

## High School Conceptual Progressions Model Course 1 - Bundle 2 Electrical Forces and Matter or Interactions Between Particles

*This is the second bundle of the High School Conceptual Progressions Model Course 1. Each bundle has connections to the other bundles in the course, as shown in the [Course Flowchart](#).*

*Bundle 2 Question: This bundle is assembled to address the question of “How do substances combine or react to make new substances?”*

### **Summary**

The bundle organizes performance expectations with a focus on helping students understand *how substances combine or react to make new substances*. Instruction developed from this bundle should always maintain the three-dimensional nature of the standards, but recognize that instruction is not limited to the practices and concepts directly linked with any of the bundle performance expectations.

### **Connections between bundle DCIs**

Each atom has a charged substructure consisting of a nucleus, which is made of protons and neutrons, surrounded by electrons (PS1.A as in HS-PS1-1). This idea of a substructure connects to the periodic table by the way it orders elements horizontally by the number of protons in the atom’s nucleus (PS1.A as in HS-PS1-1, HS-PS1-2). The charged substructure of an atom also connects to the concepts of attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale (PS2.B as in HS-PS2-6) and the idea that at the bulk scale, atomic structure and the electrical forces within and between atoms thus determines the structure and interactions of matter (PS1.A as in HS-PS1-3). Because atoms are conserved along with knowledge of the chemical properties of elements, chemical reactions can be described and predicted (PS1.B as in HS-PS1-2).

The idea that it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts when evaluating solutions (ETS1.B as in HS-ETS1-3) could connect to several bundle DCIs, such as how the attraction and repulsion between electric charges explain the structure, properties, and transformations of matter (PS2.B as in HS-PS2-6) and how the structure and interactions of matter are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms (PS1.A as in HS-PS1-3). Because engineers match the best material to meet the design criteria and constraints (ETS1.B as in HS-ETS1-3), connections could be made through an engineering design task such as selecting materials to design insulation for a building or food storage for maximum energy conservation or selecting materials to design a roller coaster or car for maximum safety and longevity.

### **Bundle Science and Engineering Practices**

Instruction leading to this bundle of PEs will help students build toward proficiency in elements of the practices of using models (HS-PS1-1), planning and conducting an investigation (HS-PS1-3), constructing and revising an explanation (HS-PS1-2, HS-ETS1-3), and communicating scientific and technical information (HS-PS2-6). Many other practice elements can be used in instruction.

### **Bundle Crosscutting Concepts**

Instruction leading to this bundle of PEs will help students build toward proficiency in elements of the crosscutting concepts of Patterns (HS-PS1-1, HS-PS1-2, HS-PS1-3) and Structure and Function (HS-PS2-6). Many other CCC elements can be used in instruction.

