

Standards		Weekly Issues
Unit 1: Introduction to Science and Engineering		
<p>These weeks lay the foundation for scientific investigation and engineering design.</p>		<p>Unit 1: Introduction to Science and Engineering Week 1: The Big Ideas of Science Week 2: What Do Scientists Do? Week 3: The Skills of a Scientist Week 4: What Do Engineers Do?</p>
Earth and Space Science		
S3E1 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the physical attributes of rocks and soils.		
S3E1a	<p>Ask questions and analyze data to classify rocks by their physical attributes (color, texture, luster, and hardness) using simple tests. (Clarification statement: Mohs scale should be studied at this level. Cleavage, streak and the classification of rocks as sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic are studied in sixth grade.)</p>	<p>Unit 2: Classifying Rocks 5: Physical Attributes of Rocks 6: More Physical Attributes of Rocks</p>
S3E1b	<p>Plan and carry out investigations to describe properties (color, texture, capacity to retain water, and ability to support growth of plants) of soils and soil types (sand, clay, loam).</p>	<p>Unit 3: Properties of Soil 7: Soil Properties 8: Types of Soil 9: Georgia's Soil</p>
S3E1c	<p>Make observations of the local environment to construct an explanation of how water and/or wind have made changes to soil and/or rocks over time. (Clarification statement: Examples could include ripples in dirt on a playground and a hole formed under gutters.)</p>	<p>Unit 4: Wind and Water Cause Change 10: Weathering and Erosion 11: More Changes 12: Local Erosion</p>
Earth and Space Science		
S3E2 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information on how fossils provide evidence of past organisms.		
S3E2a	<p>Construct an argument from observations of fossils (authentic or reproductions) to communicate how they serve as evidence of past organisms and the environments in which they lived.</p>	<p>Unit 5: Fossils 13: Organisms of the Past 14: Environments of the Past 15: How Fossils Are Formed</p>
S3E2b	<p>Develop a model to describe the sequence and conditions required for an organism to become fossilized. (Clarification statement: Types of fossils (cast, mold, trace, and true) are not addressed in this standard.)</p>	

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Physical Science		
S3P1 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the ways heat energy is transferred and measured.		
S3P1a	Ask questions to identify sources of heat energy. (Clarification statement: Examples could include sunlight, friction, and burning.)	Unit 6: Heat Energy 16: Heat Sources
S3P1b	Plan and carry out an investigation to gather data using thermometers to produce tables and charts that illustrate the effect of sunlight on various objects. (Clarification statement: The use of both Fahrenheit and Celsius temperature scales is expected.)	Unit 7: Investigating the Effects of Sunlight 17: Temperature and Sunlight 18: Materials and Sunlight
S3P1c	Use tools and every day materials to design and construct a device/structure that will increase/decrease the warming effects of sunlight on various materials. (Clarification statement: Conduction, convection, and radiation are taught in upper grades.)	Unit 8: Engineering Sunlight Solutions 19: Defining the Problem 20: Developing Solutions 21: Optimizing Solutions
Life Science		
S3L1 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the similarities and differences between plants, animals, and habitats found within geographic regions (Blue Ridge Mountains, Piedmont, Coastal Plains, Valley and Ridge, and Appalachian Plateau) of Georgia.		
S3L1a	Ask questions to differentiate between plants, animals, and habitats found within Georgia's geographic regions	Unit 9: Georgia's Habitats 22: What is a Habitat? 23: Georgia's Regions and Habitats 24: More Regions and Habitats
S3L1b	Construct an explanation of how external features and adaptations (camouflage, hibernation, migration, mimicry) of animals allow them to survive in their habitat	Unit 10: Animal Adaptations 25: Behavioral Adaptations 26: Physical Adaptations
S3L1c	Use evidence to construct an explanation of why some organisms can thrive in one habitat and not in another.	Unit 11: Surviving in a Habitat 27: Organisms' Needs for Survival 28: Surviving in Different Habitats
Life Science		
S3L2 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the effects of pollution (air, land, and water) and humans on the environment.		
S3L2a	Ask questions to collect information and create records of sources and effects of pollution on the plants and animals.	Unit 12: Pollution 29: Sources of Pollution 30: Effects of Pollution on Plants and Animals

