Unit 1: Properties of Matter

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Next Generation Science Standards and Content to Be Learned	Essential Questions	Instructional Strategies	Assessment Formative Assessments (FA) Interim Assessments (IA) Summative Assessments (SA)
NGSS Standards for this unit: Content to be learned: Composition of matter Physical and Chemical Properties Physical and Chemical Changes	 What are the differences and similarities in the properties of elements, compounds, and mixtures? How are homogeneous and heterogeneous mixtures recognized using solutions, suspensions, and colloids? What is the difference between physical properties and chemical properties? What is the difference between physical changes and chemical changes? 	 Teacher Presentations Student Collaboration Lab Activities Virtual Simulation Instructional Demos Ed. Tech. Tools Guided Inquiry Independent Inquiry 	 Entrance/exit slips, etc. Class discussion Homework Quizzes Lab activities/reports Teacher generated test Presentations/projects

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Unit 2: States of Matter

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NGSS Standards for this unit: PS3-1 PS3-2 Content to be learned: Solids, liquids, and gases The Gas Laws Phase Changes	 How does the kinetic theory relate to the three phases of matter? How are the three phases of matter related in their size, shape, volume, and density? How is the gas measured in relation to its volume, pressure, and temperature? What are the energy changes involved in a change of state and how are they related to the 3 phases of matter? 	 Teacher Presentations Student Collaboration Lab Activities Virtual Simulation Instructional Demos Ed. Tech. Tools Guided Inquiry Independent Inquiry 	 Entrance/exit slips, etc. Class discussion Homework Quizzes Lab activities/reports Teacher generated test Presentations/projects

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Unit 3: Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table

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 NGSS Standards for this unit: PS1-1 PS1-2 Content to be learned: The structure of an atom. The periodic table. Arrangement of elements and groups on the periodic table. 	 What properties can be used to compare protons, neutrons, and electrons? How do the atoms of an element differ from one another? How is the modern periodic table organized? How do properties vary across a period in the periodic table? Why do elements of a group have similar properties? 	 Teacher Presentations Student Collaboration Lab Activities Virtual Simulation Instructional Demos Ed. Tech. Tools Guided Inquiry Independent Inquiry 	 Entrance/exit slips, etc. Class discussion Homework Quizzes Lab activities/reports Teacher generated test Presentations/projects

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Unit 4: Nuclear Chemistry

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Collaboration Content Knowledge Critical Thinking & Innovation

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NGSS Standards for this unit: PS1-8 Content to be learned: Radioactivity Rates of Nuclear Decay Fission and Fusion	 What happens during nuclear decay? What are the three types of nuclear radiation? How do nuclear decay rates differ from chemical reaction rates (half-life)? What is the difference between fission and fusion? 	 Teacher Presentations Student Collaboration Lab Activities Virtual Simulation Instructional Demos Ed. Tech. Tools Guided Inquiry Independent Inquiry 	 Entrance/exit slips, etc. Class discussion Homework Quizzes Lab activities/reports Teacher generated test Presentations/projects

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Unit 5: Forces and Motion

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 NGSS Standards for this unit: PS2-1 PS2-2 PS2-4 Content to be learned: Early pioneers of physics: Aristotle, Galileo, Newton Newton's Laws of Motion Force and the relationship between gravity, friction, air resistance, and falling objects Relationship between weight and mass Conservation of momentum 	 What is the relationship between force, mass, velocity, momentum, and acceleration? How does the understanding of the relationship between force and motion allow us to predict the movement of all objects? What are Newton's Laws of Motion? 	 Teacher Presentations Student Collaboration Lab Activities Virtual Simulation Instructional Demos Ed. Tech. Tools Guided Inquiry Independent Inquiry 	 Entrance/exit slips, etc. Class discussion Homework Quizzes Lab activities/reports Teacher generated test Presentations/projects

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Unit 6: Electromagnetic Spectrum and Light

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 NGSS Standards for this unit: PS4-1 PS4-3 PS4-4 Content to be learned: Electromagnetic Spectrum Wave characteristics Wave energy and amplitude Reflection, Refraction, and interference Waves in different mediums 	 What is the electromagnetic spectrum? What waves are included in the electromagnetic spectrum? How do electromagnetic waves differ from one another? What is wave energy and wave amplitude? What is refraction and reflection in waves? How does light behave when it enters a new medium? 	 Teacher Presentations Student Collaboration Lab Activities Virtual Simulation Instructional Demos Ed. Tech. Tools Guided Inquiry Independent Inquiry 	 Entrance/exit slips, etc. Class discussion Homework Quizzes Lab activities/reports Teacher generated test Presentations/projects

