



**Lab-Aids Correlations for**  
**COLORADO SCIENCE STANDARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL**  
**GRADES 6-8**

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This document is intended to show how the SEPUP 3rd edition materials align with the 2019-20 *Colorado Middle Level Science Standards*<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cde.state.co.us/coscience/2020cas-sc-ms>

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### *Middle Level, Grades 6-8*

<b>Earth Science</b>	<b>Life Science</b>	<b>Physical Science</b>
Earth's Resources	Biomedical Engineering	Chemistry of Materials
Geological Processes	Body Systems	Chemical Reactions
Land, Water, and Human Interactions	Ecology	Energy
Solar System and Beyond	From Cells to Organisms	Force and Motion
Weather and Climate	Evolution	Fields and Interactions
	Reproduction	Waves

## ABOUT THE LAB-AIDS CITATIONS

The following tables are presented showing GLE, evidence outcomes, and where found in SEPUP.

*Citations included in the correlation document are as follows:*

\* indicates where Performance Expectation is assessed

Unit title, Activity Number

The Chemistry of Materials, 14

Evidence Outcomes,

Expressed as Performance Expectations MS-PS1-2

Colorado Skills and SEP As listed

Crosscutting concepts As listed

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<b>STANDARD 1. PHYSICAL SCIENCE</b>						
1. Students can use the full range of science and engineering practices to make sense of natural phenomena and solve problems that require understanding structure, properties and interactions of matter.	1. The fact that matter is composed of atoms and molecules can be used to explain the properties of substances, diversity of materials, states of matter and phases changes.	MS-PS1-1	Develop a model	Scale, proportion, quantity	<i>Chemistry of Materials: 2, 6, 7, 12*</i>	
		MS-PS1-2	Analyze and interpret data	Patterns	<i>Chemical Reactions: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5*</i>	
		MS-PS1-3	Gather, read, and synthesize information	Structure & function	<i>Chemistry of Materials: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13*</i>	
		MS-PS1-4	Connections to NOS	Interdependence of SET	<i>Chemistry of Materials: 8, 9, 10</i>	
	2. Reacting substances rearrange to form different molecules, but the number of atoms is conserved. Some reactions release energy and others absorb energy.	MS-PS1-2	Develop a model	Energy and matter	<i>Chemical Reactions: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5*</i>	
		MS-PS1-5	Undertake a design project		<i>Chemical Reactions: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7*</i>	
		MS-PS1-6	Connections to NOS		<i>Chemical Reactions: 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11*</i>	
	2. Students can use the full range of science and	3. Motion is described relative to a reference frame	MS-PS2-1	Apply scientific ideas or principles	Systems and system models	<i>Force and Motion: 1, 10, 11, 12*</i>

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engineering practices to make sense of natural phenomena and solve problems that require understanding interactions between objects and within systems of objects.	that must be shared with others and is determined by the sum of the forces acting on it. The greater the mass of the object, the greater the force needed to achieve the same change in motion.	MS-PS2-2	Plan and conduct an investigation  Connections to NOS	Stability and change  Connections to ETAS	<i>Force and Motion: 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13*</i>
	4. Forces that act a distance (gravitational, electric, and magnetic) can be explained by force fields that extend through space and can be mapped by their effect on a test object.	MS-PS2-3	Ask questions  Engage in argument from evidence	Cause and effect  Systems and system models	<i>Fields and Interactions: 7, 8, 9, 12, 13*, 14</i>
		MS-PS2-4	Planning and carrying out investigations		<i>Fields and Interactions: 3, 4, 7*</i>
3. Students can use the full range of science and engineering practices to make sense of natural	5. Kinetic energy can be distinguished from the various forms of potential energy.	MS-PS2-5	Connections to NOS		<i>Fields and Interactions: 5, 7, 9, 10, 12*</i>
		MS-PS3-1	Analyze and interpret data  Plan and carry out investigations	Scale, proportion and quantity  Energy and matter	<i>Force and Motion: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5*</i> <i>Fields and Interactions: 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11*</i>
		MS-PS3-2			

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phenomena and solve problems that require understanding how energy is transferred and conserved.		MS-PS3-3	Construct explanations & design solutions		<i>Energy: 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13*</i>
		MS-PS3-4	Engage in argument from evidence		<i>Energy: 1, 4, 6, 7, 8*</i>
		MS-PS3-5	Connections to NOS		<i>Energy: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6*</i>
	6. Energy changes to and from each type can be tracked through physical or chemical interactions. The relationship between the temperature and the total energy of a system depends on the types, states and amounts of matter.	MS-PS3-3	Construct explanations and design solutions	Scale, proportion and quantity	<i>Energy: 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13*</i>
		MS-PS3-4	Plan and carry out investigations	Energy and matter	<i>Energy: 1, 4, 6, 7, 8*</i>
		MS-PS3-5	Engage in argument from evidence Connections to NOS		<i>Energy: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6*</i>
	7. When two objects interact, each one exerts a force on the other that can cause energy to be transferred to and from the object.	MS-PS3-2	Develop and use models	Systems and system models	<i>Fields and Interactions: 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11*</i>

