

8th Grade Unit 3 - Matter: Properties and Changes

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NJSLS - Science

SCI.MS-PS1-2	Analyze and interpret data on the properties of substances before and after the substances interact to determine if a chemical reaction has occurred.
SCI.MS-PS1-3	Gather and make sense of information to describe that synthetic materials come from natural resources and impact society.
SCI.MS-PS1-5	Develop and use a model to describe how the total number of atoms does not change in a chemical reaction and thus mass is conserved.
SCI.MS-PS1-6	Undertake a design project to construct, test, and modify a device that either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes.
SCI.MS-ETS1-1	Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.
SCI.MS-ETS1-2	Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.
SCI.MS-ETS1-3	Analyze data from tests to determine similarities and differences among several design solutions to identify the best characteristics of each that can be combined into a new solution to better meet the criteria for success.
SCI.MS-ETS1-4	Develop a model to generate data for iterative testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.

Science and Engineering Practices

Developing and Using Models

Develop a model to describe unobservable mechanisms. (MS-PS1-5)

Develop a model to generate data to test ideas about designed systems, including those representing inputs and outputs. (MS-ETS1-4)

Analyzing and Interpreting Data

Analyze and interpret data to determine similarities and differences in findings. (MS-PS1-2, MS-ETS1-3)

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

Undertake a design project, engaging in the design cycle, to construct and/or implement a solution that meets

specific design criteria and constraints. (MS-PS1-6)

Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information

Gather, read, and synthesize information from multiple appropriate sources and assess the credibility, accuracy, and possible bias of each publication and methods used, and describe how they are supported or not supported by evidence. (MS-PS1-3)

Asking Questions and Defining Problems

Define a design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process or system and includes multiple criteria and constraints, including scientific knowledge that may limit possible solutions. (MS-ETS1-1)

Engaging in Argument from Evidence

Evaluate competing design solutions based on jointly developed and agreed-upon design criteria. (MS-ETS1-2)

Disciplinary Core Ideas

PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter

Each pure substance has characteristic physical and chemical properties (for any bulk quantity under given conditions) that can be used to identify it. (MS-PS1-2, MS-PS1-3)

PS1.B: Chemical Reactions

Substances react chemically in characteristic ways. In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules, and these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants. (MS-PS1-2, MS-PS1-3, MS-PS1-5)

The total number of each type of atom is conserved, and thus the mass does not change. (MS-PS1-5)

Some chemical reactions release energy, others store energy. (MS-PS1-6)

ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems

The more precisely a design task's criteria and constraints can be defined, the more likely it is that the designed solution will be successful. Specification of constraints includes consideration of scientific principles and other relevant knowledge that are likely to limit possible solutions. (MS-ETS1-1)

ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions

A solution needs to be tested, and then modified on the basis of the test results, in order to improve it. (MS-ETS1-4)

There are systematic processes for evaluating solutions with respect to how well they meet the criteria and constraints of a problem. (MS-ETS1-2), (MS-ETS1-3)

Sometimes parts of different solutions can be combined to create a solution that is better than any of its predecessors. (MS-ETS1-3)

Models of all kinds are important for testing solutions. (MS-ETS1-4)

ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution

Although one design may not perform the best across all tests, identifying the characteristics of the design that performed the best in each test can provide useful information for the redesign process—that is, some of those characteristics may be incorporated into the new design. (MS-ETS1-3)

The iterative process of testing the most promising solutions and modifying what is proposed on the basis of the test results leads to greater refinement and ultimately to an optimal solution. (MS-ETS1-4)

Crosscutting Concepts

Patterns

Macroscopic patterns are related to the nature of microscopic and atomic-level structure. (MS-PS1-2)

Energy and Matter

Matter is conserved because atoms are conserved in physical and chemical processes. (MS-PS1-5)

The transfer of energy can be tracked as energy flows through a designed or natural system. (MS-PS1-6)

Structure and Function

Structures can be designed to serve particular functions by taking into account properties of different materials, and how materials can be shaped and used. (MS-PS1-3)

Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology

Engineering advances have led to important discoveries in virtually every field of science, and scientific discoveries have led to the development of entire industries and engineered systems. (MS-PS1-3)

Influence of Science, Engineering and Technology on Society and the Natural World

The uses of technologies and any limitations on their use are driven by individual or societal needs, desires, and values; by the findings of scientific research; and by differences in such factors as climate, natural resources, and economic conditions. Thus, technology use varies from region to region and over time. (MS-PS1-3)

All human activity draws on natural resources and has both short and long-term consequences, positive as well as negative, for the health of people and the natural environment. (MS-ETS1-1)

