

# Unit 02: Sampling and Experimentation (8 weeks)

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## Standards Alignment

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### New Jersey Student Learning Standards

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#### Capacities of the Literate Individual

#### Students Who are College and Career Ready in Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening, & Language

They demonstrate independence.

They build strong content knowledge.

They respond to the varying demands of audience, task, purpose, and discipline.

They comprehend as well as critique.

They value evidence.

They use technology and digital media strategically and capably.

LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R	Reading
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
MA.S-IC	Making Inferences and Justifying Conclusions
MA.S-IC.A	Understand and evaluate random processes underlying statistical experiments
MA.S-IC.A.1	Understand statistics as a process for making inferences about population parameters based on a random sample from that population.
LA.RST.11-12.3	Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks; analyze the specific results based on explanations in the text.
MA.S-IC.B	Make inferences and justify conclusions from sample surveys, experiments, and observational studies
MA.S-IC.B.3	Recognize the purposes of and differences among sample surveys, experiments, and observational studies; explain how randomization relates to each.

## **Integration of Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills**

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CRP.K-12.CRP1	Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP3	Attend to personal health and financial well-being.
CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
CRP.K-12.CRP5	Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
CRP.K-12.CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
CRP.K-12.CRP7	Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
CRP.K-12.CRP8	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
CRP.K-12.CRP9	Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
CRP.K-12.CRP10	Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.
CRP.K-12.CRP11	Use technology to enhance productivity.
CRP.K-12.CRP12	Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.

## **Technology / Integration of Computer Science and Design Thinking**

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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.3	Collaborate in online courses, learning communities, social networks or virtual worlds to discuss a resolution to a problem or issue.
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.

## **Interdisciplinary Connections: NJSLs for ELA, Social Studies, Science and/or Math Section**

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LA.K-12.NJLSA.R	Reading
MATH.K-12.2	Reason abstractly and quantitatively
LA.K-12.NJLSA.R1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
LA.K-12.NJLSA.R2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
MATH.K-12.3	Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others
LA.K-12.NJLSA.R3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course

	of a text.
MATH.K-12.4	Model with mathematics
MATH.K-12.5	Use appropriate tools strategically
MATH.K-12.6	Attend to precision
MATH.K-12.7	Look for and make use of structure
MATH.K-12.8	Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning
	Key Ideas and Details
LA.RI.11-12.1	Accurately cite strong and thorough textual evidence, (e.g., via discussion, written response, etc.), to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
LA.RI.11-12.2	Determine two or more central ideas of a text, and analyze their development and how they interact to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of the text.
LA.RI.11-12.3	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.

## Integration of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Climate Change; Informational and Media Literacy **New Section**

see Crosswalks

## 21st Century Life and Careers

CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP7	Employ valid and reliable research strategies.

## Stage I: Desired Results

## Transfer/Overview/Rationale

### Transfer / Overview / Rationale

#### Unit Rationale

The purpose of this unit...

**The purpose of this unit is to understand what a good study looks like, how to create one, and what things to look for to be sure you are not being fed results from a poorly conducted study. Have you asked someone how tall they are and immediately knew they lied to you by adding an inch? When you're watching commercials about how Honda wants you to buy their car because it gets 40 miles to the gallon on average, how do we know that information is true? Knowing who conducted a study and how it was conducted plays a role in deciding if we can trust what we are being told. Students need to learn how to plan a study, collect data, and draw conclusions in such a way that results are accurate, useful, and error free.**

## Meaning

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## Essential Questions

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- Why is taking a small sample sometimes more beneficial than surveying an entire population via a census?
- Why might a particular institution/organization be inclined to run their own study?
- When gathering information, why might it be misguided to ask respondents to report their own information?

## Enduring Understanding/Indicators of Understanding

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- If we are trying to gain information about a particular population, it is sometimes not feasible to survey every constituent and we must settle for just a small subcollection.
- The only way to ensure valid results is by ensuring participants in studies were selected randomly.
- When planning an experiment, all aspects must be thoroughly thought out in order to ensure nothing is confounded.

## **Acquisition (Student Learning Objectives)**

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### **Knowledge**

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Knowledge

Students will know...

- the difference between a poorly created study and a good one
- which situations merit conducting a census versus saving time and using a sample
- the different parts of an experiment (control, treatment, comparison)
- several methods for ensuring test subjects were randomly selected
- different characteristics of a study that can result in confounding (these are bad studies)

### **Skills**

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Student will be skilled at ...

