



Energy

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The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*.

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Asking Questions and Defining Problems Asking questions and defining problems in grades 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships. Ask questions that can be investigated and predict reasonable outcomes based on patterns such as cause and effect relationships. (4-PS3-3)	PS3.A: Definitions of Energy - The faster a given object is moving, the more energy it possesses. (4-PS3-1) - Energy can be moved from place to place by moving objects or through sound, light, or electric currents. (4-PS3-2, 4-PS3-3) PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer - Energy is present whenever there are moving objects, sound, light, or heat. When objects collide, energy can be transferred from one object to another, thereby changing their motion. In such collisions, some energy is typically also transferred to the surrounding air; as a result, the air gets heated and sound is produced. (4-PS3-2, 4-PS3-3) - Light also transfers energy from place to place. (4-PS3-2) - Energy can also be transferred from place to place by electric currents, which can then be used locally to produce motion, sound, heat, or light. The currents may have been produced to begin with by transforming the energy of motion into electrical energy. (4-PS3-2, 4-PS3-4) PS3.C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces - When objects collide, the contact forces transfer energy so as to change the objects' motions. (4-PS3-3) PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life - The expression "produce energy" typically refers to the conversion of stored energy into a desired form for practical use. (4-PS3-4) ESS3.A: Natural Resources - Energy and fuels that humans use are derived from natural sources, and their use affects the environment in multiple ways. Some resources are renewable over time, and others are not. (4-ESS3-1) ETS1.A: Defining Engineering Problems Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account. (4-PS3-4)	Cause and Effect - Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change. (4-ESS3-1) Energy and Matter - Energy can be transferred in various ways and between objects. (4-PS3-1, 4-PS3-2, 4-PS3-3, 4-PS3-4) Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology - Knowledge of relevant scientific concepts and research findings is important in engineering. (4-ESS3-1) Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World - Over time, people's needs and wants change, as do their demands for new and improved technologies. (4-ESS3-1) - Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones. (4-PS3-4) Connections to Nature of Science Science is a Human Endeavor - Most scientists and engineers work in teams. (4-PS3-4) - Science affects everyday life. (4-PS3-4)
Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions. Make observations to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence for an explanation of a phenomenon or test a design solution. (4-PS3-2)		
Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems. - Use evidence (e.g., measurements, observations, patterns) to construct an explanation. (4-PS3-1) - Apply scientific ideas to solve design problems. (4-PS3-4)		
Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to evaluate the merit and accuracy of ideas and methods. Obtain and combine information from books and other reliable media to explain phenomena. (4-ESS3-1)		

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Background knowledge videos:

PS3A - Definitions of Energy

PS3B - Energy: Conservation & Transfer

PS3C - Energy & Forces

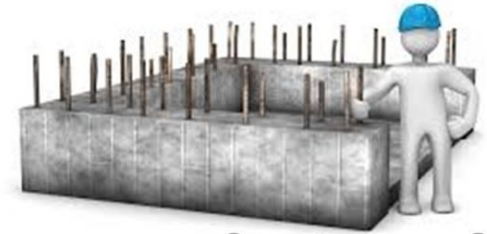
PS3D - Energy in Chemical Processes & Life

ESS3A - Natural Resources

These videos are designed to assist in providing background knowledge with the associated DCI. The information in the videos follows the progression through high school.

Prior to 4th grade, students should have knowledge, understanding of, and experiences with the following ideas:

- ★ When objects touch or collide, they push on one another and can change motion.
- ★ Light travels from place to place and can be redirected.
- ★ Living things need water, air and resources from the land. They live in places that have things they need.
- ★ Humans use natural resources for everything they do.



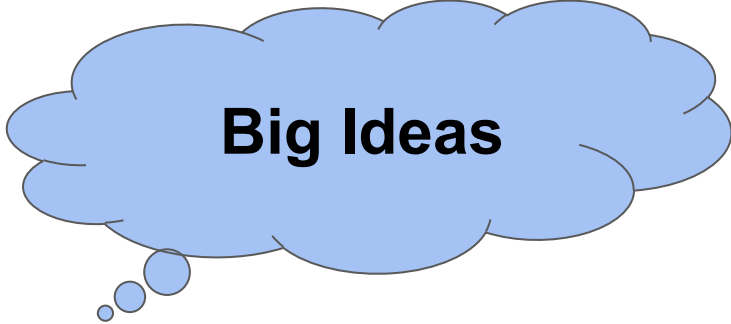
Foundational
Knowledge

With the implementation of new standards, students may not have had opportunities to engage in these foundational understandings and ideas before 4th grade. You may need to provide opportunities for students to experience these ideas as you move forward.