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S3L2b	Explore, research, and communicate solutions, such as conservation of resources and recycling of materials, to protect plants and animals.	Unit 13: Protecting Plants and Animals 31: Reduce 32: Reuse and Recycle

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Earth and Space Science		
S4E1 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to compare and contrast the physical attributes of stars and planets.		
S4E1a	Ask questions to compare and contrast technological advances that have changed the amount and type of information on distant objects in the sky.	<p>Unit 2: The Appearance of Stars 5: Stars in the Sky 6: Observing Stars</p>
S4E1b	Construct an argument on why some stars (including the Earth's sun) appear to be larger or brighter than others. (Clarification statement: Differences are limited to distance and size, not age or stage of evolution.)	
S4E1c	Construct an explanation of the differences between stars and planets.	<p>Unit 3: Investigating Stars and Planets 7: Investigating the Solar System 8: Modeling the Solar System</p>
S4E1d	Evaluate strengths and limitations of models of our solar system in describing relative size, order, appearance and composition of planets and the sun. (Clarification statement: Composition of planets is limited to rocky vs. gaseous.)	
Earth and Space Science		
S4E2 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to model the effects of the position and motion of the Earth and the moon in relation to the sun as observed from the Earth.		
S4E2a	Develop a model to support an explanation of why the length of day and night change throughout the year.	<p>Unit 4: Day, Night, and Seasons 9: Day and Night 10: Seasons</p>
S4E2b	Develop a model based on observations to describe the repeating pattern of the phases of the moon (new, crescent, quarter, gibbous, and full).	<p>Unit 5: The Moon 11: Moon Phases</p>
S4E2c	Construct an explanation of how the Earth's orbit, with its consistent tilt, affects seasonal changes.	<p>Unit 4: Day, Night, and Seasons 9: Day and Night 10: Seasons</p>

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Earth and Space Science S4E3 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to demonstrate the water cycle.		
S4E3a	Plan and carry out investigations to observe the flow of energy in water as it changes states from solid (ice) to liquid (water) to gas (water vapor) and changes from gas to liquid to solid.	Unit 6: The Movement of Water on Earth 12: Changing States of Water 13: The Water Cycle
S4E3b	Develop models to illustrate multiple pathways water may take during the water cycle (evaporation, condensation, and precipitation). (Clarification statement: Students should understand that the water cycle does not follow a single pathway.)	

Earth and Space Science S4E4 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to predict weather events and infer weather patterns using weather charts/maps and collected weather data.		
S4E4a	Construct an explanation of how weather instruments (thermometer, rain gauge, barometer, wind vane, and anemometer) are used in gathering weather data and making forecasts.	Unit 7: Measuring Weather 14: Weather Tools 15: Weather Maps 16: Clouds
S4E4b	Interpret data from weather maps, including fronts (warm, cold, and stationary), temperature, pressure, and precipitation to make an informed prediction about tomorrow's weather.	
S4E4c	Ask questions and use observations of cloud types (cirrus, stratus, and cumulus) and data of weather conditions to predict weather events.	
S4E4d	Construct an explanation based on research to communicate the difference between weather and climate.	Unit 8: Weather and Climate 17: Weather and Climate Differences

Physical Science S4P1 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the nature of light and how light interacts with objects.		
S4P1a	Plan and carry out investigations to observe and record how light interacts with various materials to classify them as opaque, transparent, or translucent.	Unit 9: Investigating Light 18: Properties of Light 19: More Properties of Light 20: Refraction
S4P1b	Plan and carry out investigations to describe the path light travels from a light source to a mirror and how it is reflected by the mirror using different angles.	

