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(B) Matter and its properties. Students build their knowledge of the natural world using their senses. The students focus on observable properties and patterns of objects, including shape, color, texture, and material.

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- (1) Scientific and engineering practices. The student asks questions, identifies problems, and plans and safely conducts classroom, laboratory, and field investigations to answer questions, explain phenomena, or design solutions using appropriate tools and models. The student is expected to:
 - (A) ask questions and define problems based on observations or information from text, phenomena, models, or investigations;
 - (B) use scientific practices to plan and conduct simple descriptive investigations and use engineering practices to design solutions to problems;
 - (C) identify, describe, and demonstrate safe practices during classroom and field investigations as outlined in Texas Education Agency approved safety standards;
 - (D) use tools, including hand lenses, goggles, trays, cups, bowls, sieves or sifters, notebooks, terrariums, aquariums, samples (rocks, sand, soil, loam, gravel, clay, seeds, and plants), windsock, demonstration thermometer, rain gauge, straws, ribbons, standard measuring items, blocks or cubes, tuning fork, various flashlights, small paper cups, items that roll, noise makers, hot plate, opaque objects, transparent objects, foil pie pans, foil muffin cups, wax paper, [technology] Sun-Moon-Earth model, and plant life cycle model to observe, measure, test, and compare;
 - (E) collect observations and measurements as evidence;
 - (F) record and organize data using pictures, numbers, words, symbols, and simple graphs; and
 - (G) develop and use models to represent phenomena, objects, and processes or design a prototype for a solution to a problem.
- (2) Scientific and engineering practices. The student analyzes and interprets data to derive meaning, identify features and patterns and discover relationships or correlations to develop evidence-based arguments or evaluate designs. The student is expected to:
 - (A) identify basic advantages and limitations of models such as their size, properties, and materials;
 - (B) analyze data by identifying significant features and patterns;
 - (C) use mathematical concepts to compare two objects with common attributes; and
 - (D) evaluate a design or object using criteria to determine if it works as intended.
- (3) Scientific and engineering practices. The student develops evidence-based explanations and communicates findings, conclusions, and proposed solutions. The student is expected to:
 - (A) develop explanations and propose solutions supported by data and models;
 - (B) communicate explanations and solutions individually and collaboratively in a variety of settings and formats; and
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- (13) Organisms and environments. The student knows that organisms resemble their parents and have structures and undergo processes that help them interact and survive within their environments. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify the structures of plants, including roots, stems, leaves, flowers and fruits;
 - (B) identify the different structures that animals have that allow them to interact with their environment such as seeing, hearing, moving, and grasping objects;
 - (C) identify and record the changes from seed, seedling, plant, flower, and fruit in a simple plant life cycle; and
 - (D) identify ways that young plants resemble the parent plant.

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- (E) Organisms and environments. All living organisms interact with living and nonliving things within their environments and use structures to meet their basic needs. Students know that organisms are interdependent and part of a food chain. The students investigate the life cycle of animals and identify likenesses between parents and
- (2) Nature of science. Science, as defined by the National Academy of Sciences, is the "use of evidence to construct testable explanations and predictions of natural phenomena, as well as the knowledge generated through this process." This vast body of changing and increasing knowledge is described by physical, mathematical, and conceptual models. Students should know that some

