

## Louisiana Student Standards for Science

The Louisiana Student Standards for Science were created by over eighty content experts and educators with input from parents and teachers from across the state. Educators envisioned what students should know and be able to do to compete in our communities and created standards that would allow students to do so. The Louisiana Student Standards for Science provide appropriate content for all grades or courses, maintain high expectations and create a logical connection of content across and within grades.

The Louisiana Student Standards for Science represent the knowledge and skills needed for students to successfully transition to postsecondary educations and the workplace. The standards call for students to:

- Apply content knowledge to real world phenomena and to design solutions
- Demonstrate the practices of scientists and engineers
- Connect scientific learning to all disciplines of science
- Express ideas grounded in scientific evidence

The Louisiana Student Standards do not dictate curriculum or teaching methods. Decisions about how to teach these expectations are left to local districts, schools, and teachers.

## Structure and Components of the Standards

The Louisiana Student Standards for Science are arranged by grade levels for kindergarten through grade 8 and content areas for high school. The standards include:

- **Performance expectations** define what students should be able to do by the end of the year.
- **Science and engineering practices** are the practices that scientists and engineers use when investigating real world phenomena and designing solutions to problems. There are eight science and engineering practices that apply to all grade levels and content areas.
  1. Asking questions (science) and defining problems (engineering)
  2. Developing and using models
  3. Planning and carrying out investigations
  4. Analyzing and interpreting data
  5. Using mathematical and computational thinking
  6. Constructing explanations (science) and designing solutions (engineering)
  7. Engaging in argument with evidence
  8. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information
- **Disciplinary Core Ideas** describe the most essential ideas (content) in the major science disciplines that students will learn. Disciplinary Core Ideas are grouped into five science domains.
  1. Physical Science (PS)
  2. Life Science (LS)
  3. Earth and Space Science (ESS)
  4. Environmental Science (EVS)
  5. Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science (ETS)
- **Crosscutting Concepts** are common themes that have application across all disciplines of science and allow students to connect learning within and across grade levels or content areas. The seven crosscutting concepts apply to all grade levels and content areas.
  1. Patterns
  2. Cause and effect
  3. Scale, proportion, and quantity
  4. Systems and models
  5. Energy and matter
  6. Structure and function
  7. Stability and change
- **Clarification statements** provide examples or additional explanation to the performance expectation.

### Interpreting Standard Codes

Each performance expectation is identified by a code and descriptor. The coding is derived by the following formula: Grade level-Domain and Topic Number- Performance Expectation Number (space)

3-PS2-1 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions	The grade level is 3, the domain is Physical Science, the topic number is 2, and the performance expectation number is 1. The descriptor is, "Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions."
7-MS-ESS2-4 Earth's Systems	The grade level is 7, the standard is middle school, the domain is Earth and Space Science, the topic number is 2, and the performance expectation is 1. The descriptor is, "Earth's Systems."
HS-LS1-1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes	The standard is high school, the domain is Life Science, the topic number is 1, and the performance expectation number is 1. The descriptor is, "From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes."

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**Descriptor** → **MATTER AND ITS INTERACTIONS**

<b>Performance Expectation</b>	Develop models to describe the atomic composition of simple molecules and extended structures.	
<b>Clarification Statement</b>	Emphasis is on developing models of molecules that vary in complexity. Examples of extended structures could include minerals such as but not limited to halite (NaCl), agate (SiO <sub>2</sub> ), calcite (CaF <sub>2</sub> ), or sapphire (Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ). Examples of molecular-level models could include drawings, 3-D models, or computer representations showing different molecules with different types of atoms.	
<b>Science &amp; Engineering Practices</b>	<b>Disciplinary Core Ideas</b>	<b>Crosscutting Concepts</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking questions (for science) and defining problems (for engineering)</li> <li><b>Developing and using models:</b> Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to developing, using and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and/or use a model to predict and/or describe phenomena.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Planning and carrying out investigations</li> <li>Analyzing and interpreting data</li> <li>Using mathematics and computational thinking</li> <li>Constructing explanations and designing solutions</li> <li>Engaging in argument from evidence</li> <li>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information</li> </ol>	<p><b>STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES OF MATTER</b> Substances are made from different types of atoms, which combine with one another in various ways. Atoms form molecules that range in size from two to thousands of atoms. (MS.PS1A.a)</p> <p>Solids may be formed from molecules, or they may be extended structures with repeating subunits (e.g., crystals). (MS.PS1A.e)</p>	<p><b>SCALE, PROPORTION, AND QUANTITY</b> Time, space, and energy phenomena can be observed at various scales using models to study systems that are too large or too small.</p>

