

Unit 3 - What Happens When Energy Moves from One Place to Another?

45 instructional days

New Jersey Student Learning Standards Science

HS-PS3-1: Create a computational model to calculate the change in the energy of one component in a system when the change in energy of the other component(s) and energy flows in and out of the system are known. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on explaining the meaning of mathematical expressions used in the model.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to basic algebraic expressions or computations; to systems of two or three components; and to thermal energy, kinetic energy, and/or the energies in gravitational, magnetic, or electric fields.]

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.* [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on both qualitative and quantitative evaluations of devices. Examples of devices could include Rube Goldberg devices, wind turbines, solar cells, solar ovens, and generators. Examples of constraints could include use of renewable energy forms and efficiency.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment for quantitative evaluations is limited to total output for a given input. Assessment is limited to devices constructed with materials provided to students.]

HS-PS3-4: Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that the transfer of thermal energy when two components of different temperatures are combined within a closed system results in a more uniform energy distribution among the components in the system (second law of thermodynamics). [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on analyzing data from student investigations and using mathematical thinking to describe the energy changes both quantitatively and conceptually. Examples of investigations could include mixing liquids at different initial temperatures or adding objects at different temperatures to water.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to investigations based on materials and tools provided to students.]

HS-ESS2-1: Develop a model to illustrate how Earth's internal and surface processes operate at different spatial and temporal scales to form continental and ocean-floor features. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on how the appearance of land features (such as mountains, valleys, and plateaus) and sea-floor features (such as trenches, ridges, and seamounts) are a result of both constructive forces (such as volcanism, tectonic uplift, and orogeny) and destructive mechanisms (such as weathering, mass wasting, and coastal erosion).] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include memorization of the details of the formation of specific geographic features of Earth's surface.]

HS-ESS2-2: Analyze geoscience data to make the claim that one change to Earth's surface can create feedback that causes changes to other Earth systems. [Clarification Statement: Examples should include climate feedback, such as how an increase in greenhouse gases causes a rise in global temperatures that melts glacial ice, which reduces the amount of sunlight reflected from Earth's surface, increasing surface temperatures and further reducing the amount of ice. Examples could also be taken from other system interactions, such as how the loss of ground vegetation causes an increase in water runoff and soil erosion; how dammed rivers increase groundwater recharge, decrease sediment transport, and increase coastal erosion; or how the loss of wetlands causes a decrease in local humidity that further reduces the wetland extent.]

HS-ESS2-3: Develop a model based on evidence of Earth's interior to describe the cycling of matter by thermal convection. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on both a one-dimensional model of Earth, with radial layers determined by density, and a three-dimensional model, which is controlled by mantle convection and the resulting plate tectonics. Examples of evidence include maps of Earth's three-dimensional structure obtained from seismic waves, records of the rate of change of Earth's magnetic field (as constraints on convection in the outer core), and identification of the composition of Earth's layers from high-pressure laboratory experiments.]

HS-ESS2-4: Use a model to describe how variations in the flow of energy into and out of Earth's systems result in changes in climate. [Clarification Statement: Examples of the causes of climate change differ by timescale, over 1-10 years: large volcanic eruption, ocean circulation; 10-100s of years: changes in human activity, ocean circulation, solar output; 10-100s of thousands of years: changes to Earth's orbit and the orientation of its axis; and 10-100s of millions of years: long-term changes in atmospheric composition.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of the results of changes in climate is limited to changes in surface temperatures, precipitation patterns, glacial ice volumes, sea levels, and biosphere distribution.]

HS-ESS2-5: Plan and conduct an investigation of the properties of water and its effects on Earth materials and surface processes. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on mechanical and chemical investigations with water and a variety of solid materials to provide the evidence for connections between the hydrologic cycle and system interactions commonly known as the rock cycle. Examples of mechanical investigations include stream transportation and deposition using a stream table, erosion using variations in soil moisture content, or frost wedging by the expansion of water as it freezes. Examples of chemical investigations include chemical weathering and recrystallization (by testing the solubility of different materials) or melt generation (by examining how water lowers the melting temperature of most solids).]

