

# Physical Science

## Energy

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### Systems and System Models

- 1 Evaluate sources of information concerning the law of conservation of energy to illustrate energy transformations in practical applications and natural systems. **PS.1**
    - a Plan and carry out investigations to explore how mechanical energy is transformed within a system, including kinetic energy, gravitational potential energy, elastic potential energy, and work. **PS.1.A**
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**Collect, analyze, and use data to explain how thermal energy is transferred by conduction, convection, and radiation.** **PS.1.B**

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**Construct explanations to justify the selection of materials for specific applications based on the materials' specific heat values.** **PS.1.C**

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- c Construct explanations to justify the selection of materials for specific applications based on the materials' specific heat values.** **PS.1.C**
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**Investigate collisions and other real-world situations to evaluate the effects of impulse on changes in momentum.** **PS.1.D**

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**Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer**

**Properties of Waves**

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- 2 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to compare and contrast the properties of mechanical and electromagnetic waves as they relate to real-world applications. **PS.2**
    - a Analyze and interpret data to identify and describe the relationships among wavelength, frequency, amplitude, and energy in waves. **PS.2.A**
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**Electricity and Magnetism**

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- 3 Construct an explanation of the ways in which modern science uses both magnetic and electric concepts to create usable products. **PS.3**
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**Develop models to illustrate reflection, refraction, interference, and diffraction. PS.2.B**

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Analyze the ways in which different media and their characteristics affect the speed of sound and light waves. **PS.2.C**

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**c** Analyze the ways in which different media and their characteristics affect the speed of sound and light waves. **PS.2.C**

Use models to illustrate the Doppler effect and explain the changes in sound perception associated with it. **PS.2.D**

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Obtain and communicate information from published materials to explain how transmitting and receiving devices use the principles of wave behavior and wave interactions to transmit and capture information and energy. **PS.2.E**

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Construct an argument using evidence to support the claim that field forces exist between objects and act on the objects even when the objects are not in contact. **PS.3.A**

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**a** Construct an argument using evidence to support the claim that field forces exist between objects and act on the objects even when the objects are not in contact. **PS.3.A**

Plan and carry out investigations to identify the factors that affect the strength of the electric and magnetic forces between objects. **PS.3.B**

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Use mathematics and computational thinking to represent and determine the quantitative

**c** Use mathematics and computational thinking to represent and determine the quantitative relationships between voltage, current, and resistance in series and parallel circuits in terms of Ohm's law. **PS.3.C**

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Develop and use models to determine the relationships among voltage, current, and resistance at specific loads in series and parallel circuits. PS.3.D

**d** Develop and use models to determine the relationships among voltage, current, and resistance at specific loads in series and parallel circuits. PS.3.D

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Plan and carry out investigations to determine the relationships between magnetism and electrical charge in common devices. PS.3.E

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Analyze and interpret data concerning the advantages and disadvantages of the energy sources used to produce electricity. PS.3.F

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Matter and Its Interactions

Structure, Properties, and Nuclear Processes

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Stability and Change

**4** Evaluate the effects of using ions or isotopes of elements as a solution to a complex real-world problem, including cost, safety, trade-offs, and environmental impacts. PS.4

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Patterns

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Structure and Function

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**Cause and Effect**

- e Analyze and interpret data to explain how radioactive decay changes a radioactive isotope over time and explain how the age of an object can be estimated by the ratio of radioactive isotopes contained within the object's atoms. **PS.4.E**
  - f Use mathematics and computational thinking to identify types of radioactive decay based on balanced chemical equations, penetrating power, identity of emitted particles, and charge. **PS.4.F**
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**Energy and Matter**

- g Use models to explain how nuclear fission and fusion reactions can be used as energy sources. **PS.4.G**
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**Systems and System Models**

- h Generate and defend a data-based claim regarding the use of radioactive materials as an energy source. **PS.4.H**
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**Cause and Effect**

- 5 Analyze and interpret data to justify the selection of a specific material for a practical application, considering a range of constraints. **PS.5**
    - a Carry out investigations and use results to compare and contrast the physical and chemical properties of matter. **PS.5.A**
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**Patterns**

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**Solutions**

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- 6 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to explain how the properties of various types of solutions make them useful in real-world applications. **PS.6**
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**Solutions**

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**Cause and Effect**

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### Solutions

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Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information from the periodic table concerning the structure of an atom and the arrangement of the atom's protons, neutrons, and electrons. PS.4.A

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Predict the properties of an element based on the element's number of protons and valence electrons. PS.4.B

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Analyze and interpret data to predict properties of ionic and covalent compounds. PS.4.C

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Use mathematics and computational thinking to determine the charge of an ion and the mass number of an isotope based on the number of subatomic particles. PS.4.D

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Analyze and interpret data to predict changes in the phase of a material based on changes in particle motion, temperature, pressure, or thermal energy. PS.5.B

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Use mathematical and computational thinking to determine the quantitative relationships among temperature, pressure, and volume of confined gases. PS.5.C

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Utilize multiple types of models to support and verify the claim that matter is conserved during a simple chemical reaction. PS.5.D

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Plan and carry out investigations to determine how various factors, including temperature, surface area, and stirring, affect the rate at which a solute dissolves in a solvent. PS.6.A

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Develop and use particle diagrams to illustrate diluted and concentrated solutions and describe how adjusting amounts of solute and solvent impacts the concentration of a solution. PS.6.B

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Analyze and interpret data from experiments to determine whether solutions are acidic, basic, or neutral to predict properties of the solutions. PS.6.C

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Plan and carry out investigations concerning

d Plan and carry out investigations concerning neutralization reactions and describe the properties of the reactants and products. PS.6.D

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