

Grades 6-8 **Earth and Space Sciences**

State Standard	FOSS Program
ESS1. Earth's Place in the Universe	
 6.MSESS1-1a. Develop and use a model of the Earth-Sun-Moon system to explain the causes of lunar phases and eclipses of the Sun and Moon. Clarification Statement: Examples of models can be physical, graphical, or conceptual and should emphasize relative positions 	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science TE: Investigation 1; Part 3 Investigation 3; Part 2 Investigation 4; Parts 1–3 SE: US Naval Moon Phase Calendar, Earth's Moon, DR: Moon Orientation, Phases of the Moon, Lunar Calendar,
and distances. 8.MS-ESS1-1b. Develop and use a model of the Earth-Sun system to explain the cyclical pattern of seasons, which includes Earth's tilt and differential intensity of sunlight on different areas of Earth across the year. Clarification Statement:	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science TE: Investigation 2; Parts 2 - 3 SE: Solar Angle, Seasons on Earth, Eratosthenes: First to Measure Earth DR: Seasons
 Examples of models can be physical or graphical. 8.MS-ESS1-2. Explain the role of gravity in ocean tides, the orbital motions of planets, their moons, and asteroids in the solar system. State Assessment Boundary: 	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy TE: Investigation 2; Part 2 SE: Gravity in Space, Acceleration of Gravity on Different Celestial Objects
 Kepler's laws of orbital motion or the apparent retrograde motion of the planets as viewed from Earth are not expected. 	 FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science TE: Investigation 6; Parts 1 - 2 SE: The Cosmos in a Nutshell, How Earth Got and Held onto its Moon DR: Space Units, Cosmos Card Sort, Solar System Origin of the Moon, Tides
 6. MS-ESS 1-4. Analyze and interpret rock layers and index fossils to determine the relative ages of rock formations. Explain that these sources of evidence, along with radiometric dating, are used to construct the geologic time scale of Earth's history. Clarification Statements: Analysis includes lows of superposition and crosscutting relationships limited to minor displacement faults that offset layers. Processes that occur over long periods of time include changes in rock types through weathering, erosion, heat, and pressure. 	 FOSS Next Generation Earth History TE: Investigation 1; Part 3 Investigation 3; Part 3 Investigation 4; Parts 1-3 Investigation 9; Part 2 SE: Powells' Grand Canyon Expedition, Water on Mars, Rocks, A Fossil Primer, Rocks, Fossils, and Time, Floating on a Prehistoric Sea DR: Grand Canyon Rocks Correlations, Rock Column Movie Maker, Rock Database, Sedimentary Rocks Tour, Sandstone Formation, Shale Formation, Limestone Formation, Index-Fossil Correlation, Dating Rock Layers
 State Assessment Boundary: Strata sequences that have been reordered or overturned, names of specific periods or epochs and events within them, or the identification and naming of minerals or rock types are not expected. 	
 6. MS-ESS1-5(MA). Use graphical displays to illustrate that Earth and its solar system are one of many in the Milky Way galaxy, which is one of billions of galaxies in the universe. Clarification Statement: Graphical displays can include maps, charts, graphs, and data tables. 	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science TE: Investigation 9; Part 2 SE: Exoplanet Transit Graphs, Finding Exoplanets DR: Venus Transit, Orrery Video 1, Orrery Video 2, Exoplanet Transit Hunt
ESS2. Earth's Systems	
8. MS-ESS2-1. Use a model to illustrate that energy from Earth's interior drives convection that cycles Earth's crust,	FOSS Next Generation Earth History TE: Investigation 7; Parts 1 – 2





leading to melting, crystallization, weathering, and deformation	Investigation 9; Part 2
of large rock formations, including generation of ocean sea floor	SE: Earth's Dynamic Systems, Rock Transformations,
at ridges, submergence of ocean sea floor at trenches, mountain	How One Rock Becomes Another Rock
building, and active volcanic chains.	DR: Convergent Boundary, Divergent Boundary,
Juliulity, and active volcanic chains.	Transform Boundary, Folding, Volcanoes around the
Clarification Statement:	
	World, Mountain Types, Appalachian Mountain Tour, How
 The emphasis is on large-scale cycling resulting from plate tectonics. 	Metamorphic Rocks Form, Slate
7MS-ESS2-2. Construct an explanation based on evidence for	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science
now Earth's surface has changed over scales that range from	TE: Investigation 5; Part 2
nicroscopic to global in size and operate at times ranging from	Investigation 7; Part 4
ractions of a second to billions of years.	SE: The Disappearance of the Dinosaurs, Gene
	Shoemaker: Planetary Geologists
Clarification Statements:	DR: 2012 Meteor News, Could We Stop and Asteroid?
Examples of processes occurring over large, global	Asteroid Deflection, Earth's Changing Systems, Earth
spatial scales include plate motion, formations of	Images Comparison
mountains and ocean basins, and ice ages. Examples	inages companion
	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
of changes occurring over small, local spatial scales	TE: Investigation 1; Parts 2 – 3
include earthquakes and seasonal weathering and	
erosion.	Investigation 2; Parts 1 – 3
	Investigation 3; Part 3
	Investigation 5; Parts 1 and 3
	Investigation 6; Parts1–3
	Investigation 7; Parts 1-2
	SE: Powell's Grand Canyon Expedition, Grand Canyon
	Flood, Weathering and Erosion, Soil Stories, Water on
	Mars? Volcanoes, The History of the Theory of Plate
	Tectonics, Historical Debates about a Dynamic Earth,
	Earth's Dynamic Systems, Rock Transformations, How
	One Rock Becomes Another Rock
	DR: Grand Canyon Rocks Correlation, Stream Table,
	Glen Canyon Dam High Flow Experiment, Debris Flow,
	Frost Wedging, Rock Fall, Volcanoes around the World,
	Earthquakes around the World, NOAA Plate Tectonics,
	Mountain Types,
6MS-ESS2-3. Analyze and interpret maps showing the	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
distribution of fossils and rocks, continental shapes, and seafloor	TE: Investigation 6; Parts 1-3
structures to provide evidence that Earth's plates have moved	
	Investigation 7; Part 1
great distances, collided, and spread apart.	Investigation 9; Part 2
Clarification Otatements	SE: The History of the Theory of Plate Tectonics,
Clarification Statement:	Historical Debates about a Dynamic Earth, Rock
 Maps map show similarities of rock and rock and fossil 	Transformations,
types on different continents, the shapes of the	DR: Plate Boundaries Map, NOAA Plate Tectonics,
continents (including continental shelves), and the	Appalachian Mountain Tour,
locations of ocean structures (such as ridges, fracture	
zones, and trenches), similar to Wegener's visuals.	
State Assessment Boundary:	
Mechanisms for plate motion or paleomagnetic	
anomalies in oceanic and continental crust are not	
expected.	
7. MS-ESS2-4. Develop a model to explain how the energy of	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
he Sun and Earth's gravity drive the cycling of water, including	TE: Investigation 7; Parts 1–3
changes of state, as it moves through multiple pathways in	
	Investigation 8; Part 1-3
Earth's hydrosphere	SE: Weather Balloons and the Radiosonde, Animal Rains
	Earth: The Water Planet, Ocean Currents and Gyres, El
Clarification Statement:	Niño, US Map with Western Cities, Alaska Climate over 3
Examples of models can be conceptual or physical.	Years, Southern California Climate over 30 Years, Norther