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S4P1c	Plan and carry out an investigation utilizing everyday materials to explore examples of when light is refracted. (Clarification statement: Everyday materials could include prisms, eyeglasses, and a glass of water.)	
Physical Science		
S4P2 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about how sound is produced and changed and how sound and/or light can be used to communicate.		
S4P2a	Plan and carry out an investigation utilizing everyday objects to produce sound and predict the effects of changing the strength or speed of vibrations.	Unit 10: Investigating Sound 21: What is Sound? 22: Vibration
S4P2b	Design and construct a device to communicate across a distance using light and/or sound.	Unit 11: Communicating with Sound and Light 23: Define and Develop Sound Solutions 24: Optimize Sound Solutions
Physical Science		
S4P3 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the relationship between balanced and unbalanced forces.		
S4P3a	Plan and carry out an investigation on the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on an object and communicate the results.	Unit 12: Balanced and Unbalanced Forces 25: Balanced Forces 26: Unbalanced Forces
S4P3b	Construct an argument to support the claim that gravitational force affects the motion of an object.	
S4P3c	Ask questions to identify and explain the uses of simple machines (lever, pulley, wedge, inclined plane, wheel and axle, and screw) and how forces are changed when simple machines are used to complete tasks. (Clarification statement: The use of mathematical formulas is not expected.)	Unit 13: Simple Machines 27: Investigating Simple Machines
Life Science		
S4L1 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the roles of organisms and the flow of energy within an ecosystem.		
S4L1a	Develop a model to describe the roles of producers, consumers, and decomposers in a community. (Clarification statement: Students are not expected to identify the different types of consumers – herbivores, carnivores, omnivores and scavengers.)	Unit 14: The Flow of Energy 28: Producers, Consumers, and Decomposers 29: Food Chains 30: Food Webs

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S4L1b	Develop simple models to illustrate the flow of energy through a food web/food chain beginning with sunlight and including producers, consumers, and decomposers.	Unit 14: The Flow of Energy 28: Producers, Consumers, and Decomposers 29: Food Chains 30: Food Webs
S4L1c	Design a scenario to demonstrate the effect of a change on an ecosystem. (Clarification statement: Include living and non-living factors in the scenario.)	Unit 15: Changes in Ecosystems 31: Disruptions in Energy Flow 32: Improving Ecosystems
S4L1d	Use printed and digital data to develop a model illustrating and describing changes to the flow of energy in an ecosystem when plants or animals become scarce, extinct or overabundant.	

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Earth and Space Science		
S5E1 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to identify surface features on the Earth caused by constructive and/or destructive processes.		
S5E1a	Construct an argument supported by scientific evidence to identify surface features (examples could include deltas, sand dunes, mountains, volcanoes) as being caused by constructive and/or destructive processes (examples could include deposition, weathering, erosion, and impact of organisms).	<p>Unit 2: Earth's Surface Features and Processes 5: Weathering 6: Erosion and Deposition 7: More Changes to Earth's Surface</p>
S5E1b	Develop simple interactive models to collect data that illustrate how changes in surface features are/were caused by constructive and/or destructive processes.	
S5E1c	Ask questions to obtain information on how technology is used to limit and/or predict the impact of constructive and destructive processes. (Clarification statement: Examples could include seismological studies, flood forecasting (GIS maps), engineering/construction methods and materials, and infrared/satellite imagery.)	<p>Unit 3: Engineering Earthquake Solutions 8: Define and Research Earthquake Solutions 9: Develop Earthquake Solutions 10: Optimize Earthquake Solutions</p>
Physical Science		
S5P1 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to explain the differences between a physical change and a chemical change.		
S5P1a	Plan and carry out investigations of physical changes by manipulating, separating and mixing dry and liquid materials.	<p>Unit 4: Physical and Chemical Changes 11: Physical Changes in Matter 12: Investigating Physical and Chemical Changes 13: Investigating More Physical and Chemical Changes</p>

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S5P1b	Construct an argument based on observations to support a claim that the physical changes in the state of water are due to temperature changes, which cause small particles that cannot be seen to move differently.	Unit 4: Physical and Chemical Changes 11: Physical Changes in Matter 12: Investigating Physical and Chemical Changes 13: Investigating More Physical and Chemical Changes
S5P1c	Plan and carry out an investigation to determine if a chemical change occurred based on observable evidence (color, gas, temperature change, odor, new substance produced).	
Physical Science S5P2 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to investigate electricity.		
S5P2a	Obtain and combine information from multiple sources to explain the difference between naturally occurring electricity (static) and human-harnessed electricity.	Unit 5: Electricity 14: Static Electricity 15: Current Electricity 16: Circuits
S5P2b	Design a complete, simple electric circuit, and explain all necessary components	
S5P2c	Plan and carry out investigations on common materials to determine if they are insulators or conductors of electricity.	Unit 6: Electrical Conductors and Insulators 17: Investigating Conductors and Insulators 18: Analyzing Conductors and Insulators
Physical Science S5P3 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about magnetism and its relationship to electricity.		
S5P3a	Construct an argument based on experimental evidence to communicate the differences in function and purpose of an electromagnet and a magnet. (Clarification statement: Function is limited to understanding temporary and permanent magnetism.)	Unit 7: Engineering Magnetic Solutions 19: Define and Develop Magnetic Solutions 20: Develop and Optimize Magnetic Solutions
S5P3b	Plan and carry out an investigation to observe the interaction between a magnetic field and a magnetic object. (Clarification statement: The interaction should include placing materials of various types (wood, paper, glass, metal, and rocks) and thickness between the magnet and the magnetic object.)	

