

[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							
Distance Learning Support	6.1 Light and Matter	8.1 Contact Forces <i>(field test unit)</i>	8.2 Sound Waves	8.3 Forces at a Distance	8.4 Earth in Space <i>(field test unit)</i>	6.6 Cells and Systems <i>(field test unit)</i>	Disruptions in Ecosystems <i>(no guidance)</i>
Unit Materials	Complete Unit	Complete Unit	Complete Unit	Complete Unit	Field Test Unit Complete Unit Summer 2021	Field Test Unit Complete Unit Winter 2022	Chapters 1-4 Alternative Unit

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

Grade 8							
Distance Learning Support	Energy and Matter <i>(no guidance)</i>	6.4 Plate Tectonics & Rock Cycling <i>(field test unit)</i>	6.5 Natural Hazards <i>(field test unit)</i>	7.2 Energy in Chemical Reactions <i>(field test unit)</i>	7.6 Natural Resources Partial Unit Available <i>(field test unit)</i>	8.5 Genetics <i>(field test unit)</i>	8.6 Natural Selection <i>(field test unit)</i> Early May 2021
Unit Materials	LA Scope & Sequence Unit	Field test Unit Complete Unit Summer 2021	Field Test Unit Complete Unit Fall 2021	Field Test Unit Complete Unit Summer 2021	Field Test Unit Complete Unit Winter 2022	Field Test Unit Complete Unit Summer 2021	Field Test Unit Complete Unit Winter 2022