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<b>Performance Expectation</b>	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 and the composition of the nucleus of atoms.
<b>Clarification Statement</b>	<p><b>Physical Science:</b> Examples of properties that could be predicted from patterns could include metals, nonmetals, metalloids, number of valence electrons, types of bonds formed, or atomic mass. Emphasis is on main group elements.</p> <p><b>Chemistry:</b> Examples of properties that could be predicted from patterns could include reactivity of metals, types of bonds formed, numbers of bonds formed, atomic radius, atomic mass, or reactions with oxygen. Emphasis is on main group elements and qualitative understanding of the relative trends of ionization energy and electronegativity.</p>

Science & Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Asking questions and defining problems</li> <li>2. <b>Developing and using models:</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop, revise, and/or use a model based on evidence to illustrate and/or predict the relationships between systems or between components of a system.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Planning and carrying out investigations</li> <li>4. Analyzing and interpreting data</li> <li>5. Using mathematical and computational thinking</li> <li>6. Constructing explanations and designing solutions</li> <li>7. Engaging in argument from evidence</li> <li>8. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information</li> </ol>	<p><b>STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES OF MATTER</b> Each atom has a charged substructure consisting of a nucleus, which is made of protons and neutrons, surrounded by electrons. (HS.PS1A.a)</p> <p>The periodic table orders elements horizontally by the number of protons in the atom’s nucleus and places those with similar chemical properties in columns. The repeating patterns of this table reflect patterns of outer electron states.(HS.PS1A.b)</p> <p><b>TYPES OF INTERACTIONS</b> Attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale explain the structure, properties, and transformations of matter, as well as the contact forces between material objects.(HS.PS2B.c)</p>	<p><b>PATTERNS</b> Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena.</p>

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<b>Performance Expectation</b>	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.
<b>Clarification Statement</b>	<p><b>Physical Science:</b> Examples of chemical reactions could include the reaction of sodium and chlorine, carbon and oxygen, or hydrogen and oxygen. Reaction classification includes synthesis, decomposition, single displacement, double displacement, and acid-base.</p> <p><b>Chemistry:</b> Examples of chemical reactions could include the reaction of sodium and chlorine, carbon and oxygen, or carbon and hydrogen. Reaction classification aids in the prediction of products (e.g. synthesis, decomposition, single displacement, double displacement, and acid-base).</p>

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<b>Performance Expectation</b>	Plan and conduct an investigation to gather evidence to compare the structure of substances at the macroscale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.
<b>Clarification Statement</b>	Emphasis is on understanding the strengths of forces between particles, not on naming specific intermolecular forces (such as dipole-dipole). Examples of particles could include ions, atoms, molecules, and network solids (such as graphite). Examples of macro-properties of substances could include the melting point and boiling point, vapor pressure, and surface tension.

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<b>Performance Expectation</b>	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.
<b>Clarification Statement</b>	Emphasis is on the idea that a chemical reaction is a system that affects the energy change. Examples of models could include molecular-level drawings and diagrams of reactions, graphs showing the relative energies of reactants and products, and representations showing energy is conserved.

