Physical Science	
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	<b>8.PS.1</b> Create models to represent the arrangement and charges of subatomic particles in an atom (protons, neutrons and electrons). Understand the significance that the currently 118 known chemical elements combine to form all the matter in the universe.
<b>MS-PS1-1</b> Develop models to describe the atomic composition of simple molecules and extended structures.	<b>8.PS.2</b> Illustrate with diagrams (drawings) how atoms are arranged in simple molecules. Distinguish between atoms, elements, molecules, and compounds.
	<b>8.PS.3</b> Use basic information provided for an element (atomic mass, atomic number, symbol, and name) to determine its place on the Periodic Table. Use this information to find the number of protons, neutrons, and electrons in an atom.
	<b>8.PS.4</b> Identify organizational patterns (radius, atomic number, atomic mass, properties and radioactivity) on the Periodic Table.
<b>MS-PS1-2</b> Analyze and interpret data on the properties of substances before and after the substances interact to determine if a chemical reaction has occurred.	<b>8.PS.5</b> Investigate the property of density and provide evidence that properties, such as density, do not change for a pure substance.
<b>MS-PS1-2</b> Analyze and interpret data on the properties of substances before and after the substances interact to determine if a chemical reaction has occurred.	<b>8.PS.6</b> Compare and contrast physical change vs. chemical change. Analyze the properties of substances before and after substances interact to determine if a chemical reaction has occurred.
<b>MS-PS1-5</b> Develop and use a model to describe how the total number of atoms does not change in a chemical reaction and thus mass is conserved.	<b>8.PS.7</b> Balance chemical equations to show how the total number of atoms for each element does not change in chemical reactions and as a result, mass is always conserved in a closed system. (Law of Conservation of Mass.)

Earth and Space Science		
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	<b>8.ESS.1</b> Research global temperatures over the past century. Compare and contrast data in relation to the theory of climate change.	
<b>MS-ESS2-4</b> Develop a model to describe the cycling of water through Earth's systems driven by energy from the sun and the force of gravity. <b>MS-ESS2-6</b> Develop and use a model to describe how unequal heating and rotation of the Earth cause patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine regional climates.	<b>8.ESS.2</b> Create a diagram or carry out a simulation to describe how water is cycled through the earth's crust, atmosphere and oceans. Explain how the water cycle is driven by energy from the sun and the force of gravity.	
<ul> <li>MS-ESS3-3 Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment.</li> <li>MS-ESS3-4 Construct an argument supported by evidence for how increases in human population and per-capita consumption of natural resources impact Earth's systems.</li> </ul>	<b>8.ESS.3</b> Research how human consumption of finite natural resources (i.e. coal, oil, natural gas, and clean water) and human activities have had an impact on the environment (i.e. causes of air, water, soil, light, and noise pollution).	

Life Science		
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<b>MS-LS3-2</b> Develop and use a model to describe why asexual reproduction results in offspring with identical genetic information and sexual reproduction results in offspring with genetic variation.	<b>8.LS.1</b> Compare and contrast the transmission of genetic information in sexual and asexual reproduction. Research organisms that undergo these two types of reproduction.	
	<b>8.LS.2</b> Demonstrate how genetic information is transmitted from parent to offspring through chromosomes via the process of meiosis. Explain how living things grow and develop.	
	<b>8.LS.3</b> Create and analyze Punnett squares to calculate the probability of specific traits being passed from parents to offspring using different patterns of inheritance.	

<b>MS-LS1-4</b> Use argument based on empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to support an explanation for how characteristic animal behaviors and specialized plant structures affect the probability of successful reproduction of animals and plants respectively.	<b>8.LS.4</b> Differentiate between and provide examples of acquired and genetically inherited traits.
	<b>8.LS.5</b> Explain how factors affecting natural selection (competition, genetic variations, environmental changes, and overproduction) increase or decrease a species' ability to survive and reproduce.
	<b>8.LS.6</b> Create models to show how the structures of chromatin, chromosomes, chromatids, genes, alleles and deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) molecules are related and differ.
	<b>8.LS.7</b> Recognize organisms are classified into taxonomic levels according to shared characteristics. Explain how an organism's scientific name correlates to these shared characteristics.
<b>MS-LS4-2</b> Apply scientific ideas to construct an explanation for the anatomical similarities and differences among modern organisms and between modern and fossil organisms to infer evolutionary relationships.	<b>8.LS.8</b> Explore and predict the evolutionary relationships between species looking at the anatomical differences among modern organisms and fossil organisms.
<b>MS-LS1-4</b> Use argument based on empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to support an explanation for how characteristic animal behaviors and specialized plant structures affect the probability of successful reproduction of animals and plants respectively.	<b>8.LS.9</b> Examine traits of individuals within a species that may give them an advantage or disadvantage to survive and reproduce in stable or changing environment.
<b>MS-LS4-5</b> Gather and synthesize information about the technologies that have changed the way humans influence the inheritance of desired traits in organisms.	<b>8.LS.10</b> Gather and synthesize information about how humans alter organisms genetically through a variety of methods.
	<b>8.LS.11</b> Investigate how viruses and bacteria affect the human body.

Engineering		
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<b>6-8.E.1</b> Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.	<b>6-8.E.1</b> Identify the criteria and constraints of a design to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.	
<b>6-8.E.2</b> Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	<b>6-8.E.2</b> Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to identify how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	
<b>6-8.E.3</b> Analyze data from tests to determine similarities and differences among several design solutions to identify the best characteristics of each that can be combined into a new solution to better meet the criteria for success.	<b>6-8.E.3</b> Analyze data from investigations to determine similarities and differences among several design solutions to identify the best characteristics of each that can be combined into a new solution to better meet the criteria for success.	
<b>6-8.E.4</b> Develop a model to generate data for iterative testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.	<b>6-8.E.4</b> Develop a prototype to generate data for repeated investigations and modify a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.	