

# 4. Cellular Energy Processes

Content Area: **Science**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Full Year**  
Length: **4 weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## General Overview, Course Description or Course Philosophy

### OBJECTIVES, ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS, ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

- The process of photosynthesis converts light energy to stored chemical energy by converting carbon dioxide plus water into sugars plus released oxygen.
- 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.
- As matter and energy flow through different organizational levels of living systems, chemical elements are recombined in different ways to form different products.
- As a result of these chemical reactions, energy is transferred from one system of interacting molecules to another. Cellular respiration is a chemical process in which the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and new compounds are formed that can transport energy to muscles. Cellular respiration also releases the energy needed to maintain body temperature despite ongoing energy transfer to the surrounding environment.
- Energy cannot be created or destroyed; it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems.

### CONTENT AREA STANDARDS

SCI.HS-LS1-5	Use a model to illustrate how photosynthesis transforms light energy into stored chemical energy.
SCI.HS-LS1-7	Use a model to illustrate that cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and the bonds in new compounds are formed resulting in a net transfer of energy.

### RELATED STANDARDS (Technology, 21st Century Life & Careers, ELA Companion Standards are Required)

LA.W.9-10.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
LA.W.9-10.5	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.9-10.7	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.
LA.W.9-10.8	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation (MLA or APA Style Manuals).
LA.W.9-10.9	Draw evidence from literary or nonfiction informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
LA.RL.9-10.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
MA.F-BF.A.1	Write a function that describes a relationship between two quantities.
MA.F-IF.C.7	Graph functions expressed symbolically and show key features of the graph, by hand in simple cases and using technology for more complicated cases.
MA.K-12.4	Model with mathematics.
TECH.9.4.12.CI.2	Identify career pathways that highlight personal talents, skills, and abilities (e.g., 1.4.12prof.CR2b, 2.2.12.LF.8).
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).

## **STUDENT LEARNING TARGETS**

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### **Declarative Knowledge**

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Students will understand that:

- Sugar and oxygen are produced by carbon dioxide and water by the process of photosynthesis.
- Photosynthesis results in the storage of energy in the difference between the energies of the chemical bonds of the inputs (carbon dioxide and water) and outputs (sugar and oxygen).
- Carbon dioxide and water are produced from sugar and oxygen by the process of cellular respiration.
- The process of cellular respiration releases energy because the energy released when the bonds that are formed in CO<sub>2</sub> and water is greater than the energy required to break the bonds of sugar and oxygen.

### **Procedural Knowledge**

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Students will be able to:

- Identify and describe the components of the model relevant for illustrating that photosynthesis transforms light energy into stored chemical energy by converting carbon dioxide plus water into sugars plus released oxygen, including:

- Energy in the form of light.
- Breaking of chemical bonds to absorb energy.
- Formation of chemical bonds to release energy.
- Matter in the form of carbon dioxide, water, sugar, and oxygen.
- Students use the given model to illustrate:
  - The transfer of matter and flow of energy between the organism and its environment during photosynthesis.
  - Photosynthesis as resulting in the storage of energy in the difference between the energies of the chemical bonds of the inputs (carbon dioxide and water) and outputs (sugar and oxygen).
- Identify and describe the components of the model relevant for their illustration of cellular respiration, including:
  - Matter in the form of food molecules, oxygen, and the products of their reaction (e.g., water and CO<sub>2</sub>).
  - The breaking and formation of chemical bonds.
  - Energy from the chemical reactions.
- Students use the given model to illustrate that:
  - The chemical reaction of oxygen and food molecules releases energy as the matter is rearranged, existing chemical bonds are broken, and new chemical bonds are formed, but matter and energy are neither created nor destroyed.
  - Food molecules and oxygen transfer energy to the cell to sustain life's processes, including the maintenance of body temperature despite ongoing energy transfer to the surrounding environment.

## **EVIDENCE OF LEARNING**

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### **Formative Assessments**

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- Checks for understanding during lesson.
- Use of student-friendly proficiency scales to track progress.
- Do Now activities.
- Student-centered questioning and discussion that is facilitated by instructor.
- Exit Tickets.

### **Summative Assessments**

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- Benchmarks – departmental benchmark given at the end of MP1, MP2, and MP3 based on lab practices
- Alternative Assessments
  - Lab inquiries and investigations

- Lab Practicals
- Exploratory activities based on phenomenon
- Gallery walks of student work
- Creative Extension Projects
- Build a model of a proposed solution
- Let students design their own flashcards to test each other
- Keynote presentations made by students on a topic
- Portfolio

## **RESOURCES (Instructional, Supplemental, Intervention Materials)**

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### Unit - Cells

- Photosynthesis
  - Case Study: *What would it take to make an artificial leaf?*
  - Interactivity: *ATP and Batteries.*
  - Case Study: *Plant Pigments and Photosynthesis.*
  - Analyzing Data: *Rates of Photosynthesis.*
- Cellular Respiration
  - Case Study: *You are what you eat.*
  - Animation: *Active Transport.*
  - Modeling Lab: *Making a Model of Cellular Respiration.*

### POGIL Biology

- Photosynthesis: What's in a Leaf?
- Cellular Respiration
- Photosynthesis and Respiration

### Gizmos

- Cell Energy Cycle
- Photosynthesis Lab
- Cell Respiration (STEM Case)

[NSTA](#)

[Data Nuggets](#)

[Online Resources](#)

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS**

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ELA/Literacy

Mathematics

Technology

## **ACCOMMODATIONS & MODIFICATIONS FOR SUBGROUPS**

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See link to Accommodations & Modifications document in course folder.