

# Forensic Science (2024)

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**Interpret formula representations of molecules and compounds in terms of composition and structure.** SC.912.P.8.7

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**Differentiate among the various forms of energy and recognize that they can be transformed from one form to others.** SC.912.P.10.1

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Apply mathematics to real-world contexts.Mathematicians who apply mathematics to real-world contexts:Connect mathematical concepts to everyday experiences.Use models and methods to understand, represent and solve problems.Perform investigations to gather data or determine if a method is appropriate.Redesign models and methods to improve accuracy or efficiency. [MA.K12.MTR.7.1](#)

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