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Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence

Science knowledge is based upon logical and conceptual connections between evidence and explanations. (MS-PS1-2)

Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena

Laws are regularities or mathematical descriptions of natural phenomena. (MS-PS1-5)

Rationale and Transfer Goals

Students build understandings of what occurs at the atomic and molecular scale. Students provide molecular-level accounts of states of matter and changes between states, of how chemical reactions involve regrouping of atoms to form new substances, and of how atoms rearrange during chemical reactions. Students also apply their understanding of optimization design and process in engineering to chemical reaction systems. The crosscutting concept of energy and matter provides a framework for understanding the disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in developing and using models, analyzing and interpreting data, designing solutions, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Students are also expected to use these science and engineering practices to demonstrate understanding of the disciplinary core ideas.

Enduring Understandings

Everything in the universe is made of matter, which has mass and volume.

Mixing two substances may result in a new substance.

Essential Questions

Is it possible to tell if two substances mixed or if they reacted with each other?

How can we trace synthetic materials back to natural ingredients?

What happens to the atoms when I bake a cake?

How can a device be designed, constructed, tested, and modified that either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes?

Content - What will students know?

- Each pure substance has characteristic physical and chemical properties (for any bulk quantity under given conditions) that can be used to identify it.
- Substances react chemically in characteristic ways.
- In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules; these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants.
- The analysis of data on the properties of products and reactants can be used to determine whether a chemical process has occurred.
- Density, melting point, boiling point, solubility, flammability, and odor are characteristic properties that can be used to identify a pure substance.
- Macroscopic patterns are related to the nature of the atomic-level structure of a substance.
- New substances that result from chemical processes have different properties from those of the reactants.
- Natural resources can undergo a chemical process to form synthetic material.
- Structures can be designed to serve particular functions by taking into account properties of different materials and how materials can be shaped and used.
- Engineering advances have led to discoveries of important synthetic materials, and scientific discoveries have led to the development of entire industries and engineered systems using these materials.
- Technology use varies from region to region and over time.
- The uses of technologies (engineered/synthetic materials) and any limitations on their use are driven by individual or societal needs, desires, and values.
- The uses of technologies (engineered/synthetic materials) and any limitations on their use are driven by the findings of scientific research and by differences in such factors as climate, natural resources, and economic conditions.
- The total number of each type of atom in a chemical process is conserved, and thus the mass does not change (the law of conservation of matter).
- Matter is conserved because atoms are conserved in physical and chemical processes.
- The law of conservation of mass is a mathematical description of natural phenomena.
- Some chemical reactions release energy, while others store energy.
- The transfer of thermal energy can be tracked as energy flows through a designed or natural system.

- Models of all kinds are important for testing solutions.
- There are systematic processes for evaluating solutions with respect to how well they meet the criteria and constraints of a problem.
- The iterative process of testing the most promising solutions and modifying what is proposed on the basis of the test results leads to greater refinement and ultimately to an optimal solution.
- A solution needs to be tested and then modified on the basis of the test results in order for it to be improved.
- Although one design may not perform the best across all tests, identifying the characteristics of the design that performed the best in each test can provide useful information for the redesign process.
- Some of the characteristics identified as having the best performance may be incorporated into the new design.

Skills - What will students be able to do?

- Analyze and interpret data to determine similarities and differences from results of chemical reactions between substances before and after they undergo a chemical process.
- Analyze and interpret data on the properties of substances before and after they undergo a chemical process.
- Identify and describe possible correlation and causation relationships evidenced in chemical reactions.
- Make logical and conceptual connections between evidence that chemical reactions have occurred and explanations of the properties of substances before and after they undergo a chemical process.
- Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to show that synthetic materials come from natural resources and affect society.
- Gather, read, and synthesize information about how synthetic materials formed from natural resources affect society.
- Assess the credibility, accuracy, and possible bias of each publication and methods used within the publication.
- Describe how information about how synthetic materials formed from natural resources affect society is supported or not supported by evidence.
- Use physical models or drawings, including digital forms, to represent atoms in a chemical process.
- Use mathematical descriptions to show that the number of atoms before and after a chemical process is the same.
- Undertake a design project, engaging in the design cycle, to construct, test, and modify a device that

either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes.

- Specific criteria are limited to amount, time, and temperature of a substance.
- Analyze and interpret data for the amount, time, and temperature of a substance in testing a device that either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes to determine similarities and differences in findings.
- Develop a model to generate data for testing a device that either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes, including those representing inputs and outputs of thermal energy.
- Track the transfer of thermal energy as energy flows through a designed system that either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes.

Activities - How will we teach the content and skills?