Science and Engineering Practices

Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking

- Create a computational model or simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system. (HS-PS3-1)

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

- 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)

Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

- Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-PS3-4, HS-ESS2-5)

Developing and Using Models

- Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-ESS2-1, HS-ESS2-3)
- Use a model to provide mechanistic accounts of phenomena. (HS-ESS2-4)

Analyzing and Interpreting Data

- Analyze data using tools, technologies, and/or models (e.g., computational, mathematical) in order to make valid and reliable scientific claims or determine an optimal design solution. (HS-ESS2-2)

Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence

- Science knowledge is based on empirical evidence. (HS-ESS2-3)
- Science disciplines share common rules of evidence used to evaluate explanations about natural systems. (HS-ESS2-3)
- Science includes the process of coordinating patterns of evidence with current theory. (HS-ESS2-3)
- Science arguments are strengthened by multiple lines of evidence supporting a single explanation. (HS-ESS2-4)

Disciplinary Core Ideas**PS3.A: Definitions of Energy**

- Energy is a quantitative property of a system that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system. There is a single quantity called energy due to the fact that a system's total energy is conserved, even as, within the system, energy is continually transferred from one object to another and between its various possible forms. (HS-PS3-1)

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

PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer

- Conservation of energy means that the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system. (HS-PS3-1)
- Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems. (HS-PS3-1, HS-PS3-4)
- Mathematical expressions, which quantify how the stored energy in a system depends on its configuration (e.g., relative positions of charged particles, compression of a spring) and how kinetic energy depends on mass and speed, allow the concept of conservation of energy to be used to predict and describe system behavior. (HS-PS3-1)
- The availability of energy limits what can occur in any system. (HS-PS3-1)
- Uncontrolled systems always evolve toward more stable states—that is, toward more uniform energy distribution (e.g., water flows downhill, objects hotter than their surrounding environment cool down). (HS-PS3-4)

PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes

- Although energy cannot be destroyed, it can be converted to less useful forms — for example, to thermal energy in the surrounding environment. (HS-PS3-4)

ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems

- Earth's systems, being dynamic and interacting, cause feedback effects that can increase or decrease the original changes. (HS-ESS2-1, HS-ESS2-2)
- Evidence from deep probes and seismic waves, reconstructions of historical changes in Earth's surface and its magnetic field, and an understanding of physical and chemical processes lead to a model of Earth with a hot but solid inner core, a liquid outer core, a solid mantle and crust. Motions of the mantle and its plates occur primarily through thermal convection, which involves the cycling of matter due to the outward flow of energy from Earth's interior and gravitational movement of denser materials toward the interior. (HS-ESS2-3)
- The geological record shows that changes to global and regional climate can be caused by interactions among changes in the sun's energy output or Earth's orbit, tectonic events, ocean circulation, volcanic activity, glaciers, vegetation, and human activities. These changes can occur on a variety of time scales from sudden (e.g., volcanic ash clouds) to intermediate (ice ages) to very long-term tectonic cycles. (HS-ESS2-4)

ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions

- Plate tectonics is the unifying theory that explains the past and current movements of the rocks at Earth's surface and provides a framework for understanding its geologic history. Plate movements are responsible for most continental and ocean-floor features and for the distribution of most rocks and minerals within Earth's crust. (HS-ESS2-1)
- The radioactive decay of unstable isotopes continually generates new energy within Earth's crust and mantle, providing the primary source of the heat that drives mantle convection. Plate tectonics can be viewed as the surface expression of mantle convection. (HS-ESS2-3)

ESS2-C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes

- The abundance of liquid water on Earth's surface and its unique combination of physical and chemical properties are central to the planet's dynamics. These properties include water's exceptional capacity to absorb, store, and release large amounts of energy, transmit sunlight, expand upon freezing, dissolve and transport materials, and lower the viscosities and melting points of rocks. (HS-ESS2-5)

ESS2-D: Weather and Climate

- The foundation for Earth's global climate systems is the electromagnetic radiation from the sun, as well as its reflection, absorption, storage, and redistribution among the atmosphere, ocean, and land systems, and this energy's reradiation into space. (HS-ESS2-2, HS-ESS2-4)
- Changes in the atmosphere due to human activity have increased carbon dioxide concentrations and thus affect climate. (HS-ESS2-4)

Crosscutting Concepts**Systems and System Models**

- Models can be used to predict the behavior of a system, but these predictions have limited precision and reliability due to the assumptions and approximations inherent in models. (HS-PS3-1)
- When investigating or describing a system, the boundaries and initial conditions of the system need to be defined and their inputs and outputs analyzed and described using models. (HS-PS3-4)

Energy and Matter

- 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-PS3-3)

- Energy drives the cycling of matter within and between systems. (HS-ESS2-3)

Stability and Change

- Change and rates of change can be quantified and modeled over very short or very long periods of time. Some system changes are irreversible. (HS-ESS2-1)
- Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HS-ESS2-2)

Cause and Effect

- Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-ESS2-4)