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	California Climate over 30 Years
State Assessment Boundary:	DR: Cloud in a Bottle, Water Cycle
 A quantitative understanding of the latent heats of 	
vaporization and fusion is not expected.	
8. MS-ESS2-5. Interpret basic weather data to identify patterns	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
in air mass interactions and the relationship of those patterns to	TE: Investigation 1, Parts 1 – 3
local weather.	Investigation 2, Parts 1 – 2
Clarification Otatamanta	Investigation 6, Parts 1 - 3
 Clarification Statements: Data includes temperature, pressure, humidity, 	SE: Severe Weather, What's in the Air? A Thin Blue Veil, What is Air Pressure?, Heating the Atmosphere, Wind on
 Data includes temperature, pressure, number, precipitation, and wind. Patterns can include air 	Earth
masses flow from regions of high pressure to low	DR: Hurricanes and Tornadoes, Gas in a Syringe,
pressure, and how sudden changes in weather can	Elevator to Space, Gas in a Syringe, Weather Balloon
result when different air masses collide. Data can be	Simulation, Elevator to Space, Local Wind, NOAA Ridge,
provided to student (such as in weather maps, data	Red Spot Movie
tables, diagrams, or visualizations) or obtained through	
field observations or laboratory experiments.	
8. MS-ESS2-6. Describe how interactions involving the ocean	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
affect weather and climate on a regional scale, including the	TE: Investigation 3; Parts 1 – 3
influence of the ocean temperature as mediated by energy input	Investigation 6; Parts 1 – 3
from the Sun and energy loss due to evaporation or	Investigation 8; Parts 1 – 3
redistribution via ocean currents.	Investigation 10; Parts 1 -2 SE: Density, Density with Dey, Convection, Heating the
Clarification Statement:	Atmosphere, Winds on Earth, Earth: The Water Planet,
A regional scale includes a state or multi-state	Ocean Currents and Gyres, El Nino, Severe Weather
perspective.	DR: Particles in Solids, Liquids, and Gases, Energy
	Transfer: Conduction, Radiation, Convection, Local
State Assessment Boundary:	Wind, NOAA Ridge, Red Spot Movie, Water Cycle,
Koppen Climate Classification names are not	Perpetual Ocean, Weather Maps
expected.	
ESS3. Earth and Human Activity	
8. MS-ESS3-1. Analyze and interpret data to explain that the	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
Earth's mineral and fossil fuel resources are unevenly distributed	TE: Investigation 8; Parts 1-3
as a result of geologic processes.	SE: Geoscenario Introduction: Glaciers, Geoscenario
Obsidiantian Obstancente	Introduction: Coal, Geoscenario Introduction:
Clarification Statement:	Yellowstone Hotspot, Geoscenario Introduction: Oil
 Examples of uneven distributions of resources can include where petroleum is generally found (locations) 	DR: Geoscenarios, Timeliner, Rock Column Movie Maker
include where petroleum is generally found (locations of the burial or organic marine sediments and	
subsequent geologic traps), and where metal ores are	
generally found (locations of past volcanic and	
hydrothermal activity).	
7. MS-ESS3-2. Obtain and communicate information on how	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
data from past geologic events are analyzed for patterns and	TE: Investigation 9; Parts 1-3
used to forecast the location and likelihood of future catastrophic	SE: Climates: Past, Present, and Future
events.	DR: CO2 in the Ice Core Record, Earth's Climate over
	Time, Greenhouse-Gas Simulator, Human-Caused Sources
Clarification Statements:	of Carbon Dioxide, Climate Blog, Water Cycle, Climate
 Geologic events include earthquakes, volcanic 	Change Basics
eruptions, floods, and landslides. Examples of data	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
typically analyzed can include the locations,	TE: Investigation 6; Parts 1-3
magnitudes, and frequencies of the natural hazards.	SE: Volcanoes, The History of the Theory of Plate
State Assessment Boundary	Tectonics, Historical Debates about a Dynamic Earth,
State Assessment Boundary:	DR: Mount St. Helens: The Eruption Impact, Shake Alert,
 Active analysis of data or forecasting in is not expected 	Volcanoes around the World, Earthquakes around the
	World, Wegner, Convection Tank, NOAA Plate Tectonics,

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7. MS-ESS3-4. Construct an argument supported by evidence	FOSS Next Generation Populations and Ecosystems
that human activities and technologies can mitigate the impact of	TE: Investigation 8; Parts 1–3
increases in human population and per capita consumption of	Investigation 9; Parts 1–3
natural resources on the environment.	SE: Biodiversity, Invasive Species, Mono Lake in the Spotlight, Ecoscenario Introductions
Clarification Statements:	DR: Hawaii: Strangers in Paradise, The Mono Lake Story,
 Arguments should be based on examining historical data such as population graphs, natural resource 	Ecoscenario Research Center
distribution maps, and water quality studies over time.	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science
Examples of negative impacts can include changes to	TE: Investigation 7; Part 4
the amount and quality of natural resources such as	SE: Earth's Changing Systems
water, mineral, and energy supplies.	DR: Earth Images Comparison, World Population
	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
	TE: Investigation 8; Parts 1-4
	SE: Geoscenarios: Glaciers, Coal, Yellowstone Hotspot, Oil
	DR: Geoscenarios, Timeliner
8. MS-ESS3-5. Examine and interpret data to describe the role	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
that human activities have played in causing the rise in global	TE: Investigation 8; Parts 1 - 3
temperatures over the past century.	SE: Geoscenarios: Glaciers, Coal, Yellowstone
	Hotspot, Oil
Clarification Statements:	DR: Geoscenarios, Timeliner
 Examples of human activities include fossil fuel 	
combustion, deforestation, and agricultural activity.	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
Examples of evidence can include tables, graphs, and	TE: Investigation 9; Parts 1 - 3
maps of global and regional temperature; atmospheric	SE: Climates: Past, Present, and Future
levels of gases such as carbon dioxide and methane;	DR: CO2 in the Ice Core Record, Earth's Climate
and the rates of human activities.	Record, Greenhouse-Gas Simulator, Human-Caused
	Sources of Carbon Dioxide, Carbon Cycle, Water Cycle,
	Climate Change Basics

