

Unit 04: Informed Decisions

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Standards Alignment

New Jersey Student Learning Standards

Integration of Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills

12.9.3.ST	Science, technology, engineering & mathematics
12.9.3.ST.1	Apply engineering skills in a project that requires project management, process control and quality assurance.
12.9.3.ST-ET	Engineering & Technology Career Pathway
12.9.3.ST-ET.2	Display and communicate STEM information.
12.9.3.ST-ET.4	Apply the elements of the design process.
12.9.3.ST-ET.6	Apply the knowledge learned in the study of STEM to provide solutions to human and societal problems in an ethical and legal manner.
12.9.3.ST-SM	Science & Mathematics Career Pathway
12.9.3.ST-SM.1	Apply science and mathematics to provide results, answers and algorithms for engineering and technological activities.
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

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.8.2.12	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.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.C	Design: The design process is a systematic approach to solving problems.
TECH.8.2.12.C.3	Analyze a product or system for factors such as safety, reliability, economic considerations, quality control, environmental concerns, manufacturability, maintenance and repair, and human factors engineering (ergonomics).
TECH.8.2.12.C.4	Explain and identify interdependent systems and their functions.
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.
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.

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

LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W	Writing
	Production and Distribution of Writing
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and

collaborate with others.

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W7

Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects, utilizing an inquiry-based research process, based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

LA.W.11-12.4

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

LA.W.11-12.5

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, trying a new approach, or consulting a style manual (such as MLA or APA Style), focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

LA.W.11-12.6

Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

LA.W.11-12.7

Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

Integration of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Climate Change; Informational and Media LiteracyNew Section

see Crosswalks

21st Century Life and Careers

Stage I: Desired Results

Transfer/Overview/Rationale

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Unit Rationale

The purpose of this unit...

The purpose of this unit is to keep the design process as the focus. Throughout this unit students will be furthering their design project by continuing their brainstorming and making an informed decision for the final solution.

Meaning

Essential Questions

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- How do designers and engineers around the world generate and defend solutions to technological problems?
- Why is it important to come up with as many feasible solutions as possible?
- What are outcomes of possible solutions and how can this information help in the selection of a solution?

Enduring Understanding/Indicators of Understanding

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- Brainstorming requires an open mind and may ignore many of the constraints in the design brief. Brainstorming may break a possible solution into individual parts or subsystems and does not have to address the entire product or system as a whole.
- It is important to generate multiple solutions and assess which design is best for solving the problem, given the original constraints and specifications in the design brief.
- Every potential solution will have desired, undesired, intended, and unintended consequences.

Acquisition (Student Learning Objectives)

Knowledge

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Students will know...

- The importance of feedback.
- Why generating many possible solutions is important.
- How engineers and designers generate solutions.

- **How to:**
 - narrow down solution ideas with the problem statement in mind
 - evaluate previous brainstorming ideas.
 - develop a proper technical drawing.
 - apply CAD skills.
 - properly defend the final solution.
- **The importance of generating multiple solutions.**
- **The benefits of feedback in the design world.**
- **Breaking down the design into systems:**
 - Subsystems, components, materials etc.
- **Various brainstorming techniques can benefit your project outcome.**

Skills

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Student will be skilled at ...

- **Create a blog post displaying various design solutions.**
- **Create a blog post final design CAD and technical drawings.**
- **Evaluate brainstorming ideas for the system, subsystems, components, materials, etc.**
- **Generate multiple solutions and technical drawings with the problem statement and ethics in mind.**
- **Apply the design process.**
- **Create a CAD and technical drawing for the final solution.**
- **Create a marketing poster to receive feedback from the class.**
- **Analyze feedback and apply suggestions to the solution.**
- **Choose a solution using the outcome analysis and specification/constraint matrix.**
- **Provide a rationale to explain the choices and tradeoffs between specifications and constraints/limitations.**

Stage 3: Learning Plan

Resource and Mentor Texts

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- **CAD/CAM programs:** illustrator, photoshop, inventor
- **Google sites, wordpress**

Formative Assessment Strategies

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- Engineering notebooks/websites.
- Notebook/websites checks.
- Research.
- Design sketches.
- Twitter board.
- Teacher lead questions and discussion.
- Peer feedback.
- Scale model.
- What did we learn chart.
- KWL chart.
- Daily Design Logs.
- Feedback meetings with teacher.
- Self evaluations of progress.
- Presentation practice.
- Website checks.
- Thumbs up/down/sideways.

Learning Activities/Unit of Study

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- Do now- students will come in answer a question, take out, log on to the computers.
- Discussion and lecture on brainstorming, constraints and research.
- Open lab days- students will be working on different parts of their projects (websites, problem statement, research, resume).
- Feedback - students will meet with the teacher to receive feedback on each step of the design process before moving forward.
- Presentations of progress and ideas- students will present their ideas and progress to the class and receive feedback from their peers.
- Working on analyzing their solutions and narrowing them down to one final solution.
- Students will be working on the computers to create a CAD model of their final solution.
- White Board- as a class students will write different ideas on the board to receive feedback.

Modifications and/or Accommodations

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.

Students with 504 Plans

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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.