

# High School Physical Science

## Matter and its Interactions HS-PS1

- 1 Use the periodic table as a model to predict the relative properties of elements based on the patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms. HS-PS1-1

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- 2 Construct and revise an explanation for the outcome of a simple chemical reaction based on the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and knowledge of the patterns of chemical properties. HS-PS1-2

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- 3 Plan and conduct an investigation to gather evidence to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles. HS-PS1-3

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- 4 Develop a model to illustrate that the release or absorption of energy from a chemical reaction system depends upon the changes in total bond energy. HS-PS1-4

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- 5 Apply scientific principles and evidence to provide an explanation about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs. HS-PS1-5

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- 6 Refine the design of a chemical system by specifying a change in conditions that would produce increased amounts of products at equilibrium.\* HS-PS1-6

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- 7 Use mathematical representations to support the claim that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction. HS-PS1-7

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- 8 Develop models to illustrate the changes in the composition of the nucleus of the atom and the energy released during the processes of fission, fusion, and radioactive decay. HS-PS1-8

## Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions HS-PS2

- 1 Analyze data to support the claim that Newton's second law of motion describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on a macroscopic object, its mass, and its acceleration. HS-PS2-1

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- 2 Use mathematical representations to support the claim that the total momentum of a system of objects is conserved when there is no net force on the system. HS-PS2-2

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- 3 Apply scientific and engineering ideas to design, evaluate, and refine a device that minimizes the force on a macroscopic object during a collision.\* HS-PS2-3

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**4** Use mathematical representations of Newton’s Law of Gravitation and Coulomb’s Law to describe and predict the gravitational and electrostatic forces between objects. [HS-PS2-4](#)

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**5** Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that an electric current can produce a magnetic field and that a changing magnetic field can produce an electric current. [HS-PS2-5](#)

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**6** Communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.\* [HS-PS2-6](#)

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## Energy [HS-PS3](#)

**1** Create a computational model to calculate the change in the energy of one component in a system when the change in energy of the other component(s) and energy flows in and out of the system are known. [HS-PS3-1](#)

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**2** Develop and use models to illustrate that energy at the macroscopic scale can be accounted for as a combination of energy associated with the motions of particles (objects) and energy associated with the relative positions of particles (objects). [HS-PS3-2](#)

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**3** Design, build, and refine a device that works within given constraints to convert one form of energy into another form of energy.\* [HS-PS3-3](#)

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**4** Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that the transfer of thermal energy when two components of different temperature are combined within a closed system results in a more uniform energy distribution among the components in the system (second law of thermodynamics). [HS-PS3-4](#)

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**5** Develop and use a model of two objects interacting through electric or magnetic fields to illustrate the forces between objects and the changes in energy of the objects due to the interaction. [HS-PS3-5](#)

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## Waves and their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer

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**1** Use mathematical representations to support a claim regarding relationships among the frequency, wavelength, and speed of waves traveling in various media. [HS-PS4-1](#)

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**2** Evaluate questions about the advantages of using digital transmission and storage of information. [HS-PS4-2](#)

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**3** Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning behind the idea that electromagnetic radiation can be described either by a wave model or a particle model, and that for some situations one model is more useful than the other. [HS-PS4-3](#)

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**4** Evaluate the validity and reliability of claims in published materials of the effects that different frequencies of electromagnetic radiation have when absorbed by matter. [HS-PS4-4](#)

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- 5** Communicate technical information about how some technological devices use the principles of wave behavior and wave interactions with matter to transmit and capture information and energy.\* [HS-PS4-5](#)
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**Earth's Place in the Universe** [HS-ESS1](#)

- 1** Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the life span of the sun and the role of nuclear fusion in the sun's core to release energy that eventually reaches Earth in the form of radiation. [HS-ESS1-1](#)
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- 2** Construct an explanation of the Big Bang theory based on astronomical evidence of light spectra, motion of distant galaxies, and composition of matter in the universe. [HS-ESS1-2](#)
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- 3** Evaluate evidence of the past and current movements of continental and oceanic crust and the theory of plate tectonics to explain the ages of crustal rocks. [HS-ESS1-5](#)
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- 4** Apply scientific reasoning and evidence from ancient Earth materials, meteorites, and other planetary surfaces to construct an account of Earth's formation and early history. [HS-ESS1-6](#)
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**Earth's Systems** [HS-ESS2](#)

- 1** Develop a model to illustrate how Earth's internal and surface processes operate at different spatial and temporal scales to form continental and ocean-floor features. [HS-ESS2-1](#)
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- 2** Analyze geoscience data to make the claim that one change to Earth's surface can create feedbacks that cause changes to other Earth systems. [HS-ESS2-2](#)
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- 3** Develop a model based on evidence of Earth's interior to describe the cycling of matter by thermal convection. [HS-ESS2-3](#)
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- 4** Use a model to describe how variations in the flow of energy into and out of Earth's systems result in changes in climate. [HS-ESS2-4](#)
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- 5** Plan and conduct an investigation of the properties of water and its effects on Earth materials and surface processes. [HS-ESS2-5](#)
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- 6** Develop a quantitative model to describe the cycling of carbon among the hydrosphere, atmosphere, geosphere, and biosphere. [HS-ESS2-6](#)
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- 7** Construct an argument based on evidence about the simultaneous coevolution of Earth's systems and life on Earth. [HS-ESS2-7](#)
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**Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics** [HS-LS2](#)

- 1** Use mathematical and/or computational representations to support explanations of factors that affect carrying capacity of ecosystems at different scales. [HS-LS2-1](#)
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- 2** Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations in ecosystems of different scales. [HS-LS2-2](#)
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- 3 Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for the cycling of matter and flow of energy in aerobic and anaerobic conditions.** HS-LS2-3
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- 4 Use mathematical representations to support claims for the cycling of matter and flow of energy among organisms in an ecosystem.** HS-LS2-4
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- 5 Develop a model to illustrate the role of photosynthesis and cellular respiration in the cycling of carbon among the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere.** HS-LS2-5
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- 6 Evaluate claims, evidence, and reasoning that the complex interactions in ecosystems maintain relatively consistent numbers and types of organisms in stable conditions, but changing conditions may result in a new ecosystem.** HS-LS2-6
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- 7 Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.\*** HS-LS2-7
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- 8 Evaluate evidence for the role of group behavior on individual and species' chances to survive and reproduce.** HS-LS2-8