Structure and Function

- The functions and properties of natural and designed objects and systems can be inferred from their overall structure, the way their components are shaped and used, and the molecular substructures of its various materials. (HS-ESS2-5)

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

- Modern civilization depends on major technological systems. Engineers continuously modify these technological systems by applying scientific knowledge and engineering design practices to increase benefits while decreasing costs and risks. (HS-PS3-3)
- New technologies can have deep impacts on society and the environment, including some that were not anticipated. Analysis of costs and benefits is a critical aspect of decisions about technology. (HS-ESS2-2)

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-PS3-1)

Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology

- Science and engineering complement each other in the cycle known as research and development (R&D). Many R&D projects may involve scientists, engineers, and others with wide ranges of expertise. (HS-ESS2-3)

Rationale and Transfer Goals :

The purpose of this unit is to understand the conservation of energy and how it relates to observations in the real world. Students will be able to understand the different forms of energy (potential and kinetic) as well as the means to transfer energy from one system to another. Students will apply macroscopic understandings of kinetic and potential energies to microscopic situations (temperature and heat) as well as large scale situations (tectonic plates and the solar system). The understanding that energy can not be created or destroyed will allow students to understand where energy goes after a process occurs allowing them to answer the overarching question of what happens when energy moves from one place to another.

Enduring Understandings:

- In an isolated system, energy is always conserved.
- Work is the transfer of energy into or out of a system and is equal to the change of energy within the system.
- Energy can be transferred via conduction, convection, or radiation.
- Macroscopic and microscopic systems experience energy changes in very similar ways.
- The geosphere experiences changes due to a flow of energy to and from the Earth.

Essential Questions:

- I have heard it since kindergarten, but what is energy? [[Phenomena](#)]
- How can we use mathematics to prove what happens in abiotic and biotic systems? [[Phenomena](#)]
- How long does it take to make a mountain? [[Phenomena](#)]
- Superstorm Sandy devastated the New Jersey Shore and demonstrated to the public how vulnerable our infrastructure is. Using your understanding of energy, design a low technology system that would insure the availability of energy to residents if catastrophic damage to the grid occurs again. [[Phenomena](#)]

Content/Objectives		Instructional Actions	
Content	Skills	Activities/Strategies	Evidence (Assessments)
<i>What students will know</i>	<i>What students will be able to do</i>	<i>How we teach content and skills</i>	<i>How we know students have learned</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work that enters or leaves a system is equal to the change of energy within the system. • Energy can be converted into other forms, but it cannot be created or destroyed. • If two objects are in thermal contact, they will exchange heat until they reach thermal equilibrium. • Earth processes occur over many millennia and are variable due to changes within the Earth. • One change in energy can cause a chain reaction in other systems. • When a gas or liquid is heated, it will undergo convection. • Changing the flow of energy from one system to another will cause changes within each system over time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solve equations using the work-energy equation to show that positive/negative work will change the energy within the system. • Design a simple roller coaster and show the changes in kinetic and potential energy it undergoes throughout the ride. • Solve for the amount of heat that was transferred based on the changes in temperature of two objects in thermal equilibrium. • Use equations of kinetic and potential energy to solve for the rate at which a continent will move. • Investigate scenarios in which a small change in energy leads to a bigger chain reaction. • Observe the flow of heat within a gas and observe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an activity that shows how positive work will increase the energy within a system while negative work will remove energy from a system. [link] • Utilize the PhET energy skate park simulation to show changes in potential energy lead to changes in kinetic energy. [link] • Use a PhET simulation to show the effect of adding or removing heat from a liquid or gas. [link] • Use simulations of continental drift and determine the rate at which continents move in order to determine the energy needed to move them. [link] • Complete an activity using elastic potential energy to determine how small changes in displacement can lead to bigger changes in the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be able to use the work-energy equation to determine a number of different variables. • Students will be able to predict the velocity of an object if it dropped from a certain height. • Students will be able to determine the amount of heat that has been transferred based on the change in temperature of a mass. • Students will be able to use the mass and velocity of an object to determine the energy required to move it. • Students will be able to conceptually explain why a small change in energy can lead to a larger change in a system. • Students will be able to explain the difference between conduction, convection, and radiation.
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	<p>that hot gas will rise as cold air will sink.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use climate change as an example as to what happens when the energy input to the Earth's atmosphere changes over time due to human interactions. 	<p>kinetic energy of objects. [link]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the effect of density on floating and sinking and explain what is observed in videos of convection. [link] Read scholarly resources and use the knowledge of work and energy as well as convection to explain why the Earth's average temperature is increasing and why that leads to bigger chain reactions down the line. [link] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be able to use work and energy to explain climate change. Physics Unit 3 Benchmark
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Spiraling for Mastery