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4. Students can use the full range of science and engineering practices to make sense of natural phenomena and solve problems that require understanding how waves are used to transfer energy and information.	8. A simple wave model has a repeating pattern with specific wavelength, frequency, and amplitude and mechanical waves need a medium through which they are transmitted. This model can explain many phenomena which include light and sound.	MS-PS4-1	Use mathematics and computational thinking	Patterns	<i>Waves: 1, 2, 3, 7*</i>
		MS-PS4-2	Connections to NOS		<i>Waves: 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13*</i>
	9. A wave model of light is useful to explain how light interacts with objects through a variety of properties.	MS-PS4-2	Develop and use a model	Structure and function	<i>Waves: 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13*</i>
	10. Designed technologies can transmit digital information as wave pulses.	MS-PS4-3	Obtaining, evaluating and communicating information	Structure and function Connections ETAS Connections to NOS	<i>Waves: 5, 6</i>
STANDARD 2. LIFE SCIENCE					

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5. Students can use the full range of science and engineering practices to make sense of natural phenomena and solve problems that require understanding how individual organisms are configured and how these structures function to support life, growth, behavior and reproduction.	1. All living things are made up of cells, which is the smallest unit that can be said to be alive.	MS-LS1-1	Plan and carry out investigations	Scale, proportion and quantity	<i>From Cells to Organisms: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9*</i>
		MS-LS1-2	Develop and use a model Engage in argument from evidence	Structure and function	<i>From Cells to Organisms: 6, 7, 8*</i>
		MS-LS1-3		Systems and system models	<i>From Cells to Organisms: 10, 14, 15 Body Systems: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12*</i>
	2. Organisms reproduce, either sexually or asexually, and transfer their genetic information to their offspring.	MS-LS1-4	Engage in argument from evidence	Cause and effect	<i>Reproduction: 10*, 11*</i>
		MS-LS1-5	Construct explanations and design solutions		<i>Reproduction: 1, 7*</i>
	3. Sustaining life requires substantial energy and matter inputs.	MS-LS1-6	Construct explanations and design solutions	Energy and matter	<i>From Cells to Organisms: 12, 13*</i>
		MS-LS1-7	Develop and use models		<i>From Cells to Organisms: 5, 11* Body Systems: 5</i>
	4. Each sense receptor responds to different inputs (electromagnetic,	MS-LS1-8	Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information  Connections to NOS	Cause and effect  Connections to ETAS	<i>Body Systems: 6, 7, 8*</i>

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	mechanical, chemical), transmitting them as signals that travel along nerve cells to the brain.			Connections to NOS	
6. Students can use the full range of science and engineering practices to make sense of natural phenomena and solve problems that require understanding how living systems interact with the biotic and abiotic environment.	5. Organisms and populations of organisms are dependent on their environmental interactions both with other living things and with nonliving	MS-LS2-1	Analyze and interpret data	Cause and effect	<i>Ecology: 5, 6, 9*</i>
		MS-LS2-2	Construct explanations and design solutions	Patterns  Influence of SET on society and natural world  Connections to NOS	<i>Ecology: 2, 8, 10*</i>
	6. Ecosystems are sustained by the continuous flow of energy, originating primarily from the sun, and the recycling of matter and nutrients within the system.	MS-LS2-3	Develop and use models  Connections to NOS	Energy and matter  Connections to NOS  Connections to ETAS	<i>Ecology: 7, 8, 11, 12*</i>
	7. Ecosystems are dynamic in nature;	MS-LS2-4	Engage in argument from evidence	Stability and change	<i>Ecology: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14*</i>



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	their characteristics can vary over time. Disruptions to any physical or biological component of an ecosystem	MS-LS2-5	Connections to NOS	Connections to NOS	<i>Ecology: 2, 4, 15*</i>
7. Students can use the full range of science and engineering practices to make sense of natural phenomena and solve problems that require understanding how genetic and environmental factors influence variation of organisms across generations.	8. Heredity explains why offspring resemble, but are not identical to, their parents and is a unifying biological principle. Heredity refers to specific mechanisms by which characteristics or traits are passed from one generation to the next via genes.	MS-LS3-1	Develop and use models  Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information	Cause and effect	<i>Reproduction: 1, 3, 8, 12, 13*</i>
		MS-LS3-2		Structure and function	<i>Evolution: 3, 4, 5*</i>
8. Students can use the full range of science and engineering practices to make sense of natural	9. Fossils are mineral replacements, preserved remains, or traces of organisms that lived in the past.	MS-LS4-1	Analyze and interpret data	Patterns	<i>Evolution: 7, 8, 9, 10 11*</i>
		MS-LS4-2	Construct explanations and design solutions	Connections to NOS	<i>Evolution: 7, 8, 9, 10 11, 12*</i>
		MS-LS4-3			<i>Evolution: 12, 13*</i>

