

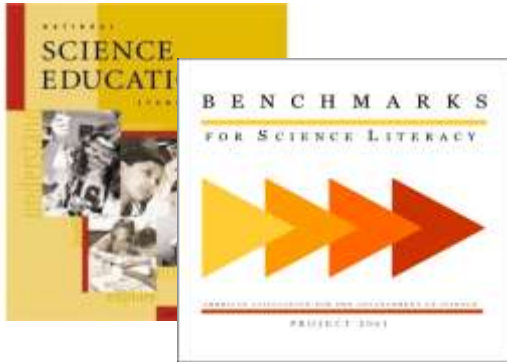


Next Generation Science Standards and Life Sciences

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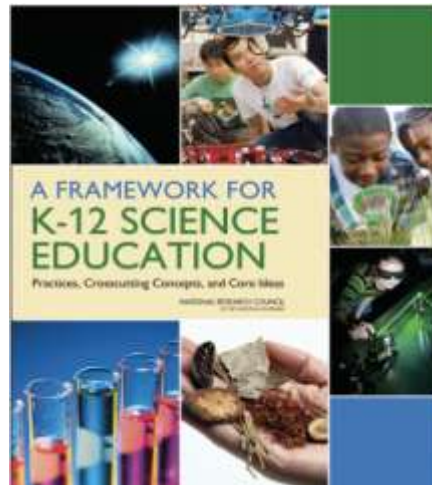
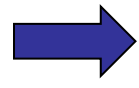
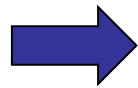
Building on the Past; Preparing for the Future