Content or Skill for this Unit	Spiral Focus from Previous Unit	Instructional Activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinetic energy depends on mass and speed. Stored energy depends on configuration in terms of relative position of masses. As an object falls, the potential energy will linearly decrease as the kinetic energy linearly increases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The changes of state that occur with variations in temperature or pressure can be described and predicted using these models of matter. Some chemical reactions release energy, others store energy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the role of velocity and mass in determining the kinetic energy of an object. Review the different forms of potential energy that can arise due to the relative location to other objects. Review conservation laws and how a closed or open make a difference. Review the layers of the Earth and our ability to "see" underneath the Earth's crust.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Energy cannot be created or destroyed. It only moves between one place and another, between objects and/or fields, or between systems.● Use mathematical expressions to quantify how stored energy in a system depends on configuration—for example, the stretching or compression of a spring.● Create models of the interior of the Earth that describe the cycling of matter by thermal convection.● The continents do not move over the ocean floor; rather, the entire plate moves over the mantle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Gravitational forces are always attractive. There is a gravitational force between any two masses, but it is very small except when one or both of the objects have large mass—e.g., Earth and the sun.● The term “heat” as used in everyday language refers both to thermal energy (the motion of atoms or molecules within a substance) and the transfer of that thermal energy from one object to another. In science, heat is used only for this second meaning; it refers to the energy transferred due to the temperature difference between two objects.● When the motion energy of an object changes, there is inevitably some other change in energy at the same time.● All Earth processes are the result of energy flowing and matter cycling within and among the planet’s systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Review heat and how the transfer of heat changes the temperature of a substance.● Review the hierarchy of the solar system and why planets revolve around the sun.● Review the water cycle and its effects on changing the Earth’s surface.
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	<p>This energy is derived from the sun and Earth's hot interior. The energy that flows and matter that cycles produce chemical and physical changes in Earth's materials and living organisms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maps of ancient land and water patterns, based on investigations of rocks and fossils, make clear how Earth's plates have moved great distances, collided, and spread apart.	
<p>Key resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OpenSTAX College Physics [Link]• WebAssign Homework [Link]• PhET Simulations [Link]• oPhysics [Link]• Physlet [Link]• NASA Website [Link]• The Physics Classroom [Link]		
<p><u>21st Century Life & Careers:</u></p> <p>9.2.12.CAP.2: Develop college and career readiness skills by participating in opportunities such as structured learning experiences, apprenticeships, and dual enrollment programs.</p>		

9.2.12.CAP.3: Investigate how continuing education contributes to one's career and personal growth.

9.2.12.CAP.4: Evaluate different careers and develop various plans (e.g., costs of public, private, training schools) and timetables for achieving them, including educational/training requirements, costs, loans, and debt repayment.

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, & Key Skills:

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).

9.4.12.CT.4: Participate in online strategy and planning sessions for course-based, school-based, or other projects and determine the strategies that contribute to effective outcomes.

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.

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.

9.4.12.IML.3: Analyze data using tools and models to make valid and reliable claims, or to determine optimal design solutions.

9.4.12.IML.4: Assess and critique the appropriateness and impact of existing data visualizations for an intended audience.

9.4.12.IML.5: Evaluate, synthesize, and apply information on climate change from various sources appropriately.

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.

Interdisciplinary Connections/Companion Standards:

NJSLS Math

HSN-Q.A.1 Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-PS3-1, HS-PS3-3)



HSN-Q.A.2 Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-PS3-1, HS-PS3-3)

HSN-Q.A.3 Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-PS3-1, HS-PS3-3)

NJSLS ELA

RST.11-12.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-PS3-4, HS-ESS2-2, HS-ESS2-3)

RST.11-12.2 Determine the central ideas, themes, or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms. (HS-ESS2-2)

WHST.9-12.7 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. (HS-PS3-3, HS-ESS2-5)

WHST.11-12.8 Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (HS-PS3-4)

WHST.9-12.9 Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-PS3-4)

SL.11-12.5 Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (HS-PS3-1, HS-ESS2-1, HS-ESS2-2, HS-ESS2-4)

Companion Standards for ELA in Science and Technical Subjects: Reading

Key Ideas and Details

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.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

RST.11-12.7. Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem.

RST.11-12.8. Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.

RST.11-12.9. Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.

Companion Standards for ELA in Science and Technical Subjects: Writing
Research to Build and Present Knowledge

WHST.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 an understanding of the subject under investigation.

WHST.11-12.9. Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.