

# Unit 11: Sustainable Design

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Course(s):

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## Summary

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### Introduction

Students will gain and develop knowledge and understandings related to sustainable design. Topics include solar energy strategies, energy code, zero-runoff, hot water strategies and greenhouse initiatives. Students will also construct models that describe their solution and how it can reduce the carbon footprint and climate change. This unit will run concurrently with other units throughout the year.

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LA.RH.11-12	Reading History
MA.A-SSE	Seeing Structure in Expressions
MA.A-SSE.A	Interpret the structure of expressions
	Key Ideas and Details
MA.A-SSE.A.1	Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context.
LA.RH.11-12.1	Accurately cite strong and thorough textual evidence, (e.g., via discussion, written response, etc.), to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to develop an understanding of the text as a whole.
MA.A-SSE.A.1a	Interpret parts of an expression, such as terms, factors, and coefficients.
LA.RH.11-12.2	Determine the theme, central ideas, information and/or perspective(s) presented in a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of how key events, ideas and/or author's perspective(s) develop over the course of the text.
LA.RH.11-12.3	Evaluate various perspectives for actions or events; determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain.
LA.WHST.11-12	Writing History, Science and Technical Subjects
	Text Types and Purposes
LA.WHST.11-12.1	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
SCI.HS-ESS1-3	Communicate scientific ideas about the way stars, over their life cycle, produce elements.
	Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information
SCI.HS-ESS3	Earth and Human Activity
SCI.HS-ESS3-1	Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the availability of natural resources, occurrence of natural hazards, and climate change have influenced human activity.
	Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions
SCI.HS-ESS3-4	Evaluate or refine a technological solution that reduces impacts of human activities on climate change and other natural systems.
	Examples of data on the impacts of human activities could include the quantities and types of pollutants released, changes to biomass and species diversity, or areal changes in land surface use (such as for urban development, agriculture and livestock, or surface mining). Examples for limiting future impacts could range from local efforts (such as

reducing, reusing, and recycling resources) to large-scale geoengineering design solutions (such as altering global temperatures by making large changes to the atmosphere or ocean).

#### Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

SCI.HS-ESS3-5

Analyze geoscience data and the results from global climate models to make an evidence-based forecast of the current rate of global or regional climate change and associated future impacts to Earth systems.

#### Analyzing and Interpreting Data

CS.9-12.8.2.12.EC.1

Analyze controversial technological issues and determine the degree to which individuals, businesses, and governments have an ethical role in decisions that are made.

CS.9-12.8.2.12.EC.2

Assess the positive and negative impacts of emerging technologies on developing countries and evaluate how individuals, non-profit organizations, and governments have responded.

CS.9-12.8.2.12.EC.3

Synthesize data, analyze trends, and draw conclusions regarding the effect of a technology on the individual, culture, society, and environment and share this information with the appropriate audience.

CS.9-12.8.2.12.ED.1

Use research to design and create a product or system that addresses a problem and make modifications based on input from potential consumers.

CS.9-12.8.2.12.ED.2

Create scaled engineering drawings for a new product or system and make modification to increase optimization based on feedback.

CS.9-12.8.2.12.ED.3

Evaluate several models of the same type of product and make recommendations for a new design based on a cost benefit analysis.

CS.9-12.8.2.12.ETW.4

Research historical tensions between environmental and economic considerations as driven by human needs and wants in the development of a technological product and present the competing viewpoints.

CS.9-12.EC

Ethics & Culture

CS.9-12.ED

Engineering Design

CRP.K-12.CRP1

Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.

CRP.K-12.CRP1.1

Career-ready individuals understand the obligations and responsibilities of being a member of a community, and they demonstrate this understanding every day through their interactions with others. They are conscientious of the impacts of their decisions on others and the environment around them. They think about the near-term and long-term consequences of their actions and seek to act in ways that contribute to the betterment of their teams, families, community and workplace. They are reliable and consistent in going beyond the minimum expectation and in participating in activities that serve the greater good.

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.CRP9

Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.