- (D) use tools, including hand lenses, goggles, ~~resistant~~ gloves, trays, cups, bowls, beakers, sieves/sifters, tweezers, primary balance, notebooks, terrariums, aquariums, stream table, soil samples (loam, sand, gravel, rocks, and clay), seeds, plants, windsock, pinwheel, student thermometer, demonstration thermometer, rain gauge, straws, ribbons, non-standard measuring items, flashlights, sandpaper, wax paper, items that are magnetic, non-magnetic items, a variety of magnets, hot plate, aluminum [~~technology~~], Sun-Moon-Earth model, and plant and animal life cycle models to observe, measure, test, and compare;
 - (E) collect observations and measurements as evidence;
 - (F) record and organize data using pictures, numbers, words, symbols, and simple graphs; and
 - (G) develop and use models to represent phenomena, objects, and processes or design a prototype for a solution to a problem.
- (2) Scientific and engineering practices. The student analyzes and interprets data to derive meaning, identify features and patterns, and discover relationships or correlations to develop ~~evidence~~ arguments or evaluate designs. The student is expected to:
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 - (B) analyze data by identifying significant features and patterns;
 - (C) use mathematical concepts to compare two objects with common attributes; and
 - (D) evaluate a design or object using criteria ~~to define~~ if it works as intended.
- (3) Scientific and engineering practices. The student develops ~~evidence~~ explanations and communicates findings, conclusions, and proposed solutions. The student is expected to:
- (A) develop explanations and propose solutions supported by data and models;
 - (B) communicate explanations and solutions individually and collaboratively in a variety of settings and formats; and
 - (C) listen actively to others' explanations to identify important evidence and engage respectfully in scientific discussion.
- (4) Scientific and engineering practices. The student knows the contributions of scientists and recognizes the importance of scientific research and innovation for society. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain how science or an innovation can help others; and
 - (B) identify [~~what~~] scientists and engineers ~~such as Katherine Johnson, Sally Ride, and Ernest Just~~ [~~are~~] and explore what different scientists and engineers do.
- (5) Recurring themes and concepts. The student uses recurring themes and concepts to make connections across disciplines. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify and use patterns to describe phenomena or design solutions;
 - (B) investigate and predict ~~caused~~ effect relationships in science;
 - (C) describe the properties ~~of~~ objects in terms of relative size (scale) and relative quantity;
 - (D) examine the parts of a whole to define or model a system;
 - (E) identify forms of energy and properties of matter;
 - (F) describe the relationship between structure and function ~~of organisms~~, and systems; and

- (G) describe how factors or conditions can cause objects, organisms, and systems to either change or stay the same.
- (6) Matter and its properties. The student knows that objects have physical properties that determine how they are described and classified. The student is expected to:
 - (A) classify objects by observable physical properties, including, shape, color, and texture, and attributes such as larger and smaller and heavier and lighter;
 - (B) explain and predict changes in materials caused by heating and cooling; and
 - (C) demonstrate and explain that a whole object is a system made of organized parts such as a toy that can be taken apart and put back together.
- (7) Force, motion, and energy. The student knows ~~that~~ forces cause changes in motion and position in everyday life. The student is expected to:
 - (A) explain how pushes and pulls can start, stop, or change the speed or direction of an object's motion; and
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- (D) Earth and space. Students observe objects in the sky, including the Sun and the Moon, and collect and analyze weather data. In addition, students identify natural and manmade resources and how they can be conserved.
 - (E) Organisms and environments. All living organisms interact with living and nonliving things within their environments and use structures to meet their basic needs. Students understand that organisms are interdependent and part of a food chain. The students investigate the life cycle of animals and identify likenesses between parents and young.
- (2) Nature of science. Science, as defined by the National Academy of Sciences, is the "use of

- (F) describe the relationship between structure and function of objects, organisms, and systems; and
 - (G) describe how factors or conditions can cause objects, organisms, and systems to either change or stay the same.
- (6) Matter and its properties. The student knows that matter has physical properties that determine how it is described, classified, and used. The student is expected to:
- (A) classify matter by observable physical properties, including texture, flexibility, and relative temperature, and identify whether a material is a solid or liquid;
 - (B) conduct a descriptive investigation to explain how physical properties can be changed through processes such as cutting, folding, sanding, melting, or freezing; and
 - (C) demonstrate that small units such as building blocks can be combined or reassembled to form new objects for different purposes and explain the materials chosen based on their physical properties.
- (7) Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that forces cause changes in motion and position in everyday life. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain how objects push on each other and may change shape when they touch or collide; and
 - (B) plan and conduct a descriptive investigation to demonstrate how the strength of a push and pull changes an object's motion.
- (8) Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that energy is everywhere and can be observed in everyday life. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate and explain that sound is made by vibrating matter and that vibrations can be caused by a variety of means, including sound;
 - (B) explain how different levels of sound are used in everyday life such as a whisper in a classroom or a fire alarm; and
 - (C) design and build a device using tools and materials that uses sound to solve the problem of communicating over a distance.
- (9) Earth and space. The student knows that there are recognizable patterns in the natural world