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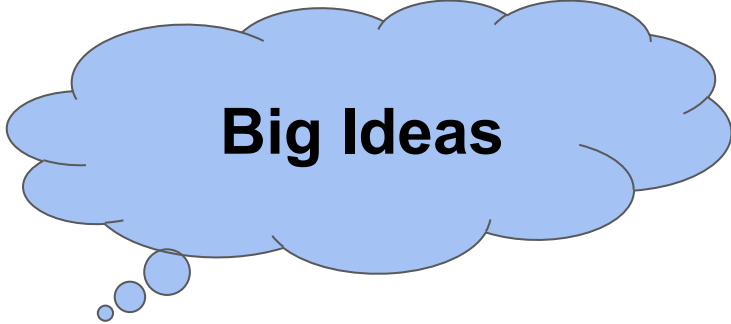
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- ★ The expression “produce energy” typically refers to the conversion of stored energy into a desired form of practical use.
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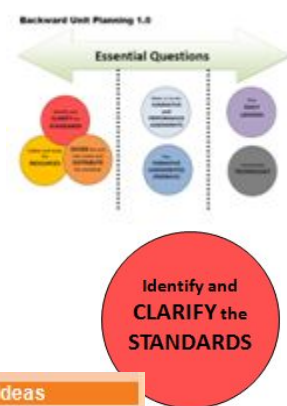
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Possible Student Misconceptions:

Misconception: the terms “energy” and “force” are interchangeable.

Energy is the capacity to do work, whereas force is the push or pull that can cause an object to move or stop.

Misconception: When energy changes form, some of the energy is lost for good or destroyed.

Energy is neither created nor destroyed, so when energy changes forms, it may leave a system, but it remains in the world.

Misconception: Windmills are giant fans used to create wind.

Wind provides the energy that moves windmill blades; this mechanical energy can then be converted into other forms of energy such as electricity.

Misconception: Velocity is a force.

Velocity is the rate and direction of the change in the position of an object. It is not a force.

Misconception: If an object is at rest, no forces are acting upon it.

An object with a **zero net force** on it is either at rest or moving with constant speed. An object with a non-zero net force will change its motion. This may involve the object speeding up, slowing down and/or changing direction.

Disciplinary Core Ideas

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Possible Student Misconceptions:

Misconception: An object has a positive charge because electrons are destroyed.

An object becomes positively charged when it loses electrons. The electrons are not really destroyed. They just move to another object, leaving large numbers of atoms that are missing some or all of their electrons.

Misconception: Electricity flows through the wires in a circuit like water flows through a hose.

In an electric circuit, the wires are solid metal. There is not a hole in the center. When electricity flows through wires, the electricity is moving through tiny particles of the metal wire.

Misconception: Heat is a substance that I can feel but not see.

Heat is not a substance. Heat is energy that is transferred from a warmer substance to a cooler substance. When you feel something that is warm, you are feeling heat energy move from the object to your hand.



UNIT: About Energy

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CONCEPT:

Forms of Energy

Changing the Form of Energy

Changing the Speed of Motion



UNIT: Electrical and Thermal Energy Transfer

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CONCEPT:

