

***PhD Science*® K–5 Curriculum Correlation to the North Dakota Science Content Standards**

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PhD Science® Correlation to the North Dakota Science Content Standards: Level K

The *PhD Science* Level K curriculum aligns fully with the Kindergarten North Dakota Science Content Standards. A detailed analysis of alignment appears below.

Key: Module (M), Lesson (L)

Kindergarten Performance Standards

Physical Science (PS)

Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
K-PS2-1	Conduct an investigation to compare the effects of different strengths or different directions of pushes and pulls on the motion of an object.	Level K M2 L1–23
K-PS2-2	Analyze data to determine if a design solution works as intended to change the speed or direction of an object with a push or a pull.	Level K M2 L17–23

Energy		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
K-PS3-1	Make observations to determine the effect of sunlight on Earth’s surface.	Level K M1 L8–11, 28–30
K-PS3-2	Use tools and materials provided to design and build a structure that will reduce the warming effect of sunlight on Earth’s surface.	Level K M1 L12–16, 28–30

Life Science (LS)

From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
K-LS1-1	Describe patterns, through observation, of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive.	Level K M3 L4–16, 19–22, 27–29

Earth and Space Science (ESS)

Earth's Systems		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
K-ESS2-1	Use and share observations of local weather conditions to describe patterns over time.	Level K M1 L1–11, 17–24, 28–30 Level K M4 L25
K-ESS2-2	Construct an argument supported by evidence for how plants and animals (including humans) can change their environment to meet their needs.	Level K M4 L1–10, 14–16, 26–28

Earth and Human Activity		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
K-ESS3-1	Represent the relationship between the needs of different plants and animals (including humans) and the places they live using a model.	Level K M3 L1–3, 9–29 Level K M4 L1–2, 8–9, 11–13
K-ESS3-2	Ask questions to obtain information about the purpose of weather forecasting to prepare for and respond to weather.	Level K M1 L22–30
K-ESS3-3	Communicate solutions that will reduce the impact of humans on the land, water, air, and/or other living things in the local environment.	Level K M4 L14–24, 26–28

Engineering and Technology (ET)

Engineering and Technology		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
K–2-ET1-1	Ask questions, make observations, and gather information to define a simple problem (a situation people want to change) that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.	Level K M1 L12–16
K–2-ET1-2	Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.	Level K M2 L17–20
K–2-ET1-3	Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.	Level K M4 L20–24

Science and Engineering Practices

1. Asking Questions and Defining Problems	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world.	Level K M1 L1–3, 22–26 Level K M2 L1–3, 9 Level K M3 L1–3, 14–16, 27–29
Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.	Level K M1 L4–7, 12–16
2. Developing and Using Models	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Use a model to represent relationships in the natural world.	Level K M3 L1–3, 9–12, 19–20 Level K M4 L1–9, 11–16
Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool.	Level K M1 L12–16
3. Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
With guidance, plan and conduct an investigation in collaboration with peers.	Level K M2 L7–8, 10–15 Level K M3 L4–8
Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons.	Level K M1 L4–7, 10–11, 17–24, 27–30 Level K M2 L7–8, 16–23 Level K M3 L21
4. Analyzing and Interpreting Data	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions.	Level K M3 L4–8, 14–20, 22–26 Level K M4 L25
Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended.	Level K M4 L20–24
6. Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Use tools and materials provided to design and build a device that solves a specific problem or identifies a solution to a specific problem.	Level K M2 L17–20

7. Engaging in Argument from Evidence	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Construct an argument with evidence to support a claim.	Level K M3 L17–21, 27–29
8. Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Read grade-appropriate texts and/or use media to obtain scientific information to describe patterns in the natural world.	Level K M4 L1–2, 6–10, 14–16, 18–19
Communicate solutions with others in oral and/or written forms using models and/or drawings that provide detail about scientific ideas.	Level K M1 L12–16, 28–30 Level K M2 L21–23 Level K M3 L27–29 Level K M4 L20–24, 26–28

Disciplinary Core Ideas

Physical Science (PS)

PS2.A: Forces and Motion	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Pushes and pulls can have different strengths and directions.	Level K M2 L7–23
Pushing or pulling on an object can change the speed or direction of its motion and can start or stop it.	Level K M2 L1–23
PS2.B: Types of Interactions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
When objects touch or collide, they push on one another and can change motion.	Level K M2 L13–23
PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Sunlight warms Earth’s surface.	Level K M1 L8–16, 28–30
PS3.C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
A bigger push or pull makes things speed up or slow down more quickly.	Level K M2 L7–9, 21–23

Life Science (LS)

LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
All animals need food in order to live and grow. They obtain their food from plants or from other animals. Plants need water and light to live and grow.	Level K M3 L4–16, 19–20, 22, 27–29

Earth and Space Science (ESS)

ESS2.D: Weather and Climate	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Weather is the combination of sunlight, wind, snow or rain, and temperature in a particular region at a particular time. People measure these conditions to describe and record the weather and to notice patterns over time.	Level K M1 L1–11, 17–24, 28–30 Level K M4 L25

ESS2.E: Biogeology	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Plants and animals can change their environment.	Level K M4 L1–10, 14–16, 26–28

ESS3.A: Natural Resources	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Living things need water, air, and resources from the land, and they live in places that have the things they need. Humans use natural resources for everything they do.	Level K M3 L1–3, 9–29 Level K M4 L1–5, 8–9, 11–16

ESS3.B: Natural Hazards	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Some kinds of severe weather are more likely than others in a given region. Weather scientists forecast severe weather so that the communities can prepare for and respond to these events.	Level K M1 L17–20, 22–30

ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Things that people do to live comfortably can affect the world around them. But they can make choices that reduce their impacts on the land, water, air, and other living things.	Level K M4 L11–24, 26–28

Engineering and Technology (ET)

ET1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. Such problems may have many acceptable solutions.	Level K M1 L4–7, 12–16 Level K M2 L17–20
Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems.	Level K M1 L12–16
Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem.	Level K M1 L12–16
ET1.B: Developing Possible Solutions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem’s solutions to other people.	Level K M2 L17–20 Level K M4 L20–24
ET1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs.	Level K M4 L20–24

Crosscutting Concepts

<p>1. Patterns</p