

# Unit 06: Construction

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## Standards Alignment

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### New Jersey Student Learning Standards

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#### Practice 1. Asking questions (for science) and defining problems (for engineering)

Asking questions and defining problems in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to formulating, refining, and evaluating empirically testable questions and design problems using models and simulations.

Ask questions to clarify and refine a model, an explanation, or an engineering problem.

Define a design problem that involves the development of a process or system with interacting components and criteria and constraints that may include social, technical, and/or environmental considerations.

#### Practice 2. Developing and using models

Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.

Design a test of a model to ascertain its reliability.

#### Practice 6. Constructing explanations (for science) and designing solutions (for engineering)

Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.

Design, evaluate, and/or refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations.

#### Practice 7. Engaging in argument from evidence

Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.

Respectfully provide and/or receive critiques on scientific arguments by probing reasoning and evidence, challenging ideas and conclusions, responding thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, and determining additional information required to resolve contradictions.

CCSS.Math.Practice.MP5	Use appropriate tools strategically.
CCSS.Math.Content.HSG-MG	Modeling with Geometry
CCSS.Math.Content.HSG-MG.A	Apply geometric concepts in modeling situations
CCSS.Math.Content.HSG-MG.A.2	Apply concepts of density based on area and volume in modeling situations (e.g., persons per square mile, BTUs per cubic foot).
CCSS.Math.Content.HSG-MG.A.3	Apply geometric methods to solve design problems (e.g., designing an object or structure to satisfy physical constraints or minimize cost; working with typographic grid systems based on ratios).

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

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9.3.12.AC	Architecture & Construction
9.3.12.AC.1	Use vocabulary, symbols and formulas common to architecture and construction.
9.3.12.AC.2	Use architecture and construction skills to create and manage a project.
9.3.12.AC.3	Comply with regulations and applicable codes to establish and manage a legal and safe workplace.
9.3.12.AC.4	Evaluate the nature and scope of the Architecture & Construction Career Cluster and the role of architecture and construction in society and the economy.
9.3.12.AC.5	Describe the roles, responsibilities, and relationships found in the architecture and construction trades and professions, including labor/management relationships.
9.3.12.AC.6	Read, interpret and use technical drawings, documents and specifications to plan a project.
9.3.12.AC-CST	Construction
9.3.12.AC-CST.7	Compare and contrast the building systems and components required for a construction project.
9.3.12.AC-CST.8	Demonstrate the construction crafts required for each phase of a construction project.
9.3.12.AC-CST.9	Safely use and maintain appropriate tools, machinery, equipment and resources to accomplish construction project goals.
9.3.12.AC-DES	Design/Pre-Construction
9.3.12.AC-DES.1	Justify design solutions through the use of research documentation and analysis of data.
9.3.12.AC-DES.2	Use effective communication skills and strategies (listening, speaking, reading, writing and graphic communications) to work with clients and colleagues.
9.3.12.AC-DES.4	Apply building codes, laws and rules in the project design.
9.3.12.AC-DES.5	Identify the diversity of needs, values and social patterns in project design, including accessibility standards.
9.3.12.AC-DES.6	Apply the techniques and skills of modern drafting, design, engineering and construction to projects.
9.3.12.AC-DES.8	Apply standards, applications and restrictions pertaining to the selection and use of construction materials, components and assemblies in the project design.
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.8.2.12	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.1	Propose an innovation to meet future demands supported by an analysis of the potential full costs, benefits, trade-offs and risks, related to the use of the innovation.
TECH.8.2.12.A.2	Analyze a current technology and the resources used, to identify the trade-offs in terms of availability, cost, desirability and waste.
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.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.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.

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

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LA.K-12.NJLSA.SL	Speaking and Listening Comprehension and Collaboration
LA.K-12.NJLSA.SL1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
LA.K-12.NJLSA.SL2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
LA.SL.11-12.1.A	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well reasoned exchange of ideas.
LA.SL.11-12.1.B	Collaborate with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and assessments (e.g., student developed rubrics), and establish individual roles as needed.
LA.SL.11-12.1.D	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives; synthesize comments, claims, and evidence made on all sides of an issue; resolve contradictions when possible; and determine what additional information or research is required to deepen the investigation or complete the

LA.SL.11-12.2

task.

Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, qualitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.

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

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see Crosswalks

## **21st Century Life and Careers**

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### **Stage I: Desired Results**

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### **Transfer/Overview/Rationale**

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Unit Rationale

The purpose of this unit...

**This unit will allow students to explore architecture/construction-related careers that cater to often overlooked communities, as well as some of the technical skills required for these careers.**

### **Meaning**

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### **Essential Questions**

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- How can designers account for cost/benefit tradeoffs in designing and maintaining ADA compliant facilities while still meeting their own requirements such as the cost of materials, labor requirements, and profits?

- How do building codes, planning, and commonly accepted construction practices interact in the design and construction of residential buildings?
- In what way does efficiency impact the decisions a designer makes in construction technology settings?

## **Enduring Understanding/Indicators of Understanding**

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- Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ACT) necessitates different approaches to the design and construction of residential and commercial buildings.
- Construction codes are instituted and enforced at national, state, and local levels in different capacities.
- Design efficiency requires consideration of placement, materials selection, functionality, and accessibility issues relating to the sizes, types, and commonly used construction materials.

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

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### **Knowledge**

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#### Knowledge

Students will know...

- How to analyze and construct a floor plan.
- Understand proper building codes and planning.
- Understand the construction process from beginning to end.
- Understand ADA compliance necessities.
- The steps of the construction process from concept to finished product.

### **Skills**

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#### Skills

Student will be skilled at ...

- Identify common issues and difficulties encountered by individuals with limited mobility in traditional dwellings and environments.
- Identify outside laws, organizations, and codes that dictate specifications and limitations in construction technology.
- Identify and discuss various energy sources utilized in residential dwellings and their impact on operating budgets.
- Develop multiple solutions and identify key features for stakeholders.
- Summarize rationales for selected solutions.

- Complete 2D and 3D drawings.
- Select and utilize resources that have been modified by digital tools (e.g., CNC equipment, CAD software) in the creation of a technological product or system.
- Develop a model to explain the use and features of the residence.
- Write a self and design evaluation for the project.

## **Stage 3: Learning Plan**

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### **Resource and Mentor Texts**

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#### Resources and Mentor Texts

- CTE Curriculum
- <https://www.ada.gov/>
- TED talks

### **Formative Assessment Strategies**

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#### Formative Assessment Strategies

- Exit ticket
- Engineering notebooks
- Notebook checks
- Design sketches
- Twitter board
- Teacher-led questions and discussion
- Morph chart
- Peer feedback
- Scale model
- What did we learn? chart
- KWL chart
- Daily design logs
- Feedback meetings with teacher
- Self rating on cleanup/organization
- Presentation run-throughs
- Thumbs up/down/sideways

## **Learning Activities/Unit of Study**

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- **Do Now--Review questions, take out materials from the previous day, log on to computers and open up documents, small activity to recap the day before**
- **Review - recap on material that has been covered (questions, discussion, whiteboard)**
- **Lecture on ADA standards, and floor plans.**
- **Demos- teacher will show student new skills by going through them step by step (illustrator skills, machine demos, brainstorming techniques, tutorials)**
- **Partners/teams - students will work in teams for projects, receive feedback, and complete other assignments.**
- **Review and practice skills using a variety of materials - (machines, programs, brainstorming techniques, work through design challenges/projects)**
- **Student led instruction**
- **Thumbs up/down/sideways - quick formative assessment to gauge students level of understanding.**
- **Jeopardy style review games.**
- **Student presentations- students will present their ideas to the class to receive feedback from their classmates.**
- **Feedback meetings- students will meet with teacher at the conclusion of each step in order to get the teachers approval before moving forward.**
- **Open lab days- students will work on design projects or assignments(students/teams may be at different steps of the project).**
- **Testing and evaluation- students along with the teacher will test student projects and evaluate the projects success.**

## **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.