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phenomena and solve problems that require understanding how natural selection drives biological evolution accounting for the unity and diversity of organisms.	10. Genetic variations among individuals in a population give some individuals an advantage in surviving and reproducing in their environment.	MS-LS4-4	Construct explanations and design solutions	Cause and effect	<i>Evolution: 1, 2, 3, 4*</i>
		MS-LS4-5	Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information	Connections to ETAS	<i>Evolution: 14, 15, 16*</i>
		MS-LS4-6		Connections to NOS	<i>Evolution: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6*</i>
	11. Adaptation by natural selection acting over generations is one important process by which species change over time in response to changes in environmental conditions.	MS-LS4-6	Using mathematics and computational thinking	Cause and effect Connections to NOS	<i>Evolution: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6*</i>
	12. Biodiversity is the wide range of existing life forms that have adapted to the variety of conditions on Earth, from terrestrial to marine ecosystems.	MS-LS2-5	Engage in argument from evidence	Patterns Energy and matter Interdependence of SET Connections to NOS	<i>Ecology: 2, 4, 15*</i>
STANDARD 3. EARTH SCIENCE					

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9. Students can use the full range of science and engineering practices to make sense of natural phenomena and solve problems that require understanding the universe and Earth's place in it.	1. Motion is predictable in both solar systems and galaxies.	MS-ESS1-1	Develop and use a model	Patterns	<i>Solar System and Beyond: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9*</i>
		MS-ESS1-2		Systems and system models	<i>Solar System and Beyond: 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16*</i>
	2. The solar system contains many varied objects held together by gravity. Solar system models explain and predict eclipses, lunar phases, and seasons.	MS-ESS1-2	Develop and use a model  Analyze and interpret data	Patterns	<i>Solar System and Beyond: 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16*</i>
		MS-ESS1-3		Scale, proportion, quantity Modeling	<i>Solar System and Beyond: 1, 10, 11, 12, 13*</i>
10. Students can use the full range of science and engineering practices to make sense of natural phenomena and solve problems that require understanding how and why	3. Rock strata and the fossil record can be used as evidence to organize the relative occurrence of major historical events in Earth's history.	MS-ESS1-4	Constructing explanations and design solutions	Scale, proportion, quantity	<i>Earth's Resources: 9, 10, 11, 12*</i>
	4. Energy flows and matter cycles within and among Earth's systems, including	MS-ESS2-1	Develop and use models	Stability and change	<i>Geological Processes: 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15*</i>

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Earth is constantly changing.	the sun and Earth's interior as primary energy sources. Plate tectonics is one result of these processes.	MS-ESS2-2			<i>Geological Processes: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13*</i> <i>Land, Water, and Human Interactions: 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14*</i>
	5. Plate tectonics is the unifying theory that explains movements of rocks at Earth's surface and geological history.	MS-ESS2-3	Analyze and interpret data  Connections to NOS	Patterns	<i>Geological Processes: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14*</i>
	6. Water cycles among land, ocean, and atmosphere, and is propelled by sunlight and gravity. Density variations of sea water drive interconnected ocean currents. Water movement causes weathering and erosion,	MS-ESS2-2	Construct explanations and design solutions  Develop and use a model  NOS	Scale, proportion, quantity  Energy and matter	<i>Geological Processes: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13*</i> <i>Land, Water, and Human Interactions: 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14*</i>
MS-ESS2-4		<i>Land, Water, and Human Interactions: 2, 5, 7, 8, 9*</i>			

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	changing landscape features.	MS-ESS2-5			<i>Weather and Climate: 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13*</i>
		MS-ESS2-6			<i>Weather and Climate: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14*</i>
	7. Complex interactions determine local weather patterns and influence climate, including the role of the ocean.	MS-ESS2-5	Develop and use models  Collect and analyze data	Cause and effect  Systems and system models	<i>Weather and Climate: 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13*</i>
		MS-ESS2-6			<i>Weather and Climate: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14*</i>
11. Students can use the full range of science and engineering practices to make sense of natural phenomena and solve problems that require understanding how human activities and the	8. Humans depend on Earth's land, ocean, atmosphere, and biosphere for different resources, many of which are limited or not renewable. Resources are distributed unevenly around the planet as a result of past geologic processes.	MS-ESS3-1 MS-ESS3-2	Construct explanations and design solutions	Cause and effect	<i>Geological Processes: 2, 16, 17*</i> <i>Earth's Resources: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 14*</i>

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Earth's surface processes interact.	9. Mapping the history of natural hazards in a region and understanding related geological forces.	MS-ESS3-2	Analyze and interpret data	Patterns Influence of SET	<i>Geological Processes: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 18*</i>
	10. Human activities have altered the biosphere, sometimes damaging it, although changes to environments can have different impacts for different living things.	MS-ESS3-3	Construct explanations and design solutions  Engage in argument from evidence	Cause and effect	<i>Land, Water, and Human Interactions: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16*</i>
		MS-ESS3-4		NOS	
11. Human activities affect global warming. Decisions to reduce the impact of global warming depend on understanding climate science, engineering capabilities, and social dynamics.	MS-ESS3-5	Ask Questions	Stability and change	<i>Weather and Climate: 1, 10, 14, 15, 16*</i>	