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Life Science		
S5L1 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to group organisms using scientific classification procedures.		
S5L1a	Develop a model that illustrates how animals are sorted into groups (vertebrate and invertebrate) and how vertebrates are sorted into groups (fish, amphibian, reptile, bird, and mammal) using data from multiple sources.	Unit 8: Classifying Animals 21: Vertebrates and Invertebrates 22: Classifying and Modeling Animal Groups
S5L1b	Develop a model that illustrates how plants are sorted into groups (seed producers, non–seed producers) using data from multiple sources.	Unit 9: Classifying Plants 23: Seed and Non-seed Producers
Life Science		
S5L2 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information showing that some characteristics of organisms are inherited and other characteristics are acquired.		
S5L2a	Ask questions to compare and contrast instincts and learned behaviors.	Unit 10: Instincts and Learned Behaviors 24: Investigating Instincts and Learned Behaviors 25: Analyzing Instincts and Learned Behaviors
S5L2b	Ask questions to compare and contrast inherited and acquired physical traits. (Clarification statement: Punnett squares and genetics are taught in future grades.)	Unit 11: Inherited and Acquired Traits 26: Understanding Inherited and Acquired Traits 27: Comparing Inherited and Acquired Traits
Life Science		
S5L3 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to compare and contrast the parts of plant and animal cells.		
S5L3a	Gather evidence by utilizing technology tools to support a claim that plants and animals are comprised of cells too small to be seen without magnification.	Unit 12: Plant and Animal Cells 28: The Tiniest Parts of Plants and Animals 29: Cell Structure 30: More About Cells
S5L3b	Develop a model to identify and label parts of a plant cell (membrane, wall, cytoplasm, nucleus, chloroplasts) and of an animal cell (membrane, cytoplasm, and nucleus).	
S5L3c	Construct an explanation that differentiates between the structure of plant and animal cells.	

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Life Science		
S5L4 Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about how microorganisms benefit or harm larger organisms.		
S5L4a	Construct an argument using scientific evidence to support a claim that some microorganisms are beneficial. (Clarification statement: Possible microorganisms could include Tardigrades, Lactobacillus, Probiotics, Rotifers, Salmonella, Clostridium botulinum (Botox), E-coli, Algae, etc. Students are not expected to know these specific microorganisms. The list is provided to give teachers examples.)	Unit 13: Microorganisms 31: What Are Microorganisms? 32: Helpful and Harmful Microorganisms
S5L4b	Construct an argument using scientific evidence to support a claim that some microorganisms are harmful. (Clarification statement: Possible microorganisms could include Tardigrades, Lactobacillus, Probiotics, Rotifers, Salmonella, Clostridium botulinum (Botox), E-coli, Algae, etc. Students are not expected to know these specific microorganisms. The list is provided to give teachers examples.)	

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2	What Do Scientists Do?	Describe the skills of scientists (the science and engineering practices) and their importance.
3	The Skills of a Scientist	Describe the skills of scientists (the science and engineering practices) and their importance.
4	What Do Engineers Do?	Describe the steps in the Engineering Design Process used to develop solutions to real-world problems.
Unit 2: Classifying Rocks		
5	Physical Attributes of Rocks	S3E1a Ask questions and analyze data to classify rocks by their physical attributes (color, texture, luster, and hardness) using simple tests. (Clarification statement: Mohs scale should be studied at this level. Cleavage, streak and the classification of rocks as sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic are studied in sixth grade.)
6	More Physical Attributes of Rocks	
Unit 3: Properties of Soil		
7	Soil Properties	S3E1b Plan and carry out investigations to describe properties (color, texture, capacity to retain water, and ability to support growth of plants) of soils and soil types (sand, clay, loam).
8	Types of Soil	
9	Georgia's Soil	
Unit 4: Wind and Water Cause Change		
10	Weathering and Erosion	S3E1c Make observations of the local environment to construct an explanation of how water and/or wind have made changes to soil and/or rocks over time. (Clarification statement: Examples could include ripples in dirt on a playground and a hole formed under gutters.)
11	More Changes	
12	Local Erosion	