Life Science

State Standard	FOSS Program
LS1. From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes	
6.MS-LS1-1. Provide evidence that all organisms (unicellular	FOSS Next Generation Diversity of Life
and multicellular) are made of cells.	TE: Investigation 3; Parts 1-4
	Investigation 4; Part 1-4
Clarification Statement:	Investigation 5; Part 3
 Evidence can be drawn from multiple types of 	Investigation 9; Part 2
organisms, such as plants, animals, and bacteria.	SE: Characteristics of Life on Earth, Cells, How Big Are
	Cells? The Amazing Paramecium, Bacteria All Around Us,
	Harmful and Helpful Bacteria, Viruses: Living or Non
	living?
	DR: Database: Brine Shrimp Eating, Database: Human
	Cheek Cells, Levels of Complexity, The Three Domains of
	Life
6.MS-LS1-2. Develop and use a model to describe how parts of	FOSS Next Generation Diversity of Life
cells contribute to the cellular functions of obtaining food, water,	TE: Investigation 2; Part 3
and other nutrients from its environment, disposing of wastes,	Investigation 3; Parts 1-4
and providing energy for cellular processes.	Investigation 5; Parts 2–3
Obsetfing the observation	SE: Water, Light and Energy,
Clarification Statement:	DR: Levels of Complexity
• Parts of plant and animal cells include (a) the nucleus,	
which contains a cell's genetic materials and regulates	
its activities; (b) chloroplasts, which produce necessary	



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 food (sugar) and oxygen through photosynthesis (in plants); (c) mitochondria, which release energy from food through cellular respiration; (d) vacuoles, which store materials, including water, nutrients, and waste; (e) the cell membrane, which is a selective barrier that enables nutrients to enter the cell and wastes to be expelled; and (f) the cell wall, which provides structural support (in plants). State Assessment Boundary: Specific biochemical steps or chemical processes, the role of ATP, active transport processes involving the cell membrane, or identifying or comparing different types of cells are not expected in state assessment. 6MS-LS1-3. Construct an argument supported by evidence that the body systems interact to carry out essential functions of life. Clarification Statements: Emphasis is on the functions and interactions of body systems, not specific body parts or organs. An argument should convey that different types of cells can join together to form specialized tissues, which is turn may form organs that work together as body systems. Body systems. Body systems. State Assessment Boundaries: The mechanism of one body system independent of others or the biochemical processes involved in body systems are not expected. Describing the function or comparing different types of cells, tissues, or organs 	 FOSS Next Generation Human Systems Interactions TE: Investigation 1, Parts1-2 Investigation 2, Parts 1–2 Investigation 3, Parts 1–4 SE: Human Organ Systems, Human Cardiovascular System, Aerobic Cellular Respiration, Sensory Receptor Touch, Hearing, Brain Messages, Neurotransmission, Smell and Taste, Sight, Memory and You Brain. DR: Structural Levels Cards, Human Systems Structural Levels, Digestive and Excretory Systems, Circulatory and Respiratory Systems, Digestive and Excretory Systems, Touch Menu: Touch Receptors, Touch Menu: 3D Finger, Brain: Synapse Function, Brain: Neuron Growth, Smell Menu, Vision Menu, Reaction Timer, Memory and Your Brain.
are not expected. 7. MS-LS1-4. Construct an explanation based on evidence for how characteristic animal behaviors and specialized plant structures increase the probability of successful reproduction of animals and plants.	FOSS Next Generation Diversity of Life TE: Investigation 6; Part 4 DR: Database: Pollinator Collection, Pollinators Game,
 Clarification Statements: Examples of animal behaviors that affect the probability of animal reproduction could include nest building to protect young from cold, herding of animals to protect young from predators, and vocalizations and colorful plumage to attract mates for breeding. Animal behaviors that affect the probability of plant reproduction could include (a) transferring pollen or seeds, and (b) creating conditions for seed germination and growth. Examples of plant structures that affect the probability of plant reproduction could include bright flowers that attract insects that transfer pollen, and hard shells on nuts that squirrels bury. State Assessment Boundary: Natural section is not expected. 	
8.MS-LS1-5. Construct an argument based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.	FOSS Next Generation Diversity of Life TE: Investigation 6; Parts 2 - 4 SE: Breeding Salt-Tolerant Wheat, The Making of a New

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 Clarification Statements: Environmental conditions could include availability of food, light, space, and water. Genetic factors could include the genes responsible for size differences in different breeds of dogs. Environmental factors could include drought decreasing plant growth, fertilizer increasing plant growth, and fish growing larger in large ponds. Examples of both genetic and environmental factors could include different varieties of plants growing at different rates in different conditions. 	Plant, Seeds on the Move DR: Database: Flower and Seed Collections, Nonflowering Plants, Pollinator Collection, Pollinators Game
 State Assessment Boundary: Methods of reproduction, genetic mechanisms, gene regulation, biochemical processes, or natural selection are not expected. 	
 8. MS-LS1-7. Use informational text to describe that food molecules, including carbohydrates, proteins, and fats, are broken down and rearranged through chemical reactions forming new molecules that support cell growth and/or release of energy. State Assessment Boundary: Specific details of the chemical reaction for cellular respiration, biochemical steps of breaking down food, or the resulting molecules are not expected. 	FOSS Next Generation Human Systems Interactions TE: Investigation 2, Parts 1 - 2 SE: Aerobic Cellular Respiration DR: Digestive and Excretory Systems, Circulatory and Respiratory Systems,
LS2. Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics	
7. MS-LS2-1. Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for the effects of periods of abundant and scarce resources on the growth of organisms and the size of populations in an ecosystem.	 FOSS Next Generation Populations and Ecosystems TE: Investigation 6; Parts 1–4 Investigation 7; Parts 1–3 Investigation 8; Parts 1-3 SE: Rachel Carson and the Silent Spring, Trophic Levels, Decomposers, Milkweed Bugs, Limiting Factors, Mono Lake throughout the Year, Biodiversity, Invasive Species, Mono Lake in the Spotlight DR: Milkweed Bugs Unlimited/Limited, Hawaii: Strangers in Paradise, The Mono Lake Story
 7. MS-LS2-2. Describe how relationships among and between organisms in an ecosystem can be competitive, predatory, parasitic, and mutually beneficial and that these interactions are found across multiple ecosystems. Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on describing consistent patterns of interactions in different ecosystems in terms of relationships among and between organisms 	FOSS Next Generation Populations and Ecosystems TE: Investigation 3; Parts 1–3 Investigation 4; Part 3 Investigation 6; Parts 1–4 Investigation 7; Part 4 Investigation 8; Parts 1-3 SE: An Introduction to Mono Lake, Mono Lake Food Web, Ecoscenarios, Biosphere 2: An Experiment in Isolation, Trophic Levels, Decomposers, Mono Lake throughout the Year, Biodiversity, Invasive Species, Mono Lake in the Spotlight DR: The Mono Lake Story, Organism Database
7. MS-LS2-3. Develop a model to describe that matter and energy are transferred among living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem and that both matter and energy are conserved through these processes.	FOSS Next Generation Populations and Ecosystems TE: Investigation 3; Parts 1–3 Investigation 5; Parts 1–4 Investigation 6; Parts 1-4 SE: An Introduction to Mono Lake, Ecoscenarios, Energy
Clarification Statements: • Cycling of matter should include the role of photosynthesis, cellular respiration, and TE : Teacher Editions-Investigations Guide Teacher Resources • St	and Life, What Does Water Do? Wangari Maathai: Being a Hummingbird, Trophic Levels, Decomposers DR: Mono Lake Food Web, Biomes