*All instruction should be three-dimensional.*

<p><b>Performance Expectations</b></p> <p>HS-PS2-6 and HS-ETS1-3 are partially assessable</p>	<p>HS-PS1-1. <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 of atoms.</b> [Clarification Statement: Examples of properties that could be predicted from patterns could include reactivity of metals, types of bonds formed, numbers of bonds formed, and reactions with oxygen.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to main group elements. Assessment does not include quantitative understanding of ionization energy beyond relative trends.]</p> <p>HS-PS1-2. <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: Examples of chemical reactions could include the reaction of sodium and chlorine, of carbon and oxygen, or of carbon and hydrogen.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to chemical reactions involving main group elements and combustion reactions.]</p> <p>HS-PS1-3. <b>Plan and conduct an investigation to gather evidence to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.</b> [Clarification Statement: 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 networked materials (such as graphite). Examples of bulk properties of substances could include the melting point and boiling point, vapor pressure, and surface tension.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Raoult's law calculations of vapor pressure.]</p> <p>HS-PS2-6. <b>Communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.*</b> [Clarification Statement: 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, flexible but durable materials are made up of long chained molecules, and pharmaceuticals are designed to interact with specific receptors.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided molecular structures of specific designed materials.]</p> <p>HS-ETS1-3. <b>Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and trade-offs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts.</b></p>
<p><b>Example Phenomena</b></p>	<p>A glass bottle of water breaks when the water freezes.</p> <p>Diamond is hard and clear while graphite is soft, opaque, and gray.</p>
<p><b>Additional Practices Building to the PEs</b></p>	<p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask questions that arise from examining models or a theory, to clarify and/or seek additional information and relationships. Students could <i>ask questions that arise from examining the periodic table to seek additional information and [identify] relationships</i> for how the <i>table orders elements and places those with similar chemical properties in columns</i> [based on] <i>patterns of outer electron states</i>. HS-PS1-1 and HS-PS1-2</li> </ul> <p><b>Developing and Using Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and/or use multiple types of models to provide mechanistic accounts and/or predict phenomena, and move flexibly between model types based on merits and limitations. Students could <i>develop multiple types of models to predict</i> [how] <i>the periodic table orders elements and places those with similar chemical properties in columns</i>. HS-PS1-1 and HS-PS1-2</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan an investigation or test a design individually or collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence as part of building and revising models, supporting explanations for phenomena, or testing solutions to problems. Consider possible confounding variables or effects and evaluate the investigation's design to ensure variables are controlled. Students could <i>plan an investigation to produce data to build a model</i> for how <i>the chemical properties of the elements involved in a chemical reaction can be described and used to predict a chemical reaction</i>. HS-PS1-2</li> </ul>

**Additional Practices  
Building to the PEs  
(Continued)**

**Analyzing and Interpreting Data**

- Analyze data to identify design features or characteristics of the components of a proposed process or system to optimize it relative to criteria for success.  
Students could *analyze data to identify characteristics of a proposed* [design solution that makes use of] the ***attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale***. HS-PS2-6

**Using Mathematical and Computational Thinking**

- Apply ratios, rates, percentages, and unit conversions in the context of complicated measurement problems involving quantities with derived or compound units (such as mg/mL, kg/m<sup>3</sup>, acre-feet, etc.).  
Students could *apply unit conversions* [to compare how] ***the structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are*** [related to] ***electrical forces within and between atoms***. HS-PS1-3

**Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions**

- 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.  
Students could *evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge* [about the relationship between] ***the structure of matter at the bulk scale*** [and] ***electrical forces within and between atoms***. HS-PS1-3

**Engaging in Argument from Evidence**

- Evaluate the claims, evidence, and/or reasoning behind currently accepted explanations, new evidence, limitations (e.g. trade-offs), constraints, and ethical issues.  
Students could *evaluate the evidence behind currently accepted explanations* [for how the] ***structure, properties, and transformations of matter are important in the functioning of designed materials***. HS-PS2-6

**Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information**

- Evaluate the validity and reliability of multiple claims that appear in scientific and technical texts or media reports, verifying the data when possible.  
Students could *evaluate the validity and reliability of claims that appear in scientific texts* [about how the] ***structure, properties, and transformations of matter are important in the functioning of designed materials***. HS-PS2-6

<p><b>Additional Crosscutting Concepts Building to PEs</b></p>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patterns of performance of designed systems can be analyzed and interpreted to reengineer and improve the system. Students could <i>analyze and interpret patterns of performance of <b>designed materials</b></i> [that make use of the] <i><b>properties, matter</b></i>. HS-PS2-6</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy and Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total amount of energy and matter in closed systems is conserved. Students could [describe atomic interactions in a] <i>closed system where energy and matter is conserved and <b>predict chemical reactions</b></i>. HS-PS1-2</li> </ul> <p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The functions and properties of natural and designed objects and systems can be inferred from their overall structure, the way their components are shaped and used, and the molecular substructures of its various materials. Students could ask questions [about how] <i>the functions and properties of atoms can be inferred from their overall structure</i>. HS-PS1-1</li> </ul>
<p><b>Additional Connections to Nature of Science</b></p>	<p><b>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena (SEP):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Models, mechanisms, and explanations collectively serve as tools in the development of a scientific theory. Students could describe how <i>models</i> [aided] <i>in the development</i> of their understanding <i>for [how] the outcome of a simple chemical reaction [is] based on the outermost electron states of atoms</i>. HS-PS1-1 and HS-PS1-2</li> </ul> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence (SEP):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hypotheses that have been tested have been developed through observations of natural phenomena. Students could [describe] <i>hypotheses</i> [that have been developed] <i>based on observations of natural phenomena</i> [for how] <i>attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale explains the structure, properties, and transformations of matter</i>. HS-PS2-6</li> </ul>