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Unit 5: Fossils		
13	Organisms of the Past	S3E2a Construct an argument from observations of fossils (authentic or reproductions) to communicate how they serve as evidence of past organisms and the environments in which they lived. S3E2b Develop a model to describe the sequence and conditions required for an organism to become fossilized. (Clarification statement: Types of fossils (cast, mold, trace, and true) are not addressed in this standard.)
14	Environments of the Past	
15	How Fossils Are Formed	
Unit 6: Heat Energy		
16	Heat Sources	S3P1a Ask questions to identify sources of heat energy. (Clarification statement: Examples could include sunlight, friction, and burning.)
Unit 7: Investigating the Effects of Sunlight		
17	Temperature and Sunlight	S3P1b Plan and carry out an investigation to gather data using thermometers to produce tables and charts that illustrate the effect of sunlight on various objects. (Clarification statement: The use of both Fahrenheit and Celsius temperature scales is expected.)
18	Materials and Sunlight	
Unit 8: Engineering Sunlight Solutions		
19	Defining the Problem	S3P1c Use tools and every day materials to design and construct a device/structure that will increase/decrease the warming effects of sunlight on various materials. (Clarification statement: Conduction, convection, and radiation are taught in upper grades.)
20	Developing Solutions	
21	Optimizing Solutions	
Unit 9: Georgia's Habitats		
22	What is a Habitat?	S3L1a Ask questions to differentiate between plants, animals, and habitats found within Georgia's geographic regions.
23	Georgia's Regions and Habitats	
24	More Regions and Habitats	
Unit 10: Animal Adaptations		
25	Behavioral Adaptations	S3L1b Construct an explanation of how external features and adaptations (camouflage, hibernation, migration, mimicry) of animals allow them to survive in their habitat.
26	Physical Adaptations	

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Unit 11: Surviving in a Habitat		
27	Organisms' Needs for Survival	S3L1c Use evidence to construct an explanation of why some organisms can thrive in one habitat and not in another.
28	Surviving in Different Habitats	
Unit 12: Pollution		
29	Sources of Pollution	S3L2a Ask questions to collect information and create records of sources and effects of pollution on the plants and animals.
30	Effects of Pollution on Plants and Animals	
Unit 13: Protecting Plants and Animals		
31	Reduce	S3L2b Explore, research, and communicate solutions, such as conservation of resources and recycling of materials, to protect plants and animals.
32	Reuse and Recycle	

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Unit 2: The Appearance of Stars		
5	Stars in the Sky	S4E1a Ask questions to compare and contrast technological advances that have changed the amount and type of information on distant objects in the sky.
6	Observing Stars	S4E1b Construct an argument on why some stars (including the Earth's sun) appear to be larger or brighter than others. (Clarification statement: Differences are limited to distance and size, not age or stage of evolution.)
Unit 3: Investigating Stars and Planets		
7	Investigating the Solar System	S4E1c Construct an explanation of the differences between stars and planets.
8	Modeling the Solar System	S4E1d Evaluate strengths and limitations of models of our solar system in describing relative size, order, appearance and composition of planets and the sun. (Clarification statement: Composition of planets is limited to rocky vs. gaseous.)
Unit 4: Day, Night, and Seasons		
9	Day and Night	S4E2a Develop a model to support an explanation of why the length of day and night change throughout the year.
10	Seasons	S4E2c Construct an explanation of how the Earth's orbit, with its consistent tilt, affects seasonal changes.
Unit 5: The Moon		
11	Moon Phases	S4E2b Develop a model based on observations to describe the repeating pattern of the phases of the moon (new, crescent, quarter, gibbous, and full).