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Grades 6-8 decomposition, as well as transfer among producers, consumers (primary, secondary, and tertiary), and decomposers. Models may include food webs and food chains. 7. MS-LS2-4. Analyze data to provide evidence that disruptions **FOSS Next Generation Populations and Ecosystems** (natural or human-made) to any physical or biological TE: Investigation 7; Parts 2-3 component of an ecosystem can lead to shifts in all its Investigation 8; Parts 1-3 Investigation 9; Parts 1-3 populations. SE: Limiting Factors, Mono Lake throughout the Year, Clarification Statement: Biodiversity, Invasive Species, Mono Lake in the Spotlight, Focus should be on ecosystem characteristics Ecoscenario Introductions, DR: Hawaii: Strangers in Paradise, The Mono Lake Story, varying over time, including disruptions such as Ecoscenario Research Center hurricanes, floods, wildfires, oil spills, and construction. 7. MS-LS2-5. Evaluate competing design solutions for protecting FOSS Next Generation Populations and Ecosystems an ecosystem. Discuss benefits and limitations of each design. TE: Investigation 8, Parts 1 - 3 Investigation 9, Parts 1 - 3 SE: Biodiversity, Invasive Species, Mono Lake in the **Clarification Statements:** Spotlight, Ecoscenario Introductions Examples of design solutions could include water, DR: Hawaii: Strangers in Paradise, The Mono Lake land, and species protection and the prevention of soil erosion. Examples of design solution constraints Story, Ecoscenario Research Center could include scientific, economic, and social considerations. 7. MS-LS2-6(MA). Explain how changes to the biodiversity of an **FOSS Next Generation Populations and Ecosystems** ecosystem-the variety of species found in the ecosystem-may TE: Investigation 8; Parts 1 limit the availability of resources humans use. SE: Biodiversity **Clarification Statement:** Examples of resources can include food, energy, medicine, and clean water. LS3. Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits 8. MS-LS3-1. Develop and use a model to describe that **FOSS Next Generation Heredity and Adaptation** structural changes to genes (mutations) may or may not result in TE: Investigation 3; Part 1 SE: Adaptation changes to proteins, and if there are changes to proteins there may be harmful, beneficial, or neutral changes to traits. DR: Walking Sticks: Eat Insects **Clarification Statements:** An example of a beneficial change to the organism may be a strain of bacteria becoming resistant to an antibiotic. A harmful change could be the development of cancer; a neutral change may the hair color of an organism with direct consequence. State Assessment Boundary: Specific changes at the molecular level (e.g., amino acid sequence change), mechanisms for protein synthesis, or specific types of mutations are not expected. 8. MS-LS3-2. Construct an argument based on evidence for how **FOSS Next Generation Heredity and Adaptation** asexual reproduction results in offspring with identical genetic TE: Investigation 2; Parts 2 - 4 information and sexual reproduction results in offspring with SE: Understanding Heredity, A Larkey Yammer, Mendel genetic variation. Compare and contrast advantages and and Punnett Squares, Mapping the Human Genome disadvantages of asexual and sexual reproduction. DR: Heredity, A Model for Predicting Genetic Variation, Larkey Impossible Traits **Clarification Statements: FOSS Next Generation Diversity of Life** Examples of an advantage of sexual reproduction can TE: Investigation 7; Parts 1 - 2 include genetic variation when the environment SE: Mendel and Punnett Squares