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Phase I

Phase II



1/2010 - 7/2011



7/2011 – March 2013

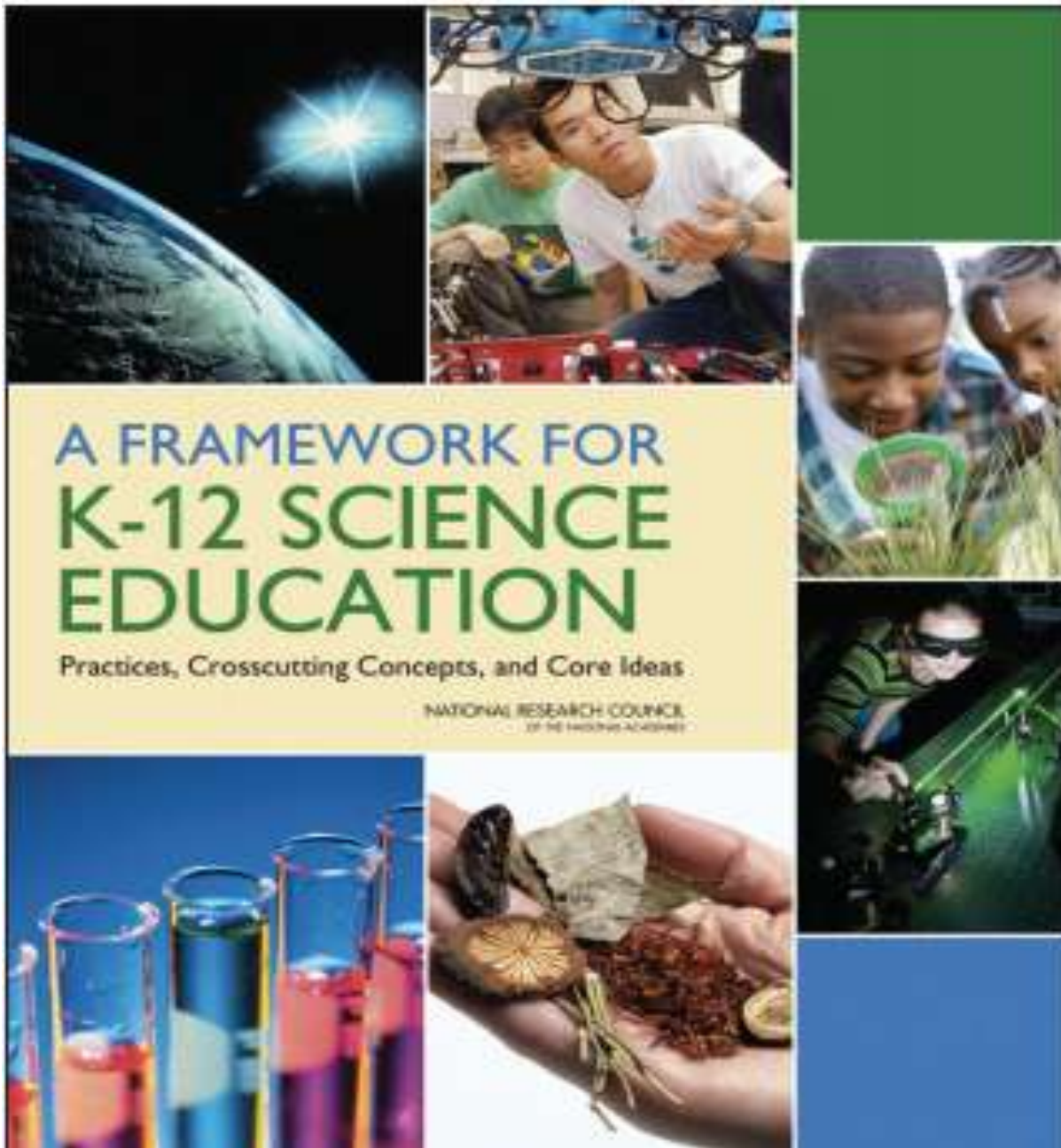


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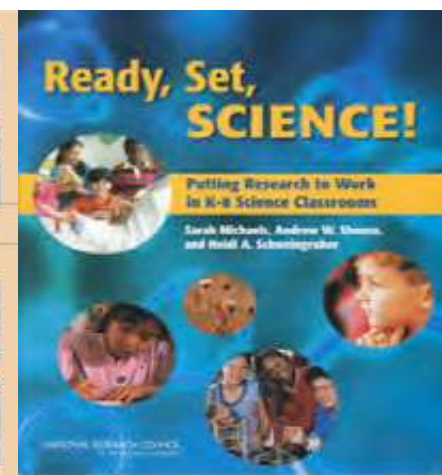
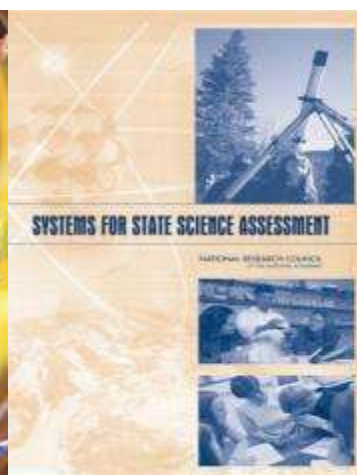
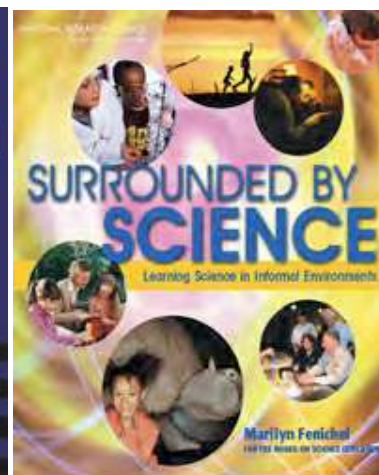
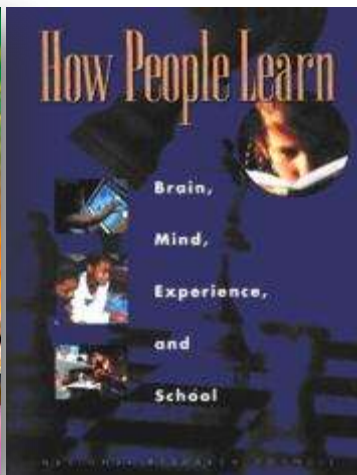
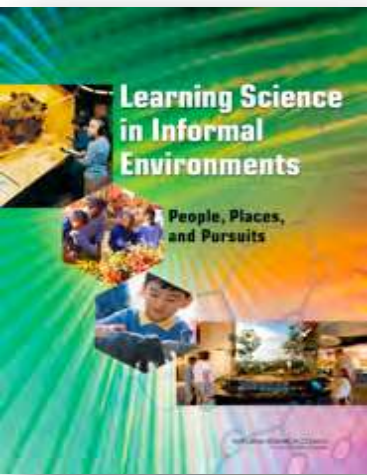
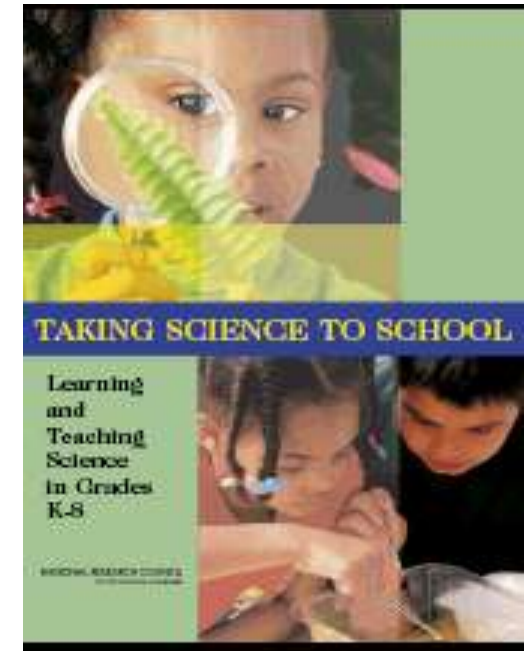