- (11) Earth and space. The student knows that earth materials and products made from these materials are important to everyday life. The student is expected to:
- (A) distinguish between natural and manmade resources; and
 - (B) describe how human impact can be limited by making choices to conserve and properly dispose of materials such as reducing use of, reusing, or recycling paper, plastic, and metal.
- (12) Organisms and environments. The student knows that living organisms have basic needs that must be met through interactions within their environment. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe how the physical characteristics of environments, including the amount of rainfall, support plants and animals within an ecosystem;
 - (B) create and describe food chains identifying producers and consumers to demonstrate how animals depend on other living things; and
 - (C) explain and demonstrate how some plants depend on other living things, wind, or water for pollination and to move their seeds around.
- (13) Organisms and environments. The student knows that organisms have structures and undergo processes that help them interact and survive within their environments. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify the roots, stems, leaves, flowers, ~~sites~~, and seeds of plants and compare how those structures help different plants meet their basic needs for survival;
 - (B) record and compare how the structures and behaviors of animals help them find and take in food, water, and air;
 - (C) record and compare how being part of a group helps animals obtain food, defend themselves, and cope with changes; and
 - (D) investigate and describe some of the unique life cycles of animals where young animals do not resemble their parents, including butterflies and frogs.

§112.5. Science, Grade 3, Adopted 2021.

(a) Introduction.

- (1) In Kindergarten through Grade 5 Science, content is organized into recurring strands. The concepts within each grade level build on prior knowledge, prepare students for the next grade level, and establish a foundation for high school courses. In Grade 3, the following concepts will be addressed in each strand.
- (A) Scientific and engineering practices. Scientific inquiry is the planned and deliberate investigation of the natural world using scientific and engineering practices. Scientific methods of investigation are descriptive, ~~ver~~relative, comparative, or experimental. The method chosen should be appropriate to the grade level and question being asked. Student learning for different types of investigations

- (ii) Engineering practices. Students identify problems and design solutions using appropriate tools and models.
- (iii) To support instruction in the science content standards, it is recommended that districts integrate scientific and engineering practices through classroom and outdoor investigations for at least 60% of instructional time.
- (B) Matter and energy. Students build upon the knowledge learned in Kindergarten-2 by investigating the physical properties of matter. Students explore states of matter and observe that changes can occur to matter through heating and cooling. The students explore using substances by combining them to create or modify objects based on their physical properties.
- (C) Force, motion, and energy. Students manipulate objects by pushing and pulling to demonstrate changes in motion and position. Students also identify forces such as magnetism and gravity. Students understand energy exists in many forms, including mechanical, thermal, light, and sound. The students identify forms of energy in everyday