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Unit 6: The Movement of Water on Earth		
12	Changing States of Water	S4E3a Plan and carry out investigations to observe the flow of energy in water as it changes states from solid (ice) to liquid (water) to gas (water vapor) and changes from gas to liquid to solid.
13	The Water Cycle	S4E3b Develop models to illustrate multiple pathways water may take during the water cycle (evaporation, condensation, and precipitation). (Clarification statement: Students should understand that the water cycle does not follow a single pathway.)
Unit 7: Measuring Weather		
14	Weather Tools	S4E4a Construct an explanation of how weather instruments (thermometer, rain gauge, barometer, wind vane, and anemometer) are used in gathering weather data and making forecasts.
15	Weather Maps	S4E4b Interpret data from weather maps, including fronts (warm, cold, and stationary), temperature, pressure, and precipitation to make an informed prediction about tomorrow's weather.
16	Clouds	S4E4c Ask questions and use observations of cloud types (cirrus, stratus, and cumulus) and data of weather conditions to predict weather events.
Unit 8: Weather and Climate		
17	Weather and Climate Differences	S4E4d Construct an explanation based on research to communicate the difference between weather and climate.
Unit 9: Investigating Light		
18	Properties of Light	S4P1a Plan and carry out investigations to observe and record how light interacts with various materials to classify them as opaque, transparent, or translucent.
19	More Properties of Light	S4P1b Plan and carry out investigations to describe the path light travels from a light source to a mirror and how it is reflected by the mirror using different angles.
20	Refraction	S4P1c Plan and carry out an investigation utilizing everyday materials to explore examples of when light is refracted. (Clarification statement: Everyday materials could include prisms, eyeglasses, and a glass of water.)
Unit 10: Investigating Sound		
21	What is Sound?	S4P2a Plan and carry out an investigation utilizing everyday objects to produce sound and predict the effects of changing the strength or speed of vibrations.
22	Vibration	

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Unit 11: Communicating with Sound and Light		
23	Define and Develop Sound Solutions	S4P2b Design and construct a device to communicate across a distance using light and/or sound.
24	Optimize Sound Solutions	
Unit 12: Balanced and Unbalanced Forces		
25	Balanced Forces	S4L1a Develop a model to describe the roles of producers, consumers, and decomposers in a community. (Clarification statement: Students are not expected to identify the different types of consumers – herbivores, carnivores, omnivores and scavengers.)
26	Unbalanced Forces	S4L1b Develop simple models to illustrate the flow of energy through a food web/food chain beginning with sunlight and including producers, consumers, and decomposers.
Unit 13: Simple Machines		
27	Investigating Simple Machines	S4P3c Ask questions to identify and explain the uses of simple machines (lever, pulley, wedge, inclined plane, wheel and axle, and screw) and how forces are changed when simple machines are used to complete tasks. (Clarification statement: The use of mathematical formulas is not expected.)
Unit 14: The Flow of Energy		
28	Producers, Consumers, and Decomposers	S4L1a Develop a model to describe the roles of producers, consumers, and decomposers in a community. (Clarification statement: Students are not expected to identify the different types of consumers – herbivores, carnivores, omnivores and scavengers.)
29	Food Chains	
30	Food Webs	S4L1b Develop simple models to illustrate the flow of energy through a food web/food chain beginning with sunlight and including producers, consumers, and decomposers.
Unit 15: Changes in Ecosystems		
31	Disruptions in Energy Flow	S4L1c Design a scenario to demonstrate the effect of a change on an ecosystem. (Clarification statement: Include living and non-living factors in the scenario.)
32	Improving Ecosystems	S4L1d Use printed and digital data to develop a model illustrating and describing changes to the flow of energy in an ecosystem when plants or animals become scarce, extinct or overabundant.

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Unit 2: Earth's Surface Features and Processes		
5	Weathering	S5E1a Construct an argument supported by scientific evidence to identify surface features (examples could include deltas, sand dunes, mountains, volcanoes) as being caused by constructive and/or destructive processes (examples could include deposition, weathering, erosion, and impact of organisms).
6	Erosion and Deposition	
7	Weathering	S5E1b Develop simple interactive models to collect data that illustrate how changes in surface features are/were caused by constructive and/or destructive processes.
Unit 3: Engineering Earthquake Solutions		
8	Define and Research Earthquake Solutions	S5E1c Ask questions to obtain information on how technology is used to limit and/or predict the impact of constructive and destructive processes. (Clarification statement: Examples could include seismological studies, flood forecasting (GIS maps), engineering/construction methods and materials, and infrared/satellite imagery.)
9	Develop Earthquake Solutions	
10	Optimize Earthquake Solutions	
Unit 4: Physical and Chemical Changes		
11	Physical Changes in Matter	S5P1a Plan and carry out investigations of physical changes by manipulating, separating and mixing dry and liquid materials.
12	Investigating Physical and Chemical Changes	S5P1b Construct an argument based on observations to support a claim that the physical changes in the state of water are due to temperature changes, which cause small particles that cannot be seen to move differently.
13	Investigating More Physical and Chemical Changes	S5P1c Plan and carry out an investigation to determine if a chemical change occurred based on observable evidence (color, gas, temperature change, odor, new substance produced).