CRP.K-12.CRP9.1

Career-ready individuals consistently act in ways that align personal and community-held ideals and principles while employing strategies to positively influence others in the workplace. They have a clear understanding of integrity and act on this understanding in every decision. They use a variety of means to positively impact the directions and actions of a team or organization, and they apply insights into human behavior to change others' action, attitudes and/or beliefs. They recognize the near-term and long-term effects that management's actions and attitudes can have on productivity, morals and organizational

	culture.
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.
SCI.HS-ETS1-4	Use a computer simulation to model the impact of proposed solutions to a complex real-world problem with numerous criteria and constraints on interactions within and between systems relevant to the problem.
SCI.HS-ETS1-2	Design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering.
SCI.HS-ETS1-3	Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and trade-offs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts.
SCI.HS-ETS1	Engineering Design
WRK.9.2.12.CAP	Career Awareness and Planning
TECH.8.1.12	Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
TECH.8.1.12.A	Technology Operations and Concepts: Students demonstrate a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems and operations.
TECH.8.1.12.A.1	Create a personal digital portfolio which reflects personal and academic interests, achievements, and career aspirations by using a variety of digital tools and resources.
TECH.8.1.12.A.2	Produce and edit a multi-page digital document for a commercial or professional audience and present it to peers and/or professionals in that related area for review.
TECH.8.1.12.A.CS1	Understand and use technology systems.
TECH.8.1.12.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.
TECH.8.1.12.C	Communication and Collaboration: Students use digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively, including at a distance, to support individual learning and contribute to the learning of others.
TECH.8.1.12.C.1	Develop an innovative solution to a real world problem or issue in collaboration with peers and experts, and present ideas for feedback through social media or in an online community.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS1	Interact, collaborate, and publish with peers, experts, or others by employing a variety of

digital environments and media.

TECH.8.1.12.D	Digital Citizenship: Students understand human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practice legal and ethical behavior.
TECH.8.1.12.F	Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making: Students use critical thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources.
TECH.8.1.12.F.CS1	Identify and define authentic problems and significant questions for investigation.
TECH.8.2.12	Technology Education, Engineering, Design, and Computational Thinking - Programming: All students will develop an understanding of the nature and impact of technology, engineering, technological design, computational thinking and the designed world as they relate to the individual, global society, and the environment.
TECH.8.2.12.A	The Nature of Technology: Creativity and Innovation: Technology systems impact every aspect of the world in which we live.
TECH.8.2.12.A.CS1	The characteristics and scope of technology.
TECH.8.2.12.B	Technology and Society: Knowledge and understanding of human, cultural and society values are fundamental when designing technology systems and products in the global society.
TECH.8.2.12.B.1	Research and analyze the impact of the design constraints (specifications and limits) for a product or technology driven by a cultural, social, economic or political need and publish for review.
TECH.8.2.12.B.2	Evaluate ethical considerations regarding the sustainability of environmental resources that are used for the design, creation and maintenance of a chosen product.
TECH.8.2.12.B.3	Analyze ethical and unethical practices around intellectual property rights as influenced by human wants and/or needs.
TECH.8.2.12.B.4	Investigate a technology used in a given period of history, e.g., stone age, industrial revolution or information age, and identify their impact and how they may have changed to meet human needs and wants.
TECH.8.2.12.B.5	Research the historical tensions between environmental and economic considerations as driven by human needs and wants in the development of a technological product, and present the competing viewpoints to peers for review.
TECH.8.2.12.B.CS1	The cultural, social, economic and political effects of technology.
TECH.8.2.12.B.CS2	The effects of technology on the environment.
TECH.8.2.12.B.CS4	The influence of technology on history.
TECH.8.2.12.C	Design: The design process is a systematic approach to solving problems.
TECH.8.2.12.C.5	Create scaled engineering drawings of products both manually and digitally with materials and measurements labeled.
TECH.8.2.12.C.CS1	The attributes of design.
TECH.8.2.12.D	Abilities for a Technological World: The designed world is the product of a design process that provides the means to convert resources into products and systems.
TECH.8.2.12.D.1	Design and create a prototype to solve a real world problem using a design process, identify constraints addressed during the creation of the prototype, identify trade-offs made, and present the solution for peer review.
TECH.8.2.12.D.3	Determine and use the appropriate resources (e.g., CNC (Computer Numerical Control) equipment, 3D printers, CAD software) in the design, development and creation of a technological product or system.
TECH.8.2.12.D.CS1	Apply the design process.
TECH.8.2.12.D.CS2	Use and maintain technological products and systems.

Assess the impact of products and systems.