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<b>Performance Expectation</b>	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.
<b>Clarification Statement</b>	Student reasoning should focus on the number and energy of collisions between molecules. Emphasis is on simple reactions in which there are only two reactants; evidence from temperature, concentration, and rate data; and qualitative relationships between rate and temperature.

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<b>Performance Expectation</b>	Refine the design of a chemical system by specifying a change in conditions that would produce increased amounts of products at equilibrium.
<b>Clarification Statement</b>	Emphasis is on the application of Le Chatelier's Principle and on refining designs of chemical reaction systems, including descriptions of the connection between changes made at the macroscopic level and what happens at the molecular level. Examples of designs could include different ways to increase product formation including adding reactants or removing products.

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<b>Performance Expectation</b>	Use mathematical representations to support the claim that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction.
<b>Clarification Statement</b>	<p><b>Physical Science:</b> Emphasis is on using mathematical ideas to communicate the relationship between masses of reactants and products as well as balancing chemical equations.</p> <p><b>Chemistry:</b> Emphasis is on using mathematical ideas as they relate to stoichiometry to communicate the proportional relationships between masses of atoms in the reactants and the products, and the translation of these relationships to the macroscopic scale using the mole as the conversion from the atomic to the macroscopic scale. Emphasis is on assessing students' use of mathematical thinking and not on memorization and rote application of problem-solving techniques.</p>

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking questions and defining problems</li> <li>Developing and using models</li> <li>Planning and carrying out investigations</li> <li>Analyzing and interpreting data</li> <li><b>Using mathematics and computational thinking:</b> Mathematical and computational thinking in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions, including, computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use mathematical, computational, and/or algorithmic representations of phenomena or design solutions to describe and/or support claims and/or explanations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Constructing explanations and designing solutions</li> <li>Engaging in argument from evidence</li> <li>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information</li> </ol>	<p><b>CHEMICAL REACTIONS</b></p> <p>The fact that atoms are conserved, together with knowledge of the chemical properties of the elements involved, can be used to describe and predict chemical reactions. (HS.PS1B.c)</p>	<p><b>ENERGY AND MATTER</b></p> <p>The total amount of energy and matter in closed systems is conserved.</p>

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<p><b>Performance Expectation</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Clarification Statement</b></p>	<p><b>Physical Science:</b> Emphasis is only on simple qualitative models, such as pictures or diagrams, and on the scale of energy released in nuclear processes relative to other kinds of transformations. Radioactive decay focus is on its relationship to half-life.</p> <p><b>Chemistry:</b> Emphasis is on simple qualitative models, such as pictures or diagrams, and on the scale of energy released in nuclear processes relative to other kinds of transformations. Emphasis is on alpha, beta, and gamma radioactive decays.</p>

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Asking questions and defining problems</li> <li>2. <b>Developing and using models:</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed world(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop, revise, and/or use a model based on evidence to illustrate and/or predict the relationships between systems or between components of a system.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Planning and carrying out investigations</li> <li>4. Analyzing and interpreting data</li> <li>5. Using mathematics and computational thinking</li> <li>6. Constructing explanations and designing solutions</li> <li>7. Engaging in argument from evidence</li> <li>8. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information</li> </ol>	<p><b>NUCLEAR PROCESSES</b></p> <p>Nuclear processes, including fusion, fission, and radioactive decays of unstable nuclei, involve release or absorption of energy. The total number of neutrons plus protons does not change in any nuclear process. (HS.PS1C.a)</p>	<p><b>ENERGY AND MATTER</b></p> <p>In nuclear processes, atoms are not conserved, but the total number of protons plus neutrons is conserved.</p>

## MOTION AND STABILITY: FORCES AND INTERACTIONS

<b>Performance Expectation</b>	Communicate scientific and technical information about why the atomic-level, subatomic-level, and/or molecular level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.
<b>Clarification Statement</b>	Emphasis is on the attractive and repulsive forces that determine the functioning of the material. Examples could include why electrically conductive materials are often made of metal, fireworks and neon signs are made of certain elements, flexible but durable materials are made up of long chained molecules, and pharmaceuticals are designed to interact with specific receptors.