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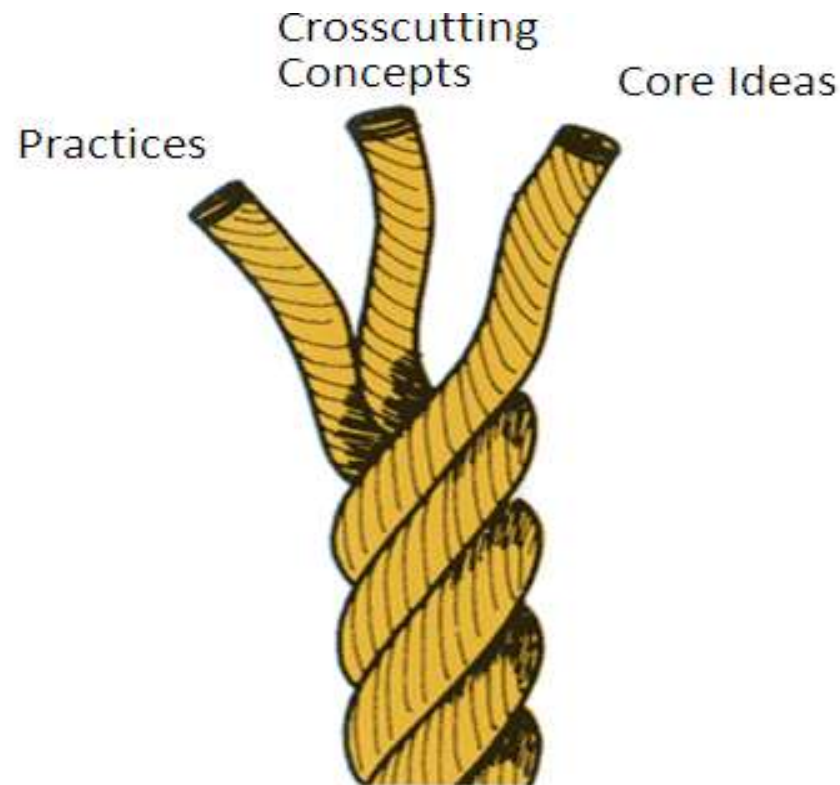
- **Children are born investigators**
- **Understanding builds over time**
- **Science and Engineering require both knowledge and practice**
- **Connecting to students' interests and experiences is essential**
- **Focusing on core ideas and practices**
- **Promoting equity**



Three Dimensions



- Dimension I – Scientific and Engineering Practices
- Dimension II – Crosscutting Concepts
- Dimension III – Core Ideas



I. Science and Engineering Practices



1. Asking questions and defining problems
2. Developing and using models
3. Planning and carrying out investigations
4. Analyzing and interpreting data
5. Using mathematics and computational thinking
6. Developing explanations and designing solutions
7. Engaging in argument from evidence
8. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information

II. Cross Cutting Concepts



Cause and Effect

Patterns

Structure and
Function

Systems

Scale

Change and Stability

Matter and Energy

III. Disciplinary Core Ideas



A core idea for K-12 science instruction is a scientific idea that:

- Has broad importance across multiple science or engineering disciplines or is a key organizing concept of a single discipline
- Provides a key tool for understanding or investigating more complex ideas and solving problems
- Relates to the interests and life experiences of students or can be connected to societal or personal concerns that require scientific or technical knowledge
- Is teachable and learnable over multiple grades at increasing levels of depth and sophistication

Core Ideas



Physical Sciences

- PS1: Matter and its interactions
- PS2: Motion and stability: Forces and interactions
- PS3: Energy
- PS4: Waves and their applications in technologies for information transfer

Life Sciences

- LS1: From molecules to organisms: Structures and processes
- LS2: Ecosystems: Interactions, energy, and dynamics
- LS3: Heredity: Inheritance and variation of traits
- LS4: Biological evolution: Unity and diversity

Earth and Space Sciences

- ESS1: Earth's place in the universe
- ESS2: Earth's systems
- ESS3: Earth and human activity

