

[OpenSciEd](#) is a middle school pilot program for freely available high-quality science instructional materials. To support school systems, schools, and teachers in ensuring continuous engagement with high-quality science curriculum in remote and hybrid school settings, the Department is releasing guidance for OpenSciEd Grades 6-8 on a [rolling schedule](#).

Each support document includes links to remote learning resources, lesson set overviews, detailed lesson-by-lesson guidance and printable lesson documents. A recorded [webinar](#) and [slide deck](#) are available to walk teachers through these resources.

Grade 6							
<b>Distance Learning Support</b>	<a href="#">6.1 Light and Matter</a>	<a href="#">8.1 Contact Forces</a> <i>(field test unit)</i>	<a href="#">8.2 Sound Waves</a>	<a href="#">8.3 Forces at a Distance</a>	<a href="#">8.4 Earth in Space</a> <i>(field test unit)</i>	<a href="#">6.6 Cells and Systems</a> <b>February 2021</b> <i>(field test unit)</i>	<a href="#">Disruptions in Ecosystems</a> <b>March 2021</b>
<b>Unit Materials</b>	<a href="#">Field Test Unit Complete Unit Winter 2020</a>	<a href="#">Complete Unit</a>	<a href="#">Complete Unit</a>	<a href="#">Complete Unit</a>	<a href="#">Field Test Unit Complete Unit Summer 2021</a>	Field Test Unit <i>Coming soon</i>	<a href="#">Chapters 1-4</a>  <i>Alternative Unit</i>

Grade 7							
<b>Distance Learning Support</b>	<a href="#">6.2 Thermal Energy</a>	<a href="#">6.3 Weather, Climate, and Water Cycling</a>	<a href="#">7.1 Chemical Reactions &amp; Matter</a>	<a href="#">7.3 Metabolic Reactions</a>	<a href="#">7.4 Matter Cycling &amp; Photosynthesis</a>	<a href="#">7.5 Ecosystem Dynamics</a> <b>January 2021</b> <i>(field test unit)</i>	Genetics & Inheritance of Traits <i>(no guidance)</i>
<b>Unit Materials</b>	<a href="#">Complete Unit</a>	<a href="#">Complete Unit</a>	<a href="#">Complete Unit</a>	<a href="#">Complete Unit</a>	<a href="#">Complete Unit</a>	<a href="#">Field Test Unit Complete Unit Fall 2021</a>	<a href="#">LA Scope &amp; Sequence Unit</a>

Grade 8							
<b>Distance Learning Support</b>	Energy and Matter <i>(no guidance)</i>	<a href="#">6.4 Plate Tectonics &amp; Rock Cycling</a> <i>(field test unit)</i>	<a href="#">6.5 Natural Hazards</a> <i>(field test unit)</i>	<a href="#">7.2 Energy in Chemical Reactions</a> <i>(field test unit)</i>	<a href="#">7.6 Natural Resources &amp; Human Impact</a> <b>February 2021</b> <i>(field test unit)</i>	<a href="#">8.5 Genetics</a> <i>(field test unit)</i>	<a href="#">8.6 Natural Selection &amp; Common Ancestry</a> <i>(field test unit)</i>
<b>Unit Materials</b>	<a href="#">LA Scope &amp; Sequence Unit</a>	<a href="#">Field test Unit Complete Unit Summer 2021</a>	<a href="#">Field Test Unit Complete Unit Fall 2021</a>	<a href="#">Field Test Unit Complete Unit Summer 2021</a>	Field Test Unit <i>Coming soon</i>	<a href="#">Field Test Unit Complete Unit Summer 2021</a>	Field Test Unit <i>Coming soon</i>