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Unit 5: Electricity		
14	Static Electricity	<p>S5P2a Obtain and combine information from multiple sources to explain the difference between naturally occurring electricity (static) and human-harnessed electricity.</p> <p>S5P2b Design a complete, simple electric circuit, and explain all necessary components</p>
15	Current Electricity	
16	Circuits	
Unit 6: Electrical Conductors and Insulators		
17	Investigating Conductors and Insulators	<p>S5P2c Plan and carry out investigations on common materials to determine if they are insulators or conductors of electricity.</p>
18	Analyzing Conductors and Insulators	
Unit 7: Engineering Magnetic Solutions		
19	Define and Develop Magnetic Solutions	<p>S5P3a Construct an argument based on experimental evidence to communicate the differences in function and purpose of an electromagnet and a magnet. (Clarification statement: Function is limited to understanding temporary and permanent magnetism.)</p>
20	Develop and Optimize Magnetic Solutions	<p>S5P3b Plan and carry out an investigation to observe the interaction between a magnetic field and a magnetic object. (Clarification statement: The interaction should include placing materials of various types (wood, paper, glass, metal, and rocks) and thickness between the magnet and the magnetic object.)</p>
Unit 8: Classifying Animals		
21	Vertebrates and Invertebrates	<p>S5L1a Develop a model that illustrates how animals are sorted into groups (vertebrate and invertebrate) and how vertebrates are sorted into groups (fish, amphibian, reptile, bird, and mammal) using data from multiple sources.</p>
22	Classifying and Modeling Animal Groups	
Unit 9: Classifying Plants		
23	Seed and Non-seed Producers	<p>S5L1b Develop a model that illustrates how plants are sorted into groups (seed producers, non-seed producers) using data from multiple sources.</p>

Week	Title	Standards Covered
Unit 10: Instincts and Learned Behaviors		
24	Investigating Instincts and Learned Behaviors	S5L2a Ask questions to compare and contrast instincts and learned behaviors.
25	Analyzing Instincts and Learned Behaviors	
Unit 11: Inherited and Acquired Traits		
26	Understanding Inherited and Acquired Traits	S5L2b Ask questions to compare and contrast inherited and acquired physical traits. (Clarification statement: Punnett squares and genetics are taught in future grades.)
27	Comparing Inherited and Acquired Traits	
Unit 12: Plant and Animal Cells		
28	The Tiniest Parts of Plants and Animals	S5L3a Gather evidence by utilizing technology tools to support a claim that plants and animals are comprised of cells too small to be seen without magnification. S5L3b Develop a model to identify and label parts of a plant cell (membrane, wall, cytoplasm, nucleus, chloroplasts) and of an animal cell (membrane, cytoplasm, and nucleus). S5L3c Construct an explanation that differentiates between the structure of plant and animal cells.
29	Cell Structure	
30	More About Cells	
Unit 13: Microorganisms		
31	What Are Microorganisms?	S5L4a Construct an argument using scientific evidence to support a claim that some microorganisms are beneficial. (Clarification statement: Possible microorganisms could include Tardigrades, Lactobacillus, Probiotics, Rotifers, Salmonella, Clostridium botulinum (Botox), E-coli, Algae, etc. Students are not expected to know these specific microorganisms. The list is provided to give teachers examples.) S5L4b Construct an argument using scientific evidence to support a claim that some microorganisms are harmful. (Clarification statement: Possible microorganisms could include Tardigrades, Lactobacillus, Probiotics, Rotifers, Salmonella, Clostridium botulinum (Botox), E-coli, Algae, etc. Students are not expected to know these specific microorganisms. The list is provided to give teachers examples.)
32	Helpful and Harmful Microorganisms	