

# Unit 2: The Science of Food Preparation

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## NJSLS - Science

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9-12.HS-PS1-4	Develop a model to illustrate that the release or absorption of energy from a chemical reaction system depends upon the changes in total bond energy.
9-12.HS-PS1-5	Apply scientific principles and evidence to provide an explanation about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs.
9-12.HS-PS3-3	Design, build, and refine a device that works within given constraints to convert one form of energy into another form of energy.
9-12.HS-PS2-6	Communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.
9-12.HS-PS1-7	Use mathematical representations to support the claim that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction.

## Science and Engineering Practices

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### Developing and Using Models

Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-PS1-4)

### Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking

Use mathematical representations of phenomena to support claims. (HS-PS1-7)

### Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

Apply scientific principles and evidence to provide an explanation of phenomena and solve design problems, taking into account possible unanticipated effects. (HS-PS1-5)

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 trade-off considerations. (HS-PS3-3)

### Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information

Communicate scientific and technical information (e.g. about the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and

mathematically). (HS-PS2-6)

## **Disciplinary Core Ideas**

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### **PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter**

A stable molecule has less energy than the same set of atoms separated; one must provide at least this energy to take the molecule apart. (HS-PS1-4)

### **PS1.B: Chemical Reactions**

Chemical processes, their rates, and whether or not energy is stored or released can be understood in terms of the collisions of molecules and rearrangements of atoms into new molecules, with consequent changes in the sum of all bond energies in the set of molecules that are matched by changes in kinetic energy. (HS-PS1-4),(HS-PS1-5)

The fact that atoms are conserved, together with knowledge of the chemical properties of the elements involved, can be used to describe and predict chemical reactions. (HS-PS1-7)

### **PS2.B: Types of Interactions**

Attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale explain the structure, properties, and transformations of matter, as well as the contact forces between material objects. (HS-PS2-6)

### **PS3.A: Definitions of Energy**

At the macroscopic scale, energy manifests itself in multiple ways, such as in the moon, sound, light, and thermal energy. (HS-PS3-2) (HS-PS3-3)

### **ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting an Engineering Problem**

Criteria and constraints also include satisfying any requirements set by society, such as taking issues of risk mitigation into account, and they should be quantified to the extent possible and stated in such a way that one can tell if a given design meets them. (secondary to HS-PS3-3)

## **Crosscutting Concepts**

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## **Patterns**

Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena. (HS-PS1-5)

## **Energy and Matter**

The total amount of energy and matter in closed systems is conserved. (HS-PS1-7)

Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-PS1-4)

## **Structure and Function**

Investigating or designing new systems or structures requires a detailed examination of the properties of different materials, the structures of different components, and the connections of components to reveal their function and/or solve a problem. (HS-PS2-6)

## **Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems**

Science assumes the universe is a vast single system in which basic laws are consistent. (HS-PS1-7)

## **Rationale and Transfer Goals**

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A study of food science requires knowledge of the basic nature of matter. You need a mental picture of how subatomic particles fit into the structure of atoms. Matter is made up of chemical elements, which are identified in the periodic table. This information will be the basis for understanding how atoms form ionic and covalent bonds to create molecules and compounds. Students will have the opportunity to research foods and demonstrate their matter classifications to the class. As the behavior of food compounds is observed, physical and chemical changes must also be observed. Students will observe these chemical and physical changes during lab activities that highlight the occurrences. Chemical equations will then be used to record what was objectively observed. An understanding of how energy relates to food can assist in the choosing of food preparation methods, and cookware. Understanding heat and energy and how they flow allows a good cook to know when and how to control factors in food preparation such as the temperature of reactants, the surface area of the food, and the thickness of the food. Students will be able to apply not only the knowledge gained from their research on thermodynamics and food but also concepts of financial literacy in finding which method of heating food is the most efficient. All topics will include the overarching theme of a STEM classroom.

## Enduring Understandings

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- Physical changes change the physical properties of a substance, not the chemical formula.
- Chemical changes create new substances with different chemical formulas from the original substances.
- The bent polarized structure of water allows for the many different advantages of water.
- Chemical reactions in food can be a result of preparation or even cause the food to go bad.
- Chemical equations must always be balanced. Conversions of energy allow for food to be prepared.
- The water content of food affects how the food will react during preparation and storage processes.
- Certain chemical and physical properties distinguish an acid from a base.

## Essential Questions

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- If the atoms of water do not change, how is water able to exist as a gas, liquid, and solid?
- How can you tell if water is soft or hard?
- How can water be purified?
- Why do starches from different plant sources differ in their ability to gel?
- Why does an apple turn brown when you take a bite out of it and then let it sit?
- Why do microwave ovens differ in the time it takes to heat the same type of food?
- Why should dish towels never be used to pick up hot pans from the oven?
- How are pickles made?
- How do ionic and covalent bonds differ?
- How do you know that a chemical equation will always have the same number of atoms of each type on each side?
- What kind of energy conversion is performed by a food processor and a waffle maker?
- Explain how a microwave uses all three methods of heat transfer to cook your food.
- How does placing an open box of baking soda in the fridge eliminate odors and what does this tell you about the chemical makeup of those compounds?
- Explain why the polar nature of water makes it a good solvent.

## Content - What will students know?

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- Basic atomic structure, commonly used elements on the periodic table.
- What differentiates an ionic bond from a covalent bond.
- How to classify pure substances and mixtures.
- Balancing chemical reactions.
- Kinetic and potential energy.
- Forms of mechanical energy in terms of food production.
- Heat and heat transfer.
- Ionization energy.
- Acids and bases.
- VSEPR Diagrams of common molecules and how they affect the behavior of a compound.

- Functions of water in the body and common contaminants.