Career planning requires purposeful planning based on research, self-knowledge, and informed choices.

Engineering design is a complex process in which creativity, content knowledge, research, and analysis are used to address local and global problems. Decisions on trade-offs involve systematic comparisons of all costs and benefits, and final steps that may involve redesigning for optimization.

Engineering design evaluation, a process for determining how well a solution meets requirements, involves systematic comparisons between requirements, specifications, and constraints.

## **Essential Questions/Enduring Understandings**

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### **Essential Questions:**

What is sustainable design?

Why are we concerned about sustainable design?

What are practices that promote sustainable design?

### **Enduring Understandings:**

Sustainable design involves the reduction of impact of building on the environment.

Sustainable design concerns both the construction of a building and its impact after it is constructed.

Design that negatively impacts the environment affects climate change, flooding and other long term problems.

Practices that reduce the impact of building on the environment include green building technologies and strategies to work with rain run-off.

## **Objectives**

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### **Students will know:**

We can learn from historical building how to reduce the need to mechanically heat and cool buildings. Historical examples range from the Hopi housing in Arizona to the innovations of trombe wall

Active solar devices involve added equipment to a building, i.e. solar voltaics or hot water panels on a roof.

Passive solar design is built into a a building, i.e. masonry floors designed to retain heat or overhangs designed to shade windows, or locating windows where they will receive the most sun.

Shading devices can be designed to provide more and less sunlight in different seasons.

Components of an active solar solar system.

Components of a passive solar system.

Design can reduce the impact of buildings on the environment, carbon footprint and climate change.

Design can affect the aesthetics of a building.

**Students will be skilled at:**

Designing a shading device for a building.

Proposing an active solar device for a building.

Critically determine what are functional requirements and aesthetic choices in a design.

Analyze how technology affects form in a design.

Solve problems efficiently using the design loop.

Develop a digital portfolio.

## **Learning Plan**

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Preview the essential questions and connect to learning throughout the unit.

Guiding questions: What does an awning look like? How does it work? When is it most and least effective? How could a shade be design for morning sun? Where can we get information about the sun at different times during the year? At what times during the year is sunlight in the home more desireable?; What are ways we can store heat?

Students to research and write analysis of topics in sustainable design including Hopi tribal homes, Trombe wall design, solar voltaic, hot water generation, and insulation.

Lecture and demonstration of different presentation techniques that may include airbrush and pen & ink.

Students will incorporate the strategies into projects explored in other units.

Formative assessments will be conducted throughout the design process.

Summative assessment will be conducted by the student and teacher using a rubric specific to the design problem of the unit.

Unit test or quiz.

Writing prompt. "The affect on the aesthetics of the build were...(inspired)..."

## **Assessment**

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### **Formative assessments:**

Assessment of prior knowledge will be given at the beginning of each applicable unit.

### **Summative assessment:**

Answer the essential questions.

Demonstrate through drawings integration of sustainable concepts.

Demonstrate the ability to use software and technical drawing conventions to communicate a design effectively.

Design and create presentation drawings explaining how a sustainable building strategy works.

The presentation will be evaluated using teacher and student designed rubrics.

Maintain a log to explain how the design evolved, including sources of information and criticism.

The presentation will be included in an electronic portfolio.

Writing prompts/questions: "Regarding sustainability, what are concerns with material selection?", What are strategies to use less energy?

### **Alternative Assessment:**

Presentation on sustainable building and how it can be used to help reduce carbon footprints and climate change

### **Benchmark Assessment:**

Final Exam

## **Materials**

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The CADD LAB-computers equipped with up-to-date AutoCAD and/or other design and drafting software, presentation software, productivity software, a scanner and printers/plotters.

Traditional drafting equipment and supplies-vellum, colored and graphite pencils, pen and ink, drawing boards, tape, scissors, t-squares, triangles etc.

Chip-board, X-acto knives and other model making supplies.

A computer with INTERNET based presentation software (i.e. Prezi and Google Slides) and Microsoft Powerpoint.

Smartboard for demonstrations by the teacher and presentations by students.

## **Integrated Accommodation and Modifications Spec Ed, ELL, At-Risk, G&T, Career Education, 504's**

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See the linked document for Integrated Accommodation and Modifications, Special Education, English Language Learners, At-Risk, Gifted and Talented, Career Education and 504s.