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changes or a disease is introduced, which examples	DR: Genes and Heredity
of an advantage of asexual reproduction can include	
not using energy to find a mate and fast reproduction	
rates. Examples of a disadvantage of sexual	
reproduction can include using resources to find a	
mate, while a disadvantage in asexual reproduction	
can be the lack of genetic variation when the	
environment changes or a disease is introduced.	
8. MS-LS3-3(MA). Communicate through writing and in	FOSS Next Generation Heredity and Adaptation
diagrams that chromosomes contain many distinct genes and	TE: Investigation 2; Part 2
that each gene holds the instructions for the production of	SE: Understanding Heredity, A Larkey Yammer
	DR: Heredity Slide Show
specific proteins, which in turn affects the traits of an individual.	DR. Heredity Silde Show
State Assessment Boundary:	
mechanisms for protein synthesis are not expected.	
8. MS-LS3-4(MA). Develop and use a model to show that	FOSS Next Generation Heredity and Adaptation
sexually reproducing organisms have two of each chromosome	TE: Investigation 2; Parts 2-4
in their cell nuclei, and hence two variants (alleles) of each gene	SE: Understanding Heredity, A Larkey Yammer, Mendel
that can be the same or different from each other, with one	and Punnett Squares, Mapping the Human Genome
random assortment of each chromosome passed down to	DR: Heredity Slide Show, A Model for Predicting Genetic
offspring from both parents.	Variation, Larkey Impossible Traits, Larkey Punnett Square
Clarification Statement:	FOSS Next Generation Diversity of Life
 Examples of models can include Punnett squares, 	TE: Investigation 7; Parts 1 - 2
diagrams (e.g., simple pedigrees), and simulations.	SE: Mendel and Punnett Squares
	DR: Genes and Heredity
State Assessment Boundary:	
 State assessment will limit inheritance patterns to 	
dominant-recessive alleles only.	
LS4. Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity	
6.MS-LS4-1. Analyze and interpret evidence from the fossil	FOSS Next Generation Heredity and Adaptation
record to describe organisms and their environment, extinctions,	TE: Investigation 1; Parts 1–2
and changes to life forms throughout the history of Earth.	SE: Fossil Dating, Mass Extinctions, An Interview with
5 5 5	Jennifer Clack, Transitions,
Clarification Statement:	DR: Biodiversity, Fossils, Fish with Fingers, Great
 Examples of evidence include sets of fossils that 	Transitions: The Origin of Tetrapods,
indicate a specific type of environment, anatomical	
structures that indicate the function of an organism in	
the environment, and fossilized tracks that indicate	
behavior of organisms.	
benavior of organisms.	
State Assessment Boundary:	
Names of individual species, geological eras in the	
fossil record, or mechanisms for extinction or speciation	
are not expected.	FOSS Next Generation Heredity and Adaptation
are not expected. 6.MS-LS4-2: Construct an argument using anatomical	FOSS Next Generation Heredity and Adaptation
are not expected. 6.MS-LS4-2: Construct an argument using anatomical structures to support evolutionary relationships among and	TE: Investigation 1; Parts 1–2
are not expected. 6.MS-LS4-2: Construct an argument using anatomical	TE: Investigation 1; Parts 1–2 SE: Fossil Dating, Mass Extinctions, An Interview with
are not expected. 6.MS-LS4-2: Construct an argument using anatomical structures to support evolutionary relationships among and between fossil organisms and modern organisms.	TE: Investigation 1; Parts 1–2 SE: Fossil Dating, Mass Extinctions, An Interview with Jennifer Clack, Transitions,
are not expected. 6.MS-LS4-2: Construct an argument using anatomical structures to support evolutionary relationships among and between fossil organisms and modern organisms. Clarification Statement:	TE: Investigation 1; Parts 1–2 SE: Fossil Dating, Mass Extinctions, An Interview with Jennifer Clack, Transitions, DR: Biodiversity, Fossils, Fish with Fingers, Great
are not expected. 6.MS-LS4-2: Construct an argument using anatomical structures to support evolutionary relationships among and between fossil organisms and modern organisms. Clarification Statement: • Evolutionary relationships include (a) some organisms	TE: Investigation 1; Parts 1–2 SE: Fossil Dating, Mass Extinctions, An Interview with Jennifer Clack, Transitions,
are not expected. 6.MS-LS4-2: Construct an argument using anatomical structures to support evolutionary relationships among and between fossil organisms and modern organisms. Clarification Statement: • Evolutionary relationships include (a) some organisms have similar traits with similar functions because they	TE: Investigation 1; Parts 1–2 SE: Fossil Dating, Mass Extinctions, An Interview with Jennifer Clack, Transitions, DR: Biodiversity, Fossils, Fish with Fingers, Great
are not expected. 6.MS-LS4-2: Construct an argument using anatomical structures to support evolutionary relationships among and between fossil organisms and modern organisms. Clarification Statement: • Evolutionary relationships include (a) some organisms have similar traits with similar functions because they were inherited from a common ancestor, (b) some	TE: Investigation 1; Parts 1–2 SE: Fossil Dating, Mass Extinctions, An Interview with Jennifer Clack, Transitions, DR: Biodiversity, Fossils, Fish with Fingers, Great
are not expected. 6.MS-LS4-2: Construct an argument using anatomical structures to support evolutionary relationships among and between fossil organisms and modern organisms. Clarification Statement: • Evolutionary relationships include (a) some organisms have similar traits with similar functions because they were inherited from a common ancestor, (b) some organisms have similar traits that serve similar	TE: Investigation 1; Parts 1–2 SE: Fossil Dating, Mass Extinctions, An Interview with Jennifer Clack, Transitions, DR: Biodiversity, Fossils, Fish with Fingers, Great
 are not expected. 6.MS-LS4-2: Construct an argument using anatomical structures to support evolutionary relationships among and between fossil organisms and modern organisms. Clarification Statement: Evolutionary relationships include (a) some organisms have similar traits with similar functions because they were inherited from a common ancestor, (b) some organisms have similar traits that serve similar functions because they live in similar environments, 	TE: Investigation 1; Parts 1–2 SE: Fossil Dating, Mass Extinctions, An Interview with Jennifer Clack, Transitions, DR: Biodiversity, Fossils, Fish with Fingers, Great
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function because their environments are different than	
their ancestors' environments.	
 8. MS-LS4-4. Use a model to describe the process of natural selection, in which genetic variations of some traits in a population increase some individuals' likelihood of surviving and reproducing in a changing environment. Provide evidence that natural selection occurs over many generations. Clarification Statements: The model should include simple probability statements and proportional reasoning Examples of evidence can include Darwin's finches, necks of giraffes, and peppered moths. 	 FOSS Next Generation Heredity and Adaptation TE: Investigation 3; Parts 1 - 2 SE: Adaptation, Natural Selection, What Makes a Scientific Theory DR: Walking Sticks: Eat Insects, Walking Sticks: Find Insects in Three Environments, Larkey Natural Selection, The Making of the Fittest: Natural Selection and Adaptation, The Origin of Species: The Beak of the Finch, Biodiversity Slide Show
State Assessment Boundary:	
 Specific conditions that lead to natural selection are not expected. 	
8. MS-LS4-5. Synthesize and communicate information about artificial selection, or the ways in which humans have changed the inheritance of desired traits in organisms.	FOSS Next Generation Heredity and Adaptation TE: Investigation 3; Part 3 SE: Influencing Evolution DR: Genetic Technology Resources
Clarification Statement:	
 Emphasis is on the influence of humans on genetic outcomes in artificial selection (such as genetic modification, animal husbandry, and gene therapy). 	

Physical Science

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State Standard	FOSS Program
PS1. Matter and Its Interactions	
8.MS-PS1-1. Develop a model to describe that (a) atoms	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions
combine in a multitude of ways to produce pure substances	TE: Investigation 2; Parts 1 – 2
which make up all of the living and nonliving things that we	Investigation 7; Parts 1 – 2
encounter, (b) atoms form molecules and compounds that range	Investigation 9; Part 1
in size from two to thousands of atoms, and (c) mixtures are	SE: Elements, Substances on Earth, Elements in the
composed of different proportions of pure substances.	Universe, How Things Dissolve, Concentration, Better
Clarification Statement:	Living through Chemistry
	DR: Periodic Table of the Elements, Explore Dissolving
 Examples of molecular-level models could include drawings, three-dimensional ball and stick structures, 	
and computer representations showing different	
molecules with different types of atoms.	
State Assessment Boundary:	
 Valence electrons and bonding energy, the ionic 	
nature of subunits of complex structures, complete	
depictions of all individual atoms in complex molecule	
or extended structure, or calculations of proportions in	
mixtures are not expected.	
8.MS-PS1-2. Analyze and interpret data on the properties of	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions
substances before and after the substances interact to	TE: Investigation 1, Parts 1 – 2
determine if a chemical reaction has occurred.	Investigation 9, Parts 1 – 3
Clarification Statements:	Investigation 10, Part 1 SE: White Substances Information, Better Living through
Examples of reactions could include burning sugar or	Chemistry, How Do Atoms Rearrange? Fireworks,
steel wood, fat reacting with sodium hydroxide, and	Antoine-Laurent Lavoisier, Organic Compounds
mixing zinc with HCl. Properties of substances	DR: Two-Substance Reactions, Burning Sugar