About Electricity

Electric Circuits

Thermal Energy

Gather and
study the
RESOURCES

Discovery Education
Science Techbook Units



Week	Performance Expectation/ DCI	5E Lesson Plan and Resources
1	4-PS3-1 Use evidence to construct an explanation relating the speed of an object to the energy of that object. 4-PS3-1.5.1 Energy can be transferred in various ways and between objects. 4-PS3-1.6.1 Use evidence (e.g., measurements, observations, patterns) to construct an explanation. 4-PS3-1.PS3.A.1 The faster a given object is moving, the more energy it possesses. Highlighted items used in District PD session	DE Forms of Energy 5 minute Teacher Prep: Intro Video Forms of Energy DE Model Lesson Options for Lessons: Engage: Begin KLEWS Chart on Energy KLEWS chart KLEWS Chart video KLEWS blank chart Where does the energy we use on Earth come from? Watch the video DE Energy from the Sun (first 53s) Where can we find energy in the world? Watch video DE Energy What examples of energy can you see around you? Watch video DE Examples of Energy Explore: What is energy? How is energy stored? What do humans and other organisms do with chemical energy? DE Reading Passages: Counting Calories Power at Sea; DE videos: How our bodies use Energy What is Energy? DE Interactive Exploration: DE Forms of Energy Exploration Student Worksheet Teacher's Guide DE Board: Forms of Energy Board Student Organizer for Note-taking DE Interactive Exploration: Power Up Student Worksheet Teacher's Guide <i>Read the questions on the student worksheet before you begin, then work your way through the exploration.</i> Explain: DE Interactive Exploration: Energy Makes it Happen Student Worksheet Teacher's Guide DE Reading Passage: Tired from Not Working <i>Have students list the forms of energy that are mentioned in the passage. Students can then brainstorm in small groups other forms of energy.</i> Elaborate: DE Video Food and Energy <i>Have each student create a food chain for items on the school lunch menu.</i> DE Video Garbage In, Power Out <i>Discuss: What are some ways energy can be transformed from one form to another?</i> Evaluate: DE Forms of Energy Assessment DE Constructed Response Scientific Explanation - CER

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2-3	PS3.A: Definitions of Energy: The faster a given object is moving, the more energy it possesses. PS3.A: Definitions of Energy: Energy can be moved from place to place by moving objects or through sound, light, or electric currents. PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer: Energy can also be transferred from place to place by electric currents, which can then be used locally to produce motion, PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer: Energy is present whenever there are moving objects, sound, light, or heat. When objects collide, energy can be transferred from one object to another, thereby changing their motion. In such collisions, some energy is typically also transferred to the surrounding air; as a result, the air gets heated and sound is produced	<u>Options for Lessons:</u> Engage: What happens to energy when we use it? DE Video: Energy Types and Transformations DE Video: Rollercoaster *Guiding question: Where did the energy to move the roller coaster come from? DE Engage: Identify Energy Transformation - Scroll to the bottom “Identify the energy transformation” William and the Windmill Video Documentary video on the “Boy Who Harnessed the Wind” Explore: What happens when energy changes forms? What can happen to stored energy? DE Exploration Changing the Form of Energy Student Worksheet Teacher Guide DE Video Energy from the Sun *Guiding questions: What happens to energy after it leaves the Sun? Does it remain sunlight and heat? What else can it become? DE Video Changing Forms of Energy Viewer’s Recording Sheet Teacher Guide-Video and Activities DE Video Potential and Kinetic Energy Brain Pop - Kinetic Energy and Potential Energy DE Exploration Set To Go: Potential and Kinetic Energy Student Worksheet Teacher Guide

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5	4-PS3-2.PS3.B.3 - Energy can also be transferred from place to place by electric currents, which can then be used locally to produce motion, sound, heat, or light. The currents may have been produced to begin with by transforming the energy of motion into electrical energy. 4-PS3-4 - Apply scientific ideas to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another. 4-PS3-4.5.1 - Energy can be transferred in various ways and between objects.	DE Pre-assessment What do you know about electricity? Scroll down “Generating Electricity”. This could be assigned to the students through Discovery Ed. Engage: DE Video Segment: You and Electricity DE Images: Lightswitch picture Static Electricity Show several pictures of lightning. Ask Where does it come from? Begin a new KLEWS chart on Electricity Klews Chart Explore: Ask: <i>How can people produce electricity?</i> Use the following Assessment Probes to explore ideas about electricity: <i>Start with the probe - elicit student thinking - then use the activity from the probe as hands-on exploration of the ideas.</i> Materials needed: Balloons for each child, different objects to test • Do the Objects Need to Touch? • How Will the Balloons Move? • Can It Be Electrically Charged? • What Happens When you Bring a Balloon Near a Wall? DE Reading passage All Charged Up DE Video Electricity Add information to the Klews Chart.