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<b>Performance Expectation</b>	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.
<b>Clarification Statement</b>	<p><b>Chemistry:</b> Emphasis is on explaining the meaning of mathematical expressions used in the model. Focus is on basic algebraic expression or computations, systems of two or three components, and thermal energy.</p> <p><b>Physics:</b> Emphasis is on explaining the meaning of mathematical expressions used in the model. Focus is on basic algebraic expression or computations; systems of two or three components; and thermal energy, kinetic energy, and/or the energies in gravitational, magnetic, or electric fields.</p>



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<b>Performance Expectation</b>	Design, build, and refine a device that works within given constraints to convert one form of energy into another form of energy.
<b>Clarification Statement</b>	<p><b>Physical Science:</b> Emphasis is on qualitative evaluations of devices. Constraints could include use of renewable energy forms and efficiency. Emphasis is on devices constructed with teacher approved materials. Examples of devices can be drawn from chemistry or physics clarification statements below.</p> <p><b>Chemistry:</b> Emphasis is on both qualitative and quantitative evaluations of devices. Constraints could include use of renewable energy forms and efficiency. Focus of quantitative evaluations is limited to total output for a given input. Emphasis is on devices constructed with teacher approved materials. Examples of devices in chemistry could include hot/cold packs and batteries.</p> <p><b>Physics:</b> Emphasis is on both qualitative and quantitative evaluations of devices. Constraints could include use of renewable energy forms and efficiency. Focus of quantitative evaluations is limited to total output for a given input. Emphasis is on devices constructed with teacher approved materials. Examples of devices in physics could include Rube Goldberg devices, wind turbines, solar cells, solar ovens, and electric motors.</p>

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Asking questions and defining problems</li> <li>2. Developing and using models</li> <li>3. Planning and carrying out investigations</li> <li>4. Analyzing and interpreting data</li> <li>5. Using mathematics and computational thinking</li> <li>6. <b>Constructing explanations and designing solutions:</b> Constructing explanations (science) and designing solutions (engineering) in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design, evaluate, and/or refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. Engaging in argument from evidence</li> <li>8. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information</li> </ol>	<p><b>DEFINITIONS OF ENERGY</b> At the macroscopic scale, energy manifests itself in multiple ways, such as in motion, sound, light, and thermal energy. (HS.PS3A.b)</p> <p><b>ENERGY IN CHEMICAL PROCESSES</b> Although energy cannot be destroyed, it can be converted to other forms—for example, to thermal energy in the surrounding environment. (HS.PS3D.a)</p> <p><b>DEFINING AND DELIMITING ENGINEERING PROBLEMS</b> Criteria and constraints also include satisfying any requirements set by society, such as taking issues of risk mitigation into account, and they should be quantified to the extent possible and stated in such a way that one can tell if a given design meets them. (HS.ETS1A.a)</p>	<p><b>ENERGY AND MATTER</b> Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system.</p>

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<p><b>Performance Expectation</b></p>	<p>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).</p>
<p><b>Clarification Statement</b></p>	<p><b>Physical Science, Physics and Chemistry:</b> Emphasis is on analyzing data from student investigations and using mathematical thinking appropriate to the subject to describe the energy changes quantitatively and conceptually. Examples of investigations could include mixing liquids at different initial temperatures or adding objects at different temperatures to water.</p>

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<b>Performance Expectation</b>	Evaluate the validity and reliability of claims in published materials about the viability of nuclear power as a source of alternative energy relative to other forms of energy (e.g., fossil fuels, wind, solar, geothermal).
<b>Clarification Statement</b>	Emphasis is on the trade-offs existing between the amount of energy produced, the types and amounts of pollution produced, safety, and cost . Examples of published materials could include trade books, magazines, web resources, videos, and other passages that may reflect bias.

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