## HS-PS1-1

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**HS-PS1-1. 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 of atoms.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of properties that could be predicted from patterns could include reactivity of metals, types of bonds formed, numbers of bonds formed, and reactions with oxygen.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to main group elements. Assessment does not include quantitative understanding of ionization energy beyond relative trends.]

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

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Developing and Using Models</b> Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 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).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a model to predict the relationships between systems or between components of a system.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each atom has a charged substructure consisting of a nucleus, which is made of protons and neutrons, surrounded by electrons.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>

### Observable features of the student performance by the end of the course:

1	Components of the model	
	a	From the given model, students identify and describe* the components of the model that are relevant for their predictions, including:
		i. Elements and their arrangement in the periodic table;
		ii. A positively-charged nucleus composed of both protons and neutrons, surrounded by negatively-charged electrons;
		iii. Electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms (i.e., valence electrons); and
		iv. The number of protons in each element.
2	Relationships	
	a	Students identify and describe* the following relationships between components in the given model, including:
		i. The arrangement of the main groups of the periodic table reflects the patterns of outermost electrons.
		ii. Elements in the periodic table are arranged by the numbers of protons in atoms.
3	Connections	
	a	Students use the periodic table to predict the patterns of behavior of the elements based on the attraction and repulsion between electrically charged particles and the patterns of outermost electrons that determine the typical reactivity of an atom.
	b	Students predict the following patterns of properties:
		i. The number and types of bonds formed (i.e. ionic, covalent, metallic) by an element and between elements;
		ii. The number and charges in stable ions that form from atoms in a group of the periodic table;

	iii. The trend in reactivity and electronegativity of atoms down a group, and across a row in the periodic table, based on attractions of outermost (valence) electrons to the nucleus; and
	iv. The relative sizes of atoms both across a row and down a group in the periodic table.

## HS-PS1-2

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**HS-PS1-2. 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.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of chemical reactions could include the reaction of sodium and chlorine, of carbon and oxygen, or of carbon and hydrogen.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to chemical reactions involving main group elements and combustion reactions.]

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<p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>Constructing explanations and designing solutions 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, and peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p><b>PS1.B: Chemical Reactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>