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4-PS3-2 - Make observations to provide evidence that energy can be transferred from place to place by sound, light, heat, and electric currents.

4-PS3-2.3.1 - Make observations to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence for an explanation of a phenomenon or test a design solution.

4-PS3-2.5.1 - Energy can be transferred in various ways and between objects.

4-PS3-2.PS3.A.1 - Energy can be moved from place to place by moving objects or through sound, light, or electric currents.

How can you keep the system working?

Engage: Watch this clip from [Christmas Vacation](#) and discuss why the lights aren't working. *(clip is edited for use in RPS)*

Explore: Have a circuit set out for groups of students. Have a bucket with different objects in it for kids to include in the circuit. The goal is to keep the circuit lit with the objects involved. (They will connect the wire to the different object.) Some items will keep the circuit working, while others won't...

Explain:

Use system analysis to help explain why the system works and doesn't work. [Thinking Skills - Systems Analysis Sample System Analysis Lesson](#) Create a chart of objects that kept the electricity flowing and didn't keep it flowing. See example [Anchor Chart of conductors and insulators](#) *What do you notice about the items what do they have in common?*

DE Videos: [Conductors and insulators](#) [Circuits, conductors and insulators](#)

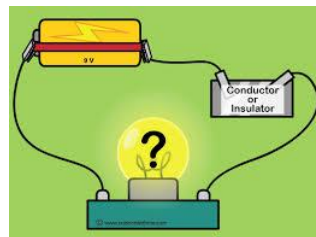
DE Reading Passage: [Conductors and Insulators](#)

Add to the Klews Chart...Add *conductors* and *insulators* to the scientific words section. Create a list of other possible conductors (allows electricity to flow through) and insulators (stops the flow of electricity).

Elaborate: Using the knowledge that they have gained from the explain section, students will decide other objects to test. They will write what the object is and whether it is a conductor or an insulator and why. Optional activity/recording sheet: [Conductors and Insulators](#)

Evaluate:

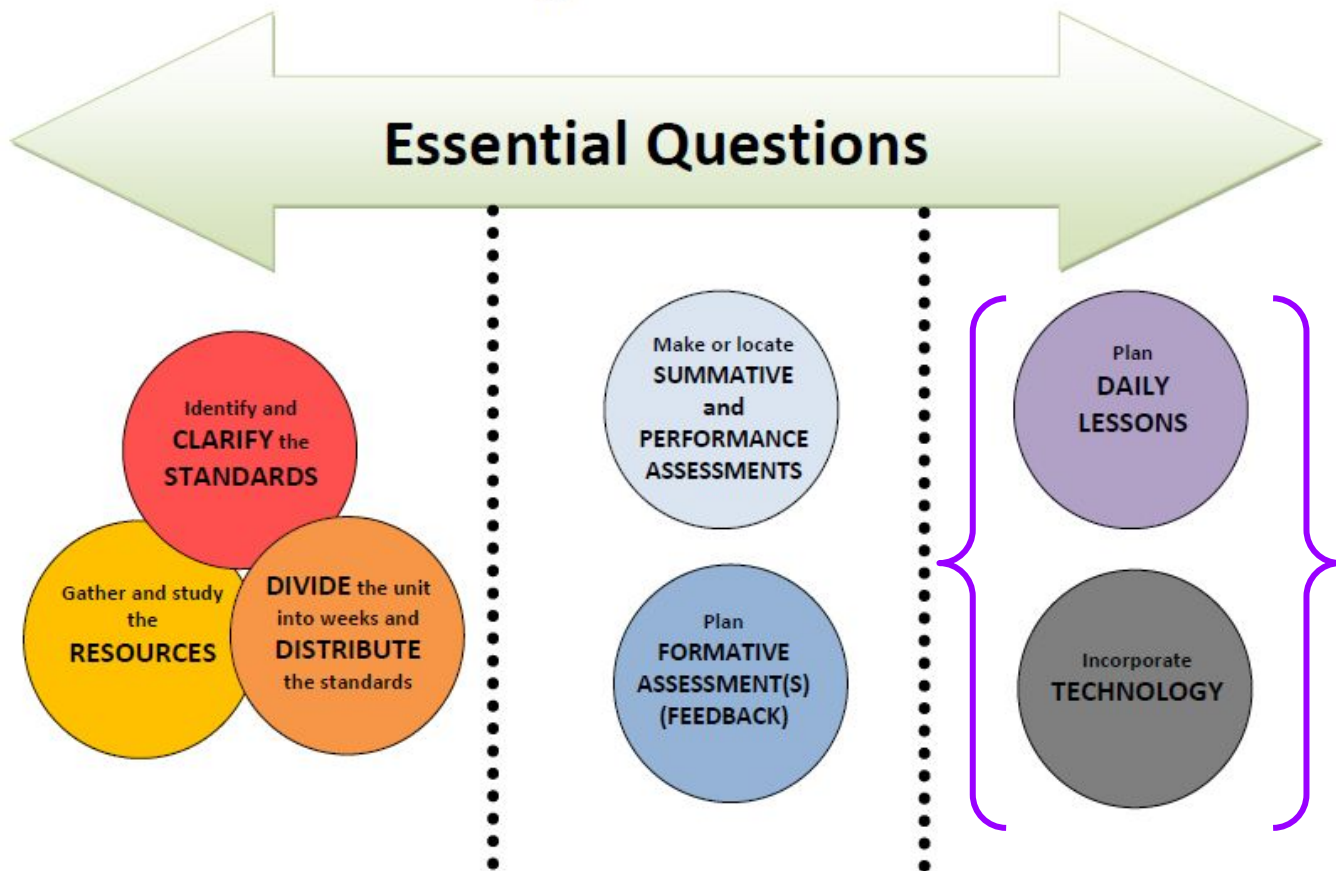
DE Interactive Game: [Race to the Castle](#) insulators and conductors