- (A) develop explanations and propose solutions supported by data models;
 - (B) communicate explanations and solutions individually and collaboratively in a variety of settings and formats; and
 - (C) listen actively to others' explanations to identify relevant evidence and engage respectfully in scientific discussion.
- (4) Scientific and engineering practices. The student knows the contributions of scientists and recognizes the importance of scientific research and innovation for society. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain how scientific discoveries and innovations to problems impact science and society; and
 - (B) research and explore resources such as museums, libraries, professional organizations, private companies, online platforms, and mentors employed in a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) field to investigate STEM careers.
- (5) Recurring themes and concepts. The student understands that recurring themes and concepts provide a framework for making connections across disciplines. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify and use patterns to explain scientific phenomena or to design solutions;
 - (B) identify and investigate cause and effect relationships to explain scientific phenomena or analyze problems;
 - (C) use scale, proportion, and quantity to describe, compare, or model different systems;
 - (D) examine and model the parts of a system and their interdependence in the function of the system;
 - (E) investigate the flow of energy and cycling of matter through systems;
 - (F) explain the relationship between the structure and function of objects, organisms, and systems; and
 - (G) explain how factors or conditions impact stability and change in objects, organisms, and systems.
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- (B) plan and conduct a descriptive investigation to demonstrate and explain how position and motion can be changed by pushing and pulling objects such as swings, balls, and wagons.
- (8) Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that energy is everywhere and can be observed in cycles, patterns, and systems. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify everyday examples of energy, including light, sound, thermal, and mechanical; and
- (B) plan and conduct investigations that demonstrate how the speed of an object is related to its mechanical energy.
- (9) Earth and space. The student knows there are recognizable objects and patterns in Earth's solar system. The student is expected to:
- (A) construct models and explain the orbits of the Sun, Earth, and Moon in relation to each other; and
- (B) identify the ~~order~~ ~~[sequence]~~ of the planets in Earth's solar system in relation to the Sun.
- (10) Earth and space. The student knows that there are recognizable processes that change Earth over time. The student is expected to:
- (A) compare and describe ~~day~~ weather in different ~~locations~~ at the same time, including air temperature, wind direction, and precipitation;
- (B) investigate and explain how soils such as sand and clay are formed by weathering of rock and by decomposition of plant and animal remains; and
- (C) model and describe ~~and~~ changes in Earth's surface such as volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and landslides.
- (11) Earth and space. The student understands how natural resources are important and can be managed. The student is expected to:
- (A) explore and explain how humans ~~use~~ natural resources such as in construction, in agriculture, in transportation, and to make products ~~[etc.]~~
- (B) explain why the conservation of natural resources is important; and
- (C) ~~(B)~~ identify ways to conserve natural resources through reducing, reusing, or recycling.
- (12) Organisms and environments. The student describes patterns, cycles, systems, and relationships within environments. The student is expected to:

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(B) explore, illustrate, and compare life cycles in organisms such as beetles, crickets, radishes, or lima beans.

§112.6. Science, Grade 4, Adopted 2021.

(a) Introduction.

(1) In Kindergarten through Grade 5 Science, content is organized into recurring strands. The concepts within each grade level build on prior knowledge, prepare students for the next grade level, and establish a foundation for high school courses. In Grade 4, the following concepts will be addressed in each strand.

(A) Scientific and engineering practices. Scientific inquiry is the planned and deliberate
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Additionally, students explore plant structures and their functions. Students also

materials to support observation of habitats of organisms such as terrariums, aquariums, and collecting nets; and materials to support digital data collection such as computers, tablets, and cameras, to observe, measure, test, and analyze information;

(E) collect observations and measurements as evidence;

(F) construct appropriate graphic organizers used to collect data, including tables, bar graphs, line graphs, tree maps, concept maps, Venn diagrams, flow charts or sequence maps, and input-output tables that show cause and effect; and

(G) develop and use models to represent phenomena, objects, and processes or design a prototype for a solution to a problem.

(2) Scientific and engineering practices. The student analyzes and interprets data to derive meaning, identify features and patterns, and solve problems.

- (F) explain the relationship between the structure and function of objects, organisms, and systems; and
- (G) explain how factors or conditions impact stability and change in objects, organisms, and systems.
- (6) Matter and energy. The student knows that matter has measurable physical properties that determine how matter is identified, classified, changed, and used. The student is expected to:
 - (A) classify and describe matter using observable physical properties, including temperature, mass, magnetism, relative density (the ability to sink or float in water), and physical state (solid, liquid, gas);
 - (B) investigate and compare a variety of mixtures, including ~~isols~~ that are composed of liquids in liquids and solids in liquids; and
 - (C) demonstrate that matter is conserved when mixtures such as soil and ~~r~~water

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understanding of elements and compounds. Students will build on this understanding

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- (5) ~~Recurring themes and concepts. Science consists of recurring themes and concepts that are interconnected and build on each other. Science is a process of inquiry and discovery that involves asking questions, developing hypotheses, testing those hypotheses, and drawing conclusions. Science is a body of knowledge that is constantly being revised and updated. Science is a way of thinking that is based on evidence and logic. Science is a way of life that is based on curiosity and exploration. Science is a way of learning that is based on discovery and innovation. Science is a way of living that is based on respect and cooperation. Science is a way of thinking that is based on evidence and logic. Science is a way of life that is based on curiosity and exploration. Science is a way of learning that is based on discovery and innovation. Science is a way of living that is based on respect and cooperation.~~
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