Evaluate Next Generation Aligned Materials Using EQuIP Rubric for Science

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Developing Criteria for the Next Generation Science Standards
Outcomes

• Identify the purpose of the EQuIP Rubric for Science

• Identify the elements (expectations) of the Rubric that supports implementation of NGSS

• Evaluate a lesson using the EQuIP Rubric for Science
The EQuIP Rubric for Science provides criteria by which to measure the alignment and overall quality of lessons and units in respect to NGSS.

What is the Purpose of EQuIP Rubric for Science?

The EQuIP Rubric for Science is used to

* provide meaningful, constructive feedback to developers of lessons or units.

* review existing instructional materials to determine what revisions are needed.

* identify exemplars/models for teachers to use.

* guide collegial review and jurying processes.
The rubric is designed to evaluate

* lessons that include instructional activities and assessments aligned to the NGSS that may extend over a few class periods.

* units that include integrated and focused lessons aligned to the NGSS that extend over a longer period of time.
Addressing the NGSS Shifts
Shifts in NGSS for K-12 science:
Both Evolutionary and Revolutionary

1. Organized around disciplinary core ideas (explanatory ideas)
2. Central role of scientific practices
3. Coherence: building and applying ideas across time
1. K-12 science education should reflect the interconnected nature of science as it is practiced and experienced in the real world.

2. The Next Generation Science Standards are student performance expectations – NOT curriculum.

3. The science concepts build coherently from K-12.

4. The NGSS focus on deeper understanding of content as well as application of content.

5. Science and Engineering are integrated in the NGSS from K–12.

6. NGSS content is focused on preparing students for college, careers, and citizenship.

7. The NGSS and Common Core State Standards (English Language Arts and Mathematics) are Aligned.
NGSS “is designed to help realize a vision for education in the sciences and engineering in which students, over multiple years of school, actively engage in scientific and engineering practices and apply crosscutting concepts to deepen their understanding of the core ideas in these fields.”
A lesson or unit may provide opportunities for students to demonstrate performance of practices connected with their understanding of core ideas and crosscutting concepts as foundational pieces.

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Three-Dimensional Science Learning

4-PS3-3 Energy

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

4-PS3-3. Ask questions and predict outcomes about the changes in energy that occur when objects collide. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the change in the energy due to the change in speed, not on the forces, as objects interact.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative measurements of energy.]

The performance expectation above was developed using the following elements from the NRC document A Framework for K-12 Science Education:

- Asking Questions and Defining Problems
  - Asking questions and defining problems in grades 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships.
  - Ask questions that can be investigated and predict reasonable outcomes based on patterns such as cause and effect relationships.

- PS3.A: Definitions of Energy
  - Energy can be moved from place to place by moving objects or through sound, light, or electric currents.

- PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer
  - Energy is present everywhere there are moving objects, sound, light, or heat. When objects collide, energy can be transferred from one object to another, thereby changing their motion. In such collisions, some energy is typically also transferred to the surrounding air, as a result, the air gets heated and sound is produced.

- PS3.C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces
  - When objects collide, the contact forces transfer energy so as to change the objects’ motions.

Energy and Matter
- Energy can be transferred in various ways and between objects.

Connections to other DCIs in fourth grade: N/A

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels:

Common Core State Standards Connections:
ELA/Literacy -
W.4.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. (4-PS3-3)
W.4.8 Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources. (4-PS3-3)
This three dimensional learning leads toward eventual mastery of performance expectations.

Performance Expectations

5-PS1 Matter and Its Interactions

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

5-PS1-1. Develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen. [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence could include adding air to expand a basketball, compressing air in a syringe, dissolving sugar in water, and evaporating salt water.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the atomic-scale mechanism of evaporation and condensation or defining the unseen particles.]

Science and Engineering Practices

- Developing and Using Models
  - Modeling in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to building and revising simple models and using models to represent events and design solutions.
  - Develop a model to describe phenomena.

Disciplinary Core Ideas

  - Matter of any type can be subdivided into particles that are too small to see, but even then the matter still exists and can be detected by other means. A model shows that gases are made from matter particles that are too small to see and are moving freely around in space can explain many observations, including the inflation and shape of a balloon; the effects of air on larger particles or objects. (5-PS1-1)
Using what you know about NGSS, identify important considerations or criteria to consider when evaluating the alignment of a lesson or unit with NGSS.
A Look at the Rubric
I. Alignment to the NGSS

The lesson or unit aligns with the conceptual shifts of the NGSS:

- Elements of the science and engineering practice(s), disciplinary core idea(s), and crosscutting concept(s), blend and work together to support students in three-dimensional learning to make sense of phenomena or design solutions.
  - Provides opportunities to use specific elements of the practice(s) to make sense of phenomena or design solutions.
  - Provides opportunities to construct and use specific elements of the disciplinary core idea(s) to make sense of phenomena or design solutions.
  - Provides opportunities to construct and use specific elements of the crosscutting concept(s) to make sense of phenomena or design solutions.
A unit or longer lesson:

- Lessons fit together coherently, build on each other, and help students develop proficiency on a targeted set of performance expectations.
- Develops connections between different science disciplines by the use of crosscutting concepts and develops connections between different science disciplines by using disciplinary core ideas where appropriate.
- Provides grade-appropriate connection(s) to the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics and/or English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects.
What are the instructional supports identified in the rubric that are a valued indicator of quality instruction for all students?
Look for evidence of assessments that demonstrate:

- alignment to 3 dimensions of learning.
- observable evidence of performance.
- embedded formative assessment.
- use of rubrics and scoring guidelines.
- a variety of methods.
- accessibility to all students.
Group Review
Step 1 – Review Materials

Become familiar with the rubric, the lesson, or unit, and the practices, disciplinary core ideas, and crosscutting themes targeted in the lesson.
Review rubric and record lesson/unit title and grade.

Scan the organization of the lesson/unit to identify core ideas, practices, and crosscutting concepts.

Read key materials related to instruction, assessment and teacher guidance.
Step 2 – Apply Criteria in Column I: Alignment

* Evaluate the lesson/unit using the criteria in the first columns.

* Check those criteria for which clear and substantial evidence is found.
Step 3 – Apply Criteria in Columns II And III

Instructional Supports and Monitoring Student Progress

* Evaluate the lesson or unit using the criteria in the second and third columns.

* Individually check and record each criterion on the response from for which clear and substantial evidence is found.

* Identify criterion-based suggestions for improvements.
Team Discussion

- The goal is to determine agreement about quality with respect to NGSS.

- Use evidence identified during the review process to discuss the alignment of the lesson to each element in Column I, II, and III.

- Discuss suggestions for improvement or revisions to better align the lesson with the elements identified on the rubric.
Share evaluations of lessons
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NSTA
http://ngss.nsta.org/access-standards/

NAEP Released Items

TIMSS Released Items
http://nces.ed.gov/timss/educators.asp

PISA Released Items
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