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Unit 7: Earth's Materials, Systems, and Plate Tectonics

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Collaboration Content Knowledge

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 ESS2-1 ESS2-2 ESS2-3 ESS2-4 Content to be learned: Earth's core, crust, and mantle The theory of plate tectonics Continental drift Constructive and destructive forces Sea floor spreading Plate boundaries Seismic waves Earthquakes Volcanic activity 	 What are the characters of Earth's principle layers? What is plate tectonics? Who developed the theory of continental drift and how does it explain plate tectonics? What is sea floor spreading and what evidence is there that shows it occurred? What causes stress in the earth's crust? What are seismic waves? How do earthquakes occur? What are the different types of volcanoes and how are they formed? 	 Teacher Presentations Student Collaboration Lab Activities Virtual Simulation Instructional Demos Ed. Tech. Tools Guided Inquiry Independent Inquiry 	 Entrance/exit slips, etc. Class discussion Homework Quizzes Lab activities/reports Teacher generated test Presentations/projects

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Unit 8: Hydrologic Cycle, System Interactions, and Climate Change

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Content Knowledge Critical Thinking & Innovation

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NGSS Standards for this unit:	 How does the properties of water affect Earth's materials and surface processes? How does the carbon cycle affect the Earth? How do changes in climate and the availability of natural resources influence human activity? 	 Teacher Presentations Student Collaboration Lab Activities Virtual Simulation Instructional Demos Ed. Tech. Tools Guided Inquiry Independent Inquiry 	 Entrance/exit slips, etc. Class discussion Homework Quizzes Lab activities/reports Teacher generated test Presentations/projects

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Unit 9: The Universe and Its Stars

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Collaboration Content Knowledge

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 NGSS Standards for this unit: HS-ESS1-1 HS-ESS1-2 HS-ESS1-3 Content to be learned: Life cycle of the sun/stars Light spectra/brightness/compo sition of stars Big Bang theory Red shift/blue shift 	 What is the role of the life span of the sun and the role of nuclear fusion in the sun's core to release energy that eventually reaches the Earth in the form of radiation? What is the Big Bang theory in relation to astronomical evidence of light spectra, motion of distant galaxies and composition of matter in the universe? How do stars, over their life cycle, produce elements? 	 Teacher Presentations Student Collaboration Lab Activities Virtual Simulation Instructional Demos Ed. Tech. Tools Guided Inquiry Independent Inquiry 	 Entrance/exit slips, etc. Class discussions Homework Quizzes Lab activities/reports Teacher generated tests Presentations/projects

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Unit 10: Earth and the Solar System

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Collaboration Content Knowledge Critical Thinking & Innovation

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NGSS Standards for this unit: HS-ESS1-4 Content to be learned: Kepler's Law Gravitational effects/collisions in the solar system Elliptical orbits of planets Planets	How are mathematical/computational representations used to predict the motion of orbiting objects in the solar system?	 Teacher Presentations Student Collaboration Lab Activities Virtual Simulation Instructional Demos Ed. Tech. Tools Guided Inquiry Independent Inquiry 	 Entrance/exit slips, etc. Class discussions Homework Quizzes Lab activities/reports Teacher generated tests Presentations/projects

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Unit 11: The History of the Planet Earth

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 NGSS Standards for this unit: HS-ESS1-5 HS-ESS1-6 Content to be learned: Earth's rock record (age of continental rocks vs. oceanic rocks) Meteorites Asteroids Lunar rocks Cosmic debris 	 How does evidence of the past and current movements of continental and oceanic crust and the theory of plate tectonics used to explain the ages of crustal rocks? What scientific reasoning and evidence from ancient Earth materials, meteorites and other planetary surfaces aid in constructing an account of Earth's formation and early history? 	 Teacher Presentations Student Collaboration Lab Activities Virtual Simulation Instructional Demos Ed. Tech. Tools Guided Inquiry Independent Inquiry 	 Entrance/exit slips, etc. Class discussions Homework Quizzes Lab activities/reports Teacher generated tests Presentations/projects

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