### Observable features of the student performance by the end of the course:

1	Articulating the explanation of phenomena								
	a Students construct an explanation of the outcome of the given reaction, including: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 20px;">i.</td> <td>The idea that the total number of atoms of each element in the reactant and products is the same;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td>The numbers and types of bonds (i.e., ionic, covalent) that each atom forms, as determined by the outermost (valence) electron states and the electronegativity;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii.</td> <td>The outermost (valence) electron state of the atoms that make up both the reactants and the products of the reaction is based on their position in the periodic table; and</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iv.</td> <td>A discussion of how the patterns of attraction allow the prediction of the type of reaction that occurs (e.g., formation of ionic compounds, combustion of hydrocarbons).</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	i.	The idea that the total number of atoms of each element in the reactant and products is the same;	ii.	The numbers and types of bonds (i.e., ionic, covalent) that each atom forms, as determined by the outermost (valence) electron states and the electronegativity;	iii.	The outermost (valence) electron state of the atoms that make up both the reactants and the products of the reaction is based on their position in the periodic table; and	iv.	A discussion of how the patterns of attraction allow the prediction of the type of reaction that occurs (e.g., formation of ionic compounds, combustion of hydrocarbons).
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	a Students identify and describe* the evidence to construct the explanation, including: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 20px;">i.</td> <td>Identification of the products and reactants, including their chemical formulas and the arrangement of their outermost (valence) electrons;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td>Identification that the number and types of atoms are the same both before and after a reaction;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii.</td> <td>Identification of the numbers and types of bonds (i.e., ionic, covalent) in both the reactants and the products;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iv.</td> <td>The patterns of reactivity (e.g., the high reactivity of alkali metals) at the macroscopic</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	i.	Identification of the products and reactants, including their chemical formulas and the arrangement of their outermost (valence) electrons;	ii.	Identification that the number and types of atoms are the same both before and after a reaction;	iii.	Identification of the numbers and types of bonds (i.e., ionic, covalent) in both the reactants and the products;	iv.	The patterns of reactivity (e.g., the high reactivity of alkali metals) at the macroscopic
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		level as determined by using the periodic table; and
	v.	The outermost (valence) electron configuration and the relative electronegativity of the atoms that make up both the reactants and the products of the reaction based on their position in the periodic table.
3	Reasoning	
	a	Students describe* their reasoning that connects the evidence, along with the assumption that theories and laws that describe their natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future, to construct an explanation for how the patterns of outermost electrons and the electronegativity of elements can be used to predict the number and types of bonds each element forms.
	b	In the explanation, students describe* the causal relationship between the observable macroscopic patterns of reactivity of elements in the periodic table and the patterns of outermost electrons for each atom and its relative electronegativity.
4	Revising the explanation	
	a	Given new evidence or context, students construct a revised or expanded explanation about the outcome of a chemical reaction and justify the revision.



## HS-PS1-3

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**HS-PS1-3. Plan and conduct an investigation to gather evidence to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.** [Clarification Statement: 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 networked materials (such as graphite). Examples of bulk properties of substances could include the melting point and boiling point, vapor pressure, and surface tension.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Raoult's law calculations of vapor pressure.]

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<p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>

### Observable features of the student performance by the end of the course:

1	Identifying the phenomenon to be investigated
	a Students describe* the phenomenon under investigation, which includes the following idea: the relationship between the measurable properties (e.g., melting point, boiling point, vapor pressure, surface tension) of a substance and the strength of the electrical forces between the particles of the substance.
2	Identifying the evidence to answer this question
	a Students develop an investigation plan and describe* the data that will be collected and the evidence to be derived from the data, including bulk properties of a substance (e.g., melting point and boiling point, volatility, surface tension) that would allow inferences to be made about the strength of electrical forces between particles.
	b Students describe* why the data about bulk properties would provide information about strength of the electrical forces between the particles of the chosen substances, including the following descriptions*:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The spacing of the particles of the chosen substances can change as a result of the experimental procedure even if the identity of the particles does not change (e.g., when water is boiled the molecules are still present but further apart).</li> <li>ii. Thermal (kinetic) energy has an effect on the ability of the electrical attraction between particles to keep the particles close together. Thus, as more energy is added to the system, the forces of attraction between the particles can no longer keep the particles close together.</li> <li>iii. The patterns of interactions between particles at the molecular scale are reflected in the</li> </ul>

		patterns of behavior at the macroscopic scale.
	iv.	Together, patterns observed at multiple scales can provide evidence of the causal relationships between the strength of the electrical forces between particles and the structure of substances at the bulk scale.
3	Planning for the investigation	
	a	In the investigation plan, students include:
	i.	A rationale for the choice of substances to compare and a description* of the composition of those substances at the atomic molecular scale.
	ii.	A description* of how the data will be collected, the number of trials, and the experimental set up and equipment required.
	b	Students describe* how the data will be collected, the number of trials, the experimental set up, and the equipment required.
4	Collecting the data	
	a	Students collect and record data — quantitative and/or qualitative — on the bulk properties of substances.
5	Refining the design	
	a	Students evaluate their investigation, including evaluation of:
	i.	Assessing the accuracy and precision of the data collected, as well as the limitations of the investigation; and
	ii.	The ability of the data to provide the evidence required.
	b	If necessary, students refine the plan to produce more accurate, precise, and useful data.