### **Skills - What will students be able to do?**

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- Describe the basic structure of atoms.
- Identify the symbols on the periodic table commonly used in food science.
- Define ionic and covalent bonding.
- Explain the difference between pure substances and mixtures.
- Compare physical and chemical reactions in laboratory experiments.
- Balance chemical equations to illustrate simple chemical reactions.
- Identify sources of energy as potential or kinetic.
- Differentiate among various forms of energy.
- Explain the relationship between heat and temperature.
- Summarize three basic ways heat is transferred.
- List factors affecting the rate of reaction in food preparation.
- Describe the ionization of water.
- Distinguish between the characteristics of acids and the characteristics of bases.
- State how the pH scale is used to identify acids and bases.
- Explain the role of pH in food preservation and baking applications.
- Describe how the structure of a water molecule affects water's physical characteristics.
- Demonstrate the function of water in food preparation.
- Explain how the water content of a food affects how the food will react during preparation and storage processes.
- Identify four functions of water in the body.
- List common contaminants in water

### **Activities - How will we teach the content and skills?**

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- Structure lessons around questions that are authentic, and relate to students' interests, social/family background, and knowledge of their community.
- Provide students with multiple choices for how they can represent their understanding.
- Provide opportunities for students to connect with people of similar backgrounds.
- Provide multiple grouping opportunities for students to share their ideas and to encourage work among various backgrounds and cultures.
- Engage students with a variety of Science and Engineering practices to provide students with multiple entry points and multiple ways to demonstrate their understanding.
- Use project-based science learning to connect science with observable phenomena.
- Structure the learning around exploring or solving a social or community-based issue.
- Provide ELL students with multiple literacy strategies.

- Collaborate with after-school programs or clubs to extend learning opportunities.

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

- Labs: Physical qualities of food
  - Chemical Changes
  - The chemical detective
  - Boiling Point of Various Mixtures
  - Heat Transfer of potatoes
  - Freezing Cream
  - Molarity of sweetened tea
  - Red Cabbage as an acid-base Indicator
  - pH and Chemical leavening in muffins
  - Thermometer Calibration
  - Water in Hot dogs
  - Water Purity
- Unit Tests
- Quizzes
- [Food Science Benchmark #1](#)

## **Spiraling for Mastery**

Content or Skill for this Unit	Spiral Focus from Previous Unit	Instructional Activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare physical and chemical reactions in laboratory experiments.</li> <li>• Balance chemical equations to illustrate simple chemical reactions. Describe the ionization of water.</li> <li>• Distinguish between the characteristics of acids and the characteristics of bases.</li> <li>• State how the pH scale is used to identify acids and bases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an understanding of the chemical function and properties of major food components.</li> <li>• Provide an understanding of the chemical interactions of food components and their effects on sensory and nutritional quality, functional properties, and safety of foods.</li> <li>• Provide an understanding of the chemical basis of food preservation and the effects of processing and storage on food quality.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balancing Equations</li> <li>• What's the Maer?</li> <li>• Matching Maer</li> <li>• An energetic Meal</li> <li>• What's the Charge</li> <li>• Calculating Molarity</li> <li>• The Universal Solvent</li> <li>• Understanding Water</li> </ul>

## Key Resources

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“Principles of Food Science 3rd Edition” Janet Ward

“Understanding Food- Principles and Preparation” Amy Brown

## Career Readiness, Life Literacies, & Key Skills

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TECH.9.4.12.CT.3	Enlist input from a variety of stakeholders (e.g., community members, experts in the field) to design a service learning activity that addresses a local or global issue (e.g., environmental justice).
TECH.9.4.12.CT.4	Participate in online strategy and planning sessions for course-based, school-based, or other project and determine the strategies that contribute to effective outcomes.
TECH.9.4.12.GCA.1	Collaborate with individuals to analyze a variety of potential solutions to climate change effects and determine why some solutions (e.g., political, economic, cultural) may work better than others (e.g., SL.11-12.1., HS-ETS1-1, HS-ETS1-2, HS-ETS1-4, 6.3.12.GeoGI.1, 7.1.IH.IPERS.6, 7.1.IL.IPERS.7, 8.2.12.ETW.3).
TECH.9.4.12.IML.2	Evaluate digital sources for timeliness, accuracy, perspective, credibility of the source, and relevance of information, in media, data, or other resources (e.g., NJLSA.W8, Social Studies Practice: Gathering and Evaluating Sources).
TECH.9.4.12.IML.3	Analyze data using tools and models to make valid and reliable claims, or to determine optimal design solutions (e.g., S-ID.B.6a., 8.1.12.DA.5, 7.1.IH.IPRET.8).
TECH.9.4.12.IML.4	Assess and critique the appropriateness and impact of existing data visualizations for an intended audience (e.g., S-ID.B.6b, HS-LS2-4).
TECH.9.4.12.IML.5	Evaluate, synthesize, and apply information on climate change from various sources appropriately (e.g., 2.1.12.CHSS.6, S.IC.B.4, S.IC.B.6, 8.1.12.DA.1, 6.1.12.GeoHE.14.a, 7.1.AL.PRSNT.2).
TECH.9.4.12.IML.6	Use various types of media to produce and store information on climate change for different purposes and audiences with sensitivity to cultural, gender, and age diversity (e.g., NJLSA.SL5).
TECH.9.4.12.IML.7	Develop an argument to support a claim regarding a current workplace or societal/ethical issue such as climate change (e.g., NJLSA.W1, 7.1.AL.PRSNT.4).

## Interdisciplinary Connections/Companion Standards

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LA.RST.11-12.1	Accurately cite strong and thorough evidence from the text to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to precise details for explanations or descriptions.
LA.WHST.11-12.2	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.