include density, melting point, boiling point, solubility,	
flammability, and odor.	
8.MS-PS1-4 . Develop a model that describes and predicts changes in particle motion, relative spatial arrangement, temperature, and state of a pure substance when thermal energy is added or removed.	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions TE: Investigation 3; Parts 1 – 3 Investigation 4; Parts 1 – 3 Investigation 7; Parts 1 – 2
 Clarification Statements: Emphasis is on qualitative molecular-level models of solids, liquids, and gases to show that adding or removing thermal energy increases or decreases kinetic energy of the particles until a change of state occurs. Examples of models could include drawings and diagrams. Examples of pure substances could include water, carbon dioxide, and helium. 	Investigation 8; Parts 1 - 4 SE : Particles, Three Phases of Matter, Particles in Motion, Expansion and Contraction, How Things Dissolve, Concentration, Rock Solid, Heat of Fusion, DR : Gas in a Syringe, Particles in Gases, Particles in Solids, Liquids, and Gases, Explore Dissolving FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water TE : Investigation 3; Parts 1 – 3 Investigation 6; Parts 1 – 3 Investigation 7; Parts 2 - 3 SE : Density, Density with Dey, Convection, Heating the Atmosphere, Wind on Earth, Weather Balloons and the Radiosonde, Animal Rains DR : Particles in Solids, Liquids, and Gases, Fluid Convection, Energy Transfer: Conduction, Radiation,
 8.MS-PS1-5. Use a model to explain that atoms are rearranged during a chemical reaction to form new substances with new properties. Explain that the atoms present in the reactants are all present in the products and thus the total number of atoms is conserved. Clarification Statement: Examples of model can include physical models or drawings, including digital forms, that represent atoms. 	Convection, Local Wind, NOAA Ridge, Cloud in a Bottle FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions TE: Investigation 9; Parts 1 – 3 Investigation 10; Part 1 SE: Better Living through Chemistry, How Do Atoms Rearrange? Fireworks, Antoine-Laurent Lavoisier, Organic Compounds DR: Burning Sugar
 State Assessment Boundary: Use of atomic masses, molecular weights, balancing symbolic equations, or intermolecular forces is not expected. 	
6.MS-PS1-6. Plan and conduct an experiment involving exothermic and endothermic chemical reactions to measure and describe the release or absorption of thermal energy.	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions TE: Investigation 8; Part 3 SE: Heat of Fusion, Science Practices, Engineering Practices
 Clarification Statements: Emphasis is on describing transfer of energy to and from the environment. Examples of chemical reactions could include dissolving ammonium chloride or calcium chloride. 	
6.MS-PS1-7(MA). Use a particulate model of matter to explain that density is the amount of matter (mass) in a given volume. Apply proportional reasoning describe, calculate, and compare relative densities of different materials.	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions TE: Investigation 4; Parts 1-3 SE: Particles in Motion, Three Phases of Matter, Expansio and Contraction DR: Particles in Solids, Liquids, and Gases
6.MS-PS1-8(MA). Conduct an experiment to show that many materials are mixtures of pure substances that can be separated by physical means into their component pure substances. Clarification Statement:	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions TE: Investigation 7; Part 2 SE: How Things Dissolve, Concentration DR: Explore Dissolving





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Examples of common mixtures include salt, water, oil	
and vinegar, milk, and air.	
PS2. Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions	
8.MS-PS2-1. Develop a model that demonstrates Newton's third law involving the motion of two colliding objects	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy TE: Investigation 3; Part 3 SE: Newton's Laws
State Assessment Boundary:	OE. Newton's Laws
Limited to vertical or horizontal interactions in one	
dimension.	
8.MS-PS2-2. Provide evidence that the change in an object's	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy
speed depends on the sum of the forces on the object (the net force) and the mass of the object.	TE: Investigation 1; Parts 1 – 3 Investigation 2; Parts 1 – 2
Clarification Statement:	Investigation 3 SE: How Fast Do Things Go? Faster and Faster, Gravity:
Emphasis is on balanced (Newton's first law) and	It's the Law, A Weighty Matter, Gravity in Space
unbalanced forces in a system, qualitative	DR: Movie Tracker, Falling Ball Analysis Slide Show,
comparisons of forces, mas, and changes in speed	Falling Ball, Hammer and Feather in Space, Heavy and
(Newton's second law), in one dimension.	Light Balls
State Assessment Boundaries:	FOSS Next Generation Electromagnetic Force
 Limited to forces and changes in motion in one 	TE: Investigation 1, Parts 1 - 3
dimension in an inertial reference frame and to	SE: The Force is with You, The Discovery of Friction, Net
change in one variable at a time. The use of	Force
trigonometry is not expected.	DR: Forces
7.MS-PS2-3. Analyze data to describe the effect of distance and	FOSS Next Generation Electromagnetic Force
magnitude of electric charge on the strength of electric forces.	TE: Investigation 2, Parts 1 - 3
Clarification Statement:	Investigation 3, Parts 2 - 3 SE: Magnetic Force, Electromagnetism,
Includes both attractive and repulsive forces.	DR: Magnetism, Adding Magnetic Force, Virtual
• Includes boin allactive and repuisive forces.	Electromagnet
State Assessment Boundaries:	
 State assessment will be limited to proportional 	
reasoning. Calculations using Coulomb's law or	
interactions of sub-atomic particles are not expected.	
6.MS-PS2-4. Use evidence to support the claim that	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science
gravitational forces between objects are attractive and are only	TE: Investigation 6; Part 2, Steps 14-18
noticeable when one or both of the objects have a very large	SE: How Earth Got and Held onto Its Moon
mass.	DR: Solar System Origin Card Sort, Origin of the Moon,
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 Clarification Statement. Examples of objects with very large masses include the 	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy
• Examples of objects with very large masses include the Sun, Earth, and other planets.	TE: Investigation 1; Part 3
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State Assessment Boundary:	SE: Gravity: It's the Law, Gravity in Space
Newton's law of gravitation or Kepler's laws are not	DR: Falling Ball Analysis
expected.	
7.MS-PS2-5. Use scientific evidence to argue that fields exist	FOSS Next Generation Electromagnetic Force
between objects with mass, between magnetic objects, and	TE: Investigation 2; Parts 1 - 3
between electrically charged objects that exert force on each	Investigation 3; Parts 2 - 3
other even though the objects are not in contact.	SE: Magnetic Force, Electromagnetism DR: Magnetism, Adding Magnetic Force, Virtual
Clarification Statement:	Electromagnet
Emphasis is on evidence that demonstrates the	
existence of fields, limited to gravitational, electric, and	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy
magnetic fields.	TE: Investigation 2, Part 2
	SE: Gravity in Space
State Assessment Boundary:	





Calculations of force are not expected.	
PS3. Energy	
7.MS-PS3-1. Construct and interpret data and graphs to describe the relationships among kinetic energy, mass, and speed of an object.	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy TE: Investigation 3; Parts 1 - 3 SE: Potential and Kinetic Energy, Avoiding Collisions, Newton's Laws
Clarification Statements: • Examples could include riding a bicycle at different speeds and rolling different-sized rocks downhill. Consider relationships between kinetic energy vs. mass and kinetic energy vs. speed separate from each other; emphasis is on the difference between the linear and exponential relationships.	
 State Assessment Boundary: Calculation or manipulation of the formula for kinetic energy is not expected. 	
7.MS-PS3-2. Develop a model to describe the relationship between the relative positions of objects interacting at a distance and their relative potential energy in the system.	FOSS Next Generation Electromagnetic Force TE: Investigation 2; Part 3 DR: Adding Magnet Fields
 Clarification Statements: Examples of objects within systems interacting at varying distances could include Earth and either a roller coaster cart at varying positions on a hill or objects at varying heights on shelves, changing the direction/orientation of a magnet, and a balloon with static electrical charge being brought closer to a stream of water. Examples of models could include representations, diagrams, pictures, and written descriptions of systems. 	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy TE: Investigation 3; Parts 1 - 3 SE: Potential and Kinetic Energy, Avoiding Collisions, Newton's Laws
 State Assessment Boundaries: State assessment will be limited to electric, magnetic, and gravitational interactions and to interactions of two objects at a time. Calculations of potential energy are not expected. 	
 7.MS-PS3-3. Apply scientific principles of energy and heat transfer to design, construct, and test a device to minimize or maximize thermal energy transfer Clarification Statement: Examples of devices could include an insulated box, a solar cooker, and a vacuum flask. 	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water TE: Investigation 5; Parts 1 - 3 SE: Insulating Materials, Home Insulation DR: Energy Transfer by Collision, Energy Transfer: Conduction, Radiation, Convection, Particles in Solids, Liquids, and Gases
 State Assessment Boundary: Accounting for specific hear or calculations of the total amount of thermal energy transferred is not expected. 	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions TE: Investigation 6; Parts 1 - 2 SE: Engineering a Better Design, Science Practices, Engineering Practices DR: Energy Flow, Particles in Solids, Liquids, and Gases
7.MS-PS3-4. Conduct an investigation to determine the relationships among the energy transferred, how well the type of matter retains or radiates heat, the mass, and the change in the average kinetic energy of the particles as measured by the temperature of the sample.	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water TE: Investigation 3; Parts 1 – 3 Investigation 4; Part 3 Investigation 5; Parts 1 - 3 SE: Density, Density with Dey, Convection, Thermometer:
 State Assessment Boundary: Calculations of specific heat or the total amount of thermal energy transferred are not expected. 	A Device to Measure Temperature, Home Insulation DR: Particles in Solids, Liquids, and Gases, Fluid Convection, Energy Transfer: Conduction, Radiation, and