Engineering, Technology and Applications of Science

- ETS1: Engineering design
- ETS2: Links among engineering, technology, Science, and society

Life Science Core and Component Ideas



LS1: From molecules to organisms: Structures and processes

- Structure and Function
- Growth and Development of Organisms
- Organization for matter and energy flow in organisms
- Information Processing

LS2: Ecosystems: Interactions, energy, and dynamics

- Independent relationships in ecosystems
- Cycles of matter and energy transfer in ecosystems
- Ecosystem dynamics and resilience
- Social interactions and group behavior

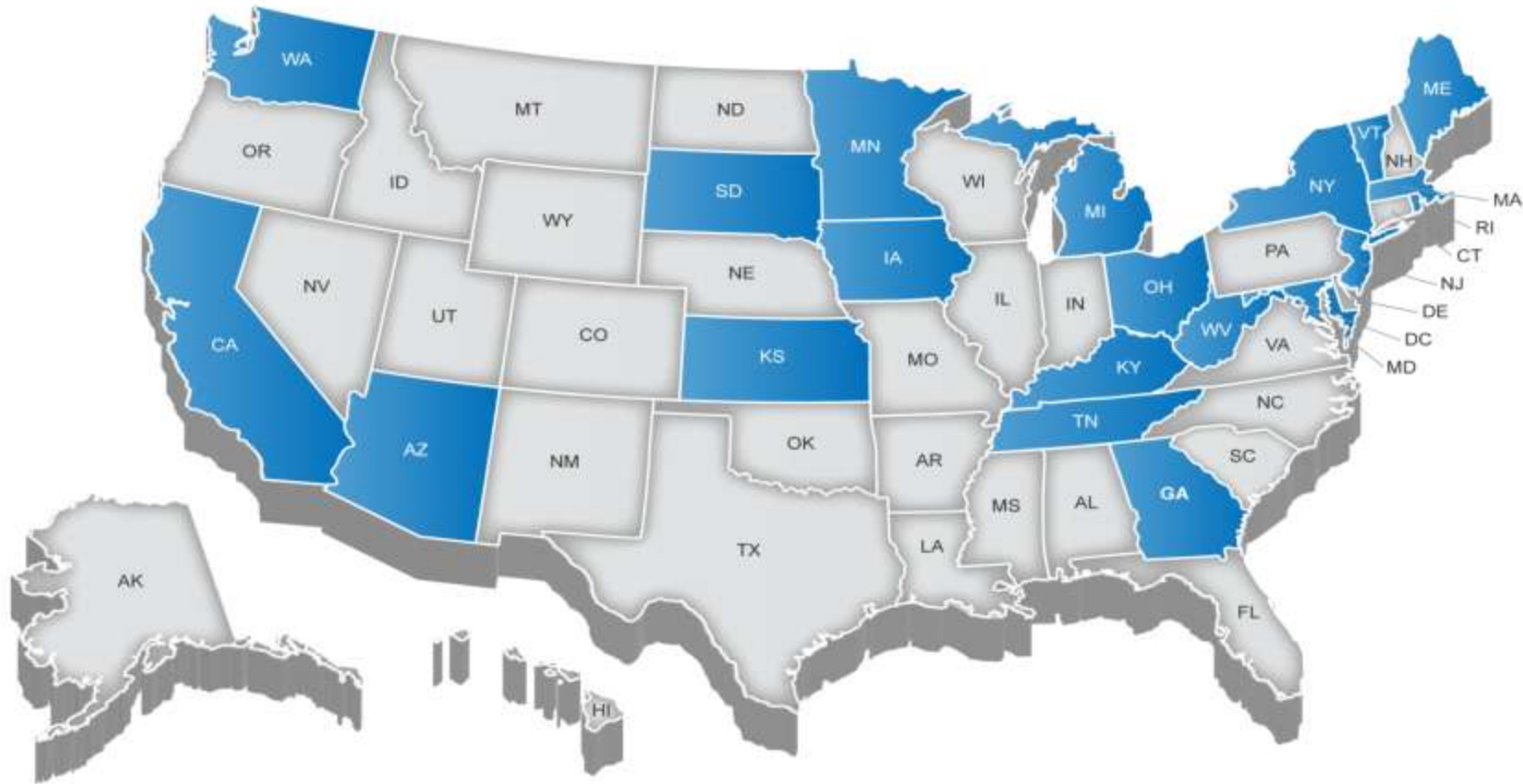
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- Inheritance of traits
- Variation of traits