- design plans for conducting surveys and experiments
- develop sampling methods that ensure randomness and accuracy
- draw unbiased conclusions based on data
- conduct experiments while avoiding sources of bias and confounding

## **Stage 3: Learning Plan**

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## Resource and Mentor Texts

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- The Practice of Statistics (5th Edition) - School-Issued Textbook
- College Board Website (<http://www.collegeboard.org/>)
- Barron's AP Statistics Practice Workbook - School-Issued Workbook
- Practice AP Resources: <http://www.appracticeexams.com/ap-statistics>
- TI-83 Calculator
- Online Statistical Calculators (<http://www.stattek.com>)
- Notes/Practice Problems from Amsco AP Statistics Workbook
- Notes/Practice Problems from The Princeton Review Workbook
- Notes/Practice Problems from 5 Steps to a 5 Workbook
- Notes/Practice Problems from Kaplan AP Statistics Workbook
- Practice problems from Barron's AP Statistics Practice Flashcards
- Practice problems from 5 Steps to a 5: 500 Questions

## Formative Assessment Strategies

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- TV Ad Reflection Activity
- Collaborative AP practice problems (open ended)
- 5 question quizzes (daily)
- Random Number Generator Practice

## Learning Activities/Unit of Study

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- Conduct the Civics Survey throughout the school to practice designing studies.
- Practice using random number generators while playing a shortened board game.
- Take cumulative AP practice test regarding only units 1 and 2.
- Watch a series of television ads, commercials, and infomercials and reflect on the statistics within them critically.
- Drill with 5 APquestion multiple choice quizzes.
- Randomly select students throughout the school for studies using methods learned.
- Design a simple yet long term experiment to be started and revisited upon later in the year when hypothesis testing begins.

## **Modifications and/or Accommodations**

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### **Suggested Modifications (ELL, Sp. Ed, Gifted, At-risk of Failure)**

#### **English Language Learners**

Native language support: The teacher provides auditory or written content to students in their native language.

Adjusted Speech: The teacher changes speech patterns to increase student comprehension. This could include facing the students, paraphrasing, clearly indicating the most important ideas, and speaking more slowly.

Visuals: The teacher uses graphics, pictures, visuals, and manipulatives. This helps ELL students better understand and comprehend the subjects at hand.

Front-Loading Vocabulary: The teacher front loads vocabulary. This means providing students with a list of important vocabulary words they will need to know for a book, lesson, etc. prior to the lesson being taught. Including pictures to go with the vocabulary words is also very beneficial for the students.

#### **Special Education Students**

Chunking: The teacher presents information in a way that makes it easy for students to understand and remember. Chunking is based on the presumption that our working memory is easily overloaded by excessive detail. The best way to deliver information is to organize it into meaningful units. Because students with special needs get overloaded easily, chunking is an effective strategy to use with them.

Checking for Understanding: It is important to constantly check for understanding, especially for students who have accommodations. Teachers want to make sure students understand the concepts being covered in a way that makes sense to them.

Extra time: The teacher provides students with special needs extra time to complete work or answer questions. It is important to give students enough time to process their thoughts.

Oral Reading: The teacher will read work orally to students. Class work such as tests and literature circles may need to be read aloud to the student.

Timers: The teacher will use timers as an instructional tool. The use of timers is beneficial for students who have trouble completing tasks. Timers can be helpful so the student is aware of how much time they have to complete an assignment.

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## **Gifted & Talented Strategies**

Extensions/Enrichments: Teachers will provide gifted and talented students with extension/enrichment projects. Students will be challenged to further their understanding, to apply acquired knowledge, and/or to produce something in reference to acquired knowledge.

Modify/Change Activities: Teachers will monitor and modify activities to accommodate those students who need to be challenged further. Additional reading, problem-solving, writing, or project work is necessary for those students who are ready to move on at a rate more accelerated than their peers. In this way, G & T students are provided the same opportunity for support as special needs students.

## **Students at Risk of School Failure**

Directions or Instructions: Make sure directions and/or instructions are given in limited numbers. Give directions/instructions verbally and in simple written format. Ask students to repeat the instructions or directions to ensure understanding occurs. Check back with the student to ensure he/she hasn't forgotten.

Peer Support: Peers can help build confidence in other students by assisting in peer learning. Many

teachers use the 'ask 3 before me' approach. This is fine, however, a student at risk may have to have a specific student or two to ask. Set this up for the student so he/she knows who to ask for clarification before going to you.

**Alternate or Modified Assignments:** Always ask yourself, "How can I modify this assignment to ensure the students at risk are able to complete it?" Sometimes you'll simplify the task, reduce the length of the assignment or allow for a different mode of delivery. For instance, many students may hand something in, the at-risk student may jot notes and give you the information verbally. Or, it just may be that you will need to assign an alternate assignment.

**Increase One to One Time:** When other students are working, always touch base with your students at risk and find out if they're on track or needing some additional support. A few minutes here and there will go a long way to intervene as the need presents itself.

**Contracts:** It helps to have a working contract between you and your students at risk. This helps prioritize the tasks that need to be done and ensure completion happens. Each day write down what needs to be completed, as the tasks are done, provide a checkmark or happy face. The goal of using contracts is to eventually have the student come to you for completion sign-offs.

**Hands On:** As much as possible, think in concrete terms and provide hands-on tasks. This means a child doing math may require a calculator or counters. The child may need to tape record comprehension activities instead of writing them. A child may have to listen to a story being read instead of reading it him/herself.

**Tests/Assessments:** Tests can be done orally if need be. Break tests down in smaller increments by having a portion of the test in the morning, another portion after lunch and the final part the next day.

**Seating:** Seat students near a helping peer or with quick access to the teacher. Those with hearing or sight issues need to be close to the instruction which often means near the front.