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	Convection, Convection Chamber in Action
	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions TE: Investigation 5; Parts 1 - 3 SE: Energy on the Move DR: Energy Transfer by Collision, Mixing Hoot and Cold Water, Thermometer, Energy Flow
7.MS-PS3-5. Present evidence to support the claim that when the kinetic energy of an object changes, energy is transferred to or from the object. Clarification Statement:	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water TE: Investigation 4; Part 3 SE: Thermometer: A Device to Measure Temperature DR: Energy Transfer: Conduction, Radiation, Convection
• Examples of empirical evidence could include an inventory or other representation of the energy before and after the transfer in the form of temperature changes or motion of an object.	 FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions TE: Investigation 4; Parts 1 – 3 Investigation 5; Parts 1 - 3 SE: Particles in Motion, Three Phases of Matter, Expansion and Contraction, Energy on the Move
 State Assessment Boundary: Calculations of energy are not expected. 	DR: Particles in Solids, Liquids, and Gases, Energy Transfer by Collision, Mixing Hot and Cold Water, Thermometer, Energy Flow
	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy TE: Investigation 3; Parts 1 - 3 SE: Potential and Kinetic Energy, Avoiding Collisions, Newton's Laws
7.MS-PS3-6(MA). Use a model to explain how thermal energy is transferred out of hotter regions or objects and into colder ones by convection, conduction, and radiation	 FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water TE: Investigation 3; Parts 1 – 3 Investigation 4; Part 3 SE: Density, Convection, Thermometer: A Device to Measure Temperature DR: Particles in Solids, Liquids, and Gases, Energy Transfer: Conduction, Radiation, Convection
7.MS-PS3-7(MA). Use informational text to describe the relationship between kinetic and potential energy and illustrate conversions from one form to another.	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy TE: Investigation 3; Parts 1 SE: Potential and Kinetic Energy
 Clarification Statement: Types of kinetic energy include motion, sound, thermal, and light; types of potential energy include gravitational, elastic, and chemical. 	
PS4. Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer	
6.MS-PS4-1. Use diagrams of a simple wave to explain that (a) a wave has a repeating pattern with a specific amplitude, frequency, and wavelength, and (b) the amplitude of a wave is related to the energy of the wave.	FOSS Next Generation Waves TE: Investigation 1; Part 2 Investigation 2; Parts 1 and 3 SE: Transverse and Compression Waves, Ocean Waves, Tsunamis!, Sound Waves, Acoustic Engineering,
 State Assessment Boundary: Electromagnetic waves are not expected. State assessment will be limited to standard repeating waves. 	DR: Metronome, Big Waves, Oscilloscope,
6.MS-PS4-2. Use diagrams and other models to show that both light rays and mechanical waves are reflected, absorbed, or transmitted through various materials.	FOSS Next Generation Waves TE: Investigation 2; Part 3 Investigation 3; Parts 1 and 4 SE: Sound Waves, Acoustic Engineering, Reflecting on Light, Seismic Waves
Materials may include solids, liquids, and gases. Mechanical waves, (including sound) need a material (medium) through which they are transmitted. TE: Teacher Editions-Investigations Guide Teacher Resources • SE	DR: Oscilloscope, Refraction





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Examples of models could include drawings, simulations, and written descriptions.	
State Assessment Boundary: State assessment will be limited to qualitative 	
applications. 6.MS-PS4-3. Present qualitative scientific and technical	FOSS Next Generation Waves
information to support the claim that digitized signals (sent as	TE: Investigation 4; Parts 1-3
wave pulses representing 0s and 1s) can be used to encode and transmit information.	SE: Lasers, Amplitude and Frequency Modulation, Digital Communication, Telecommunication: From Telegraph to
State Assessment Boundary:	Smartphone DR: Fiber Optics, Digitized Images
 Binary counting or the specific mechanism of any given device are not expected. 	

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State Standard	FOSS Program
ETS.1. Engineering Design	
6.MS-ETS1-1. Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution. Include potential impacts on people and natural environment that may limit possible solutions.	FOSS Next Generation Waves TE: Investigation 2; Part 3 SE: Sound Waves, Acoustic Engineering DR: Oscilloscope
	 FOSS Next Generation Variables and Design TE: Investigation 1; Part 3 Investigation 2; Parts 1 -2 Investigation 3; Parts 1 - 2 SE: Keep Your Variables Under Control, Spotlighting Engineers, Efficiency, The Problem of Traffic, Digital Manufacturing, Robotics DR: Virtual Aquarium, Engineering Design Cycle, EnableTech, Maker Space, Jumping Robot, Genetic Engineering, 3D Printing Explained
7.MS-ETS1-2. Evaluate competing solutions to a given design problem using a decision matrix to determine how well each meets the criteria and constraints of the problem Use a model of each solution to evaluate how variations in one or more design features, including size, shape, weight, or cost, may affect the function or effectiveness of the solution*	 FOSS Next Generation Variables and Design TE: Investigation 1; Part 3 Investigation 2; Parts 1 -2 Investigation 3; Parts 1 - 2 SE: Keep Your Variables Under Control, Spotlighting Engineers, Efficiency, The Problem of Traffic, Digital Manufacturing, Robotics DR: Virtual Aquarium, Engineering Design Cycle EnableTech, Maker Space, Jumping Robot, Genetic Engineering, 3D Printing Explained FOSS Next Generation Waves TE: Investigation 2, Part 3
7.MS-ETS1-4. Generate and analyze data from iterative testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process to optimize the object, tool, or process for its intended purpose.*	SE: Sound Waves, Acoustic Engineering DR: Oscilloscope FOSS Next Generation Variables and Design TE: Investigation 2, Parts 1 – 2 Investigation 3, Parts 1 – 2 SE: Lead Detector, Solar Tents DR: Bridge Design, Engineering Design Cycle, Enable
6.MS-ETS1-5(MA). Create visual representations of solutions to a design problem. Accurately interpret and apply scale and proportion to visual representations.	Tech, Maker Space, Jumping Robot FOSS Next Generation Waves TE: Investigation 2, Part 3 SE: Sound Waves, Acoustic Engineering E: Studget Edition Science Resources Back - DB: Digital Resources





