" - can you explain it video

Learning Activity: Students will read pages 6-10 and apply what they have read to the "in touch with technology" activity. Students will then use straws to test straw beams.

Student Assessment/CFU's: Hand's-on Worksheet

Materials: HMH Science dimensions text and kit

21st Century Themes and Skills: technology

Differentiation/Modifications: leveled readers

Integration of Technology: SmartBoard, video