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8-9 PART 1	4PS3-2 Make observations to provide evidence that energy can be transferred from place to place by sound, light, heat, and electric currents. 4-PS3-4 Apply scientific ideas to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another.	Thermal Energy DE Model Lesson Thermal Energy KLEWS Chart <u>Options for Lessons:</u> Engage: DE Video: How Do You Use Thermal Energy? <i>*The big take away: thermal energy is transferred as heat moving from warmer objects to cooler objects.</i> DE Video: Thermal and Light Energy <i>*Have students take notes and then add to KLEWS chart for discussion.</i> DE Video: Heat and Light: Kinds of Energy *Scroll to down to section “What Forms of Energy Can be Sensed?” Explore: DE Interactive: Thermal Energy Student Guide Teacher Guide DE Interactive: Melt Off Student Guide Teacher Guide DE Hands-On Activity: Hands On: Solar Water Heater DE Interactive: Hot and Not So Hot Student Guide Teacher Guide Vibration of Molecules Does Color Absorb Heat (Teachers Pay Teachers - Freebie Lesson) Heat Insulators and Conductors Radiant Energy to Thermal Energy Experiment Glow Stick Investigation <i>Materials for Thermometer Practice and Use:</i> Fahrenheit Celsius Task Cards (Teachers Pay Teachers - Free Download) Thermometers for Student Practice (Teachers Pay Teachers - Free Download) Make a Practice Thermometer Blank Thermometer Recording Sheet Options: Printables - 3 versions Celsius and Fahrenheit Combined Fahrenheit Blank Thermometer Clip Art

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8-9 PART 2		<u>Options for Lessons:</u> Explain: Video: Heat Energy DE Video: All Matter Contains Energy DE Teacher Question/Answer Knowledge DE Text How is Thermal Energy Transferred? *Scroll to section DE Passage Getting to Know Thermal Energy DE Video: Heat, Temperature, Energy DE Cause and Effect Chart Elaborate: DE Solve the Problem: Thermal Energy DE Hands On: Thermal Energy Transfer DE Hands On: Build an Insulated Bottle RPS STEM Design Challenge: Pizza Box Solar Oven Evaluate: DE How Heat Affects Matter *Scroll to the bottom of this page and look for the corresponding tab. DE Practice Assessment DE Constructed Response PDF Version DE CER Activity Build a Board Have students build a board that demonstrates their learning ACT Aspire-Inspired Assessment - Energy

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