- Inspire Science Physical Science Unit 4 Module 1: Lesson 1 Properties of Matter
- Inspire Science Physical Science Unit 4 Module 1: Lesson 2 Property Changes in Chemical Reactions
- Inspire Science Physical Science Unit 4 Module 1: Energy Changes in Chemical Reactions
- Inspire Science Physical Science Unit 4 Module 2: Lesson 1 Synthetic Technology
- Inspire Science Physical Science Unit 4 Module 2: Lesson 2 Synthetic Materials and Societal Impact
- [MS-PS1-2 Lesson Examples](#)
- [MS-PS1-3 Lesson Examples](#)
- [MS-PS1-5 Lesson Examples](#)
- [MS-PS1-6 Lesson Examples](#)

Evidence/Assessments - How will we know what students have learned?

- Inspire Science Labs
- Inspire Science STEM Module Projects
- Inspire Science Physical Science Unit 4 Module 1 Assessment
- Inspire Science Physical Science Unit 4 Module 2 Assessment
- Daily Warm Ups

- Daily Exit Tickets
- [Grade 8 Unit 3 Benchmark Assessment](#)

Spiraling for Mastery

Content or Skill for this Unit	Spiral Focus from Previous Unit	Instructional Activity
<p>In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules; these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants.</p>	<p>By the end of Grade 5, students understand that:</p> <p>The amount (weight) of matter is conserved when it changes form, even in transitions in which it seems to vanish.</p> <p>When two or more different substances are mixed, a new substance with different properties may be formed.</p> <p>No matter what reaction or change in properties occurs, the total mass of the substances does not change.</p>	<p>5-PS1-2 Activities</p> <p>5-PS1-4 Activities</p>

Key Resources

Inspire Science

[Chapter 4: Periodic Table and Bonding](#)

[Chapter 5: The Water Molecule and Dissolving](#)

[Chapter 6: Chemical Change](#)

21st Century Life and Careers

WRK.9.2.8.CAP.8	Compare education and training requirements, income potential, and primary duties of at least two jobs of interest.
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Career Readiness, Life Literacies, & Key Skills

TECH.9.4.8.CI.1	Assess data gathered on varying perspectives on causes of climate change (e.g., cross-cultural, gender-specific, generational), and determine how the data can best be used to design multiple potential solutions (e.g., RI.7.9, 6.SP.B.5, 7.1.NH.IPERS.6, 8.2.8.ETW.4).
TECH.9.4.8.CT.1	Evaluate diverse solutions proposed by a variety of individuals, organizations, and/or agencies to a local or global problem, such as climate change, and use critical thinking skills to predict which one(s) are likely to be effective (e.g., MS-ETS1-2).
TECH.9.4.8.CT.2	Develop multiple solutions to a problem and evaluate short- and long-term effects to determine the most plausible option (e.g., MS-ETS1-4, 6.1.8.CivicsDP.1).
TECH.9.4.8.CT.3	Compare past problem-solving solutions to local, national, or global issues and analyze the factors that led to a positive or negative outcome.
TECH.9.4.8.TL.1	Construct a spreadsheet in order to analyze multiple data sets, identify relationships, and facilitate data-based decision-making.
TECH.9.4.8.TL.2	Gather data and digitally represent information to communicate a real-world problem (e.g., MS-ESS3-4, 6.1.8.EconET.1, 6.1.8.CivicsPR.4).
TECH.9.4.8.IML.3	Create a digital visualization that effectively communicates a data set using formatting techniques such as form, position, size, color, movement, and spatial grouping (e.g., 6.SP.B.4, 7.SP.B.8b).
TECH.9.4.8.IML.4	Ask insightful questions to organize different types of data and create meaningful visualizations.
TECH.9.4.8.IML.5	Analyze and interpret local or public data sets to summarize and effectively communicate the data.

Interdisciplinary Connections/Companion Standards

NJSLS ELA

RST.6-8.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions (MS-PS1-2, MS-PS1-3)

RST.6-8.3 Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks. (MS-PS1-6)

RST.6-8.7 Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table). (MS-PS1-2, MS-PS1-5)

WHST.6-8.7 Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (MS-PS1-6)

WHST.6-8.8 Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. (MS-PS1-3)

NJSLS Mathematics

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MS-PS1-2, MS-PS1-5)

MP.4 Model with mathematics. (MS-PS1-5)

6.RP.A.3 Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems. (MS-PS1-2, MS-PS1-5)

6.SP.B.4 Display numerical data in plots on a number line, including dot plots, histograms, and box plots. (MS-PS1-2)

6.SP.B.5 Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context (MS-PS1-2)