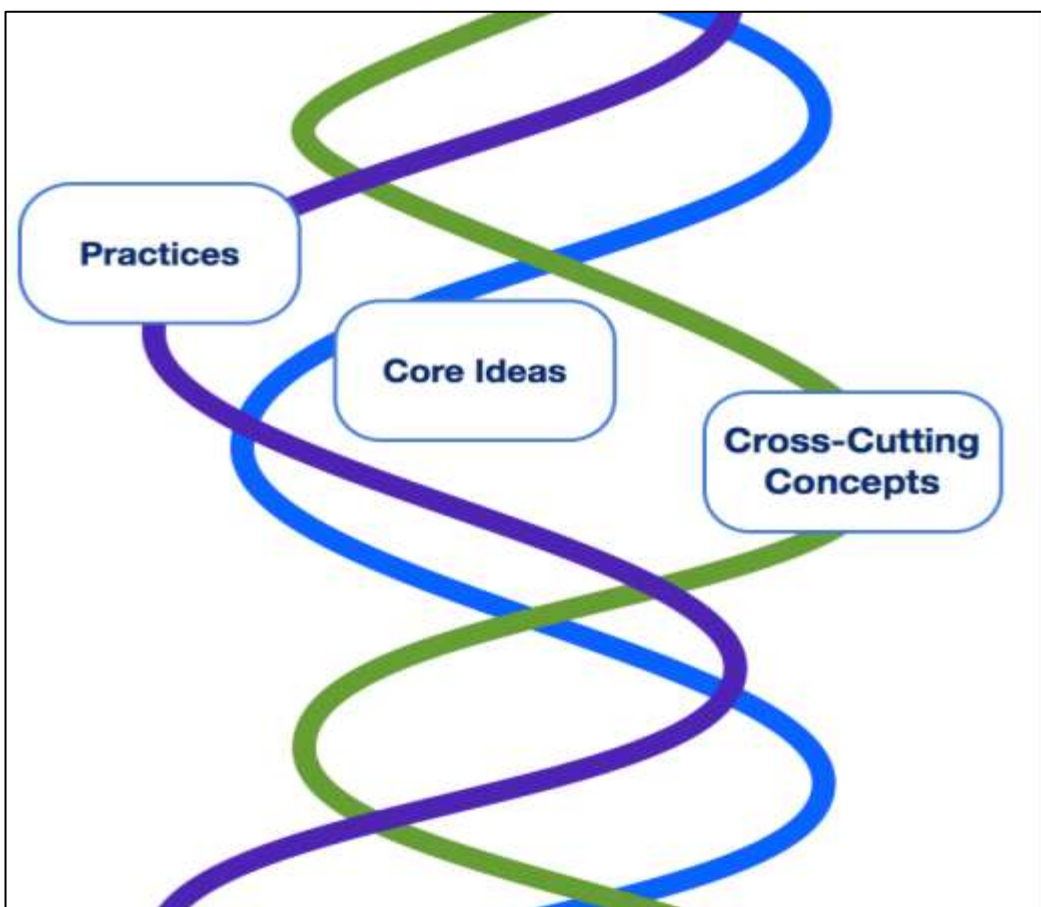
LS4: Biological evolution: Unity and diversity

- Evidence of common ancestry and diversity
- Natural Selection
- Adaptation
- Biodiversity and humans

Lead State Partners



Three Dimensions Intertwined



- NGSS will require contextual application of the three dimensions by students.
- The NGSS are written as Performance Expectations

MS-PS1 Matter and Its Interactions

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

Science and Engineering Practices

Developing and Using Models

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- Use and/or develop models to predict, describe, support explanation, and/or collect data to test ideas about phenomena in natural or designed systems, including those representing inputs and outputs, and those at unobservable scales. (MS-PS1-a), (MS-PS1-c), (MS-PS1-d)

Connections to Nature of Science

Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena

- Laws are regularities or mathematical descriptions of natural phenomena. (MS-PS1-d)

Disciplinary Core Ideas

PS1.B: Chemical Reactions

- Substances react chemically in characteristic ways. In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules, and these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants. (MS-PS1-d), (MS-PS1-e), (MS-PS1-f)
- The total number of each type of atom is conserved, and thus the mass does not change. (MS-PS1-d)

Crosscutting Concepts

Energy and Matter

- Matter is conserved because atoms are conserved in physical and chemical processes. (MS-PS1-d)

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Conceptual Shifts in the NGSS



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 the next generation workforce.
7. The NGSS and Common Core State Standards (English Language Arts and Mathematics) are Aligned.

Resources



- *Framework for K-12 Science Education; Taking Science to School; Ready, Set, Science* www.nap.edu (FREE)
- Next Generation Science Standards
www.nextgenscience.org
- National Science Teachers Assn. www.nsta.org/ngss
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