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Clarification Statements:	DR: Oscilloscope, Soundproof Engineering
Examples of visual representation can include sketches, scaled	FOSS Next Generation Variables and Design
drawings, and orthographic projections. Examples of scale can	TE: Investigation 2, Parts 1 – 2
include $\frac{1}{4}$ = 1'0" and 1 cm = 1 m.	Investigation 3, Parts 1 – 2
	SE: Lead Detector, Solar Tents
6.MS-ETS1-6(MA). Communicate a design solution to an	DR: Bridge Design, Engineering Design Cycle, Enable FOSS Next Generation Waves
intended user, including design features and limitations of the	TE: Investigation 2, Part 3
solution.	SE: Sound Waves, Acoustic Engineering
	DR: Oscilloscope, Soundproof Engineering
Clarification Statement:	
Examples of intended users can include students, parents,	FOSS Next Generation Variables and Design
teachers, manufacturing personnel, engineers, and customers.	TE: Investigation 2, Parts 1 – 2
	Investigation 3, Parts 1 – 2 SE: Lead Detector, Solar Tents
	DR: Bridge Design, Engineering Design Cycle, Enable
	Tech, Maker Space, Jumping Robot
7.MS-ETS1-7(MA). Construct a prototype of a solution to a	FOSS Next Generation Variables and Design
given design problem.*	TE: Investigation 2; Parts 1 – 2
	Investigation 3; Parts 1 – 2
	SE: Lead Detector, Solar Tents
	DR: Bridge Design, Engineering Design Cycle, Enable
	Tech, Maker Space, Jumping Robot
ETS2. Tools and Manufacturing	
6MS-ETS2-1(MA). Analyze and compare properties of metals,	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions
plastics, wood, and ceramics, including flexibility, ductility,	TE: Investigation 9
hardness, thermal conductivity, electrical conductivity, and melting point.	SE: Better Living through Chemistry
6MS-ETS2-2(MA). Given a design task, select appropriate	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions
materials based on specific properties need in the construction	TE: Investigation 6; Parts 1-2
of a solution.	SE: Engineering a Better Design,
	DR: Particles in Solids, Liquids, and Gases
Clarification Statement:	
 Examples of materials can include metals, plastics, 	
wood, and ceramics.	FOSS Next Generation Waves
	TE: Investigation 2, Part 3
	SE: Sound Waves, Acoustic Engineering
6MS-ETS2-3(MA). Choose and safely use appropriate	DR: Oscilloscope, Soundproof Engineering FOSS Next Generation Variables and Design
measuring tools, hand tools, fasteners, and common hand-held	TE: Investigation 1; Part 1
power tools used to construct a prototype.*	Investigation 1; Part 1
	Investigation 3; Part 1
Clarification Statements:	SE: Digital Manufacturing
• Examples of measuring tools include a tape measure, a	DR: Maker Space, 3D Printing Explained, 3D-Printed Home
meter stick, and a ruler. Hand tools include a hammer,	
a screwdriver, a wrench, and pliers. Fasteners include	
nails, screws, nuts and bolts, staples, flue, and tape.	
Common power tools include jigsaw, drill, and sander.	
8. MS-ETS2-4(MA). Use informational text to illustrate that	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions
materials maintain their composition under various kinds of	TE: Investigation 9; Parts 1, 3
physical processing: however, some material properties may	SE: Better Living through Chemistry, Organic Compounds
change if a process changes the particular structure of the material.	FOSS Next Generation Waves
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Clarification Statements:	SE: Acoustic Engineering
Examples of physical processing can include cutting,	
forming, extruding, and sanding. Changes in material	
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becoming magnetic after hammering and a plastic material	
becoming ridged after heat treatment.	
8. MS-ETS2-5(MA). Present information that illustrates how a	FOSS Next Generation Variables and Design
product can be created using basic processes in manufacturing	TE: Investigation 3: Part 2
systems, including forming, separating, conditioning,	SE: Digital Manufacturing
assembling, finishing, quality control, and safety. Compare the	
advantages and disadvantages of human vs. computer control of these processes.	
ETS3. Technological Systems	
7MS-ETS3-1(MA). Explain the function of a communication	FOSS Next Generation Waves
system and the role of its components, including a source,	TE: Investigation 4, Part 3
encoder, transmitter, receiver, decoder, and storage.	SE: Lasers, Digital Communication, Telecommunications:
-	From Telegraph to Smartphone
	DR: Digitized Images
7MS-ETS3-1(MA). Compare the benefits and drawbacks of different communications systems	FOSS Next Generation Waves
different communications systems.	TE: Investigation 4, Parts 1- 3 SE: Lasers, Digital Communication, Telecommunications:
Clarification Statements:	From Telegraph to Smartphone
Examples of communications systems can include	DR: Fiber Optics, Digitized Images
radio, television, print, and Internet. Benefits and	
drawbacks can include speed of communication,	
distance or range, number of people reached audio	
only vs. audio and visual, and one-way vs. two-way	
communication. 7MS-ETS3-3(MA). Research and communicate information	FOSS Next Generation Waves
about how transportation systems are designed to move people	TE: Investigation 4, Parts 1- 3
and goods using a variety of vehicles and devices. Identify and	SE: Lasers, Digital Communication, Telecommunications:
describe subsystems of a transportation vehicle, include	From Telegraph to Smartphone
structural, propulsion, guidance, suspension, and control	DR: Fiber Optics, Digitized Images
subsystems.	
Clarification Statements:	
Examples of design elements include vehicle shape to	
maximize cargo or passenger capacity, terminals, travel	
lanes, and communications/controls. Vehicles can	
include a car, sailboat, and small airplane.	
7MS-ETS3-4(MA). Show how the components of a structural	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
system work together to serve a structural function. Provide	TE: Investigation 5; Part 3
examples of physical structures and relate their design to	SE: Home Insulation, Science Practices, Engineering
intended use.	Practices, Engineering Design Process
Clarification Statements:	
Components of a structural system could include	
foundation, decking, wall, and roofing. Explanations of	
function should include identification of live vs. dead	
loads and forces of tension, torsion, compression, and	
shear. Uses include carrying loads and forces across a	
span (such as a bridge) providing livable space (such as a house or office building), and providing specific	
environmental conditions (such as greenhouse or cold	
storage).	
State Assessment Boundary:	
Calculation of magnitude or direction of load or forces are not	
expected.	

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7MS-ETS3-5(MA). Use the concept of systems engineering to model inputs, processes, output, and feedback among components of a transportation, structural, or communication system.

FOSS Next Generation Variables and Design TE: Investigation 3: Part 1 SE: The Problem of Traffic