## HS-PS2-6

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**HS-PS2-6. Communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.\*** [Clarification Statement: 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, flexible but durable materials are made up of long chained molecules, and pharmaceuticals are designed to interact with specific receptors.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided molecular structures of specific designed materials.]

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<p><b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b></p> <p>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 9–12 builds on K–8 and progresses to evaluating the validity and reliability of the claims, methods, and designs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate scientific and technical information (e.g., about the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including oral, graphical, textual and mathematical).</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS2.B: Types of Interactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigating or designing new systems or structures requires a detailed examination of the properties of different materials, the structures of different components, and connections of components to reveal its function and/or solve a problem.</li> </ul>

### Observable features of the student performance by the end of the course:

1	Communication style and format						
	a Students use at least two different formats (including oral, graphical, textual and mathematical) to communicate scientific and technical information, including fully describing* the structure, properties, and design of the chosen material(s). Students cite the origin of the information as appropriate.						
2	Connecting the DCIs and the CCCs						
	a Students identify and communicate the evidence for why molecular level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials, including: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 20px;">i.</td> <td>How the structure and properties of matter and the types of interactions of matter at the atomic scale determine the function of the chosen designed material(s); and</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td>How the material's properties make it suitable for use in its designed function.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	i.	How the structure and properties of matter and the types of interactions of matter at the atomic scale determine the function of the chosen designed material(s); and	ii.	How the material's properties make it suitable for use in its designed function.		
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	b Students explicitly identify the molecular structure of the chosen designed material(s) (using a representation appropriate to the specific type of communication — e.g., geometric shapes for drugs and receptors, ball and stick models for long-chained molecules).						
	c Students describe* the intended function of the chosen designed material(s).						
	d Students describe* the relationship between the material's function and its macroscopic properties (e.g., material strength, conductivity, reactivity, state of matter, durability) and each of the following: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 20px;">i.</td> <td>Molecular level structure of the material;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td>Intermolecular forces and polarity of molecules; and</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii.</td> <td>The ability of electrons to move relatively freely in metals.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	i.	Molecular level structure of the material;	ii.	Intermolecular forces and polarity of molecules; and	iii.	The ability of electrons to move relatively freely in metals.
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	e Students describe* the effects that attractive and repulsive electrical forces between molecules have on the arrangement (structure) of the chosen designed material(s) of molecules (e.g., solids, liquids, gases, network solid, polymers).						
	f Students describe* that, for all materials, electrostatic forces on the atomic and molecular scale results in contact forces (e.g., friction, normal forces, stickiness) on the macroscopic scale.						

## HS-ETS1-3

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**HS-ETS1-3. Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and trade-offs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts.**

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

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b></p> <p>Constructing explanations and designing solutions 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New technologies can have deep impacts on society and the environment, including some that were not anticipated. Analysis of costs and benefits is a critical aspect of decisions about technology.</li> </ul>

### Observable features of the student performance by the end of the course:

1	Evaluating potential solutions
a	In their evaluation of a complex real-world problem, students: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Generate a list of three or more realistic criteria and two or more constraints, including such relevant factors as cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics that specifies an acceptable solution to a complex real-world problem;</li> <li>ii. Assign priorities for each criterion and constraint that allows for a logical and systematic evaluation of alternative solution proposals;</li> <li>iii. Analyze (quantitatively where appropriate) and describe* the strengths and weaknesses of the solution with respect to each criterion and constraint, as well as social and cultural acceptability and environmental impacts;</li> <li>iv. Describe* possible barriers to implementing each solution, such as cultural, economic, or other sources of resistance to potential solutions; and</li> <li>v. Provide an evidence-based decision of which solution is optimum, based on prioritized criteria, analysis of the strengths and weaknesses (costs and benefits) of each solution, and barriers to be overcome.</li> </ol>
2	Refining and/or optimizing the design solution
a	In their evaluation, students describe* which parts of the complex real-world problem may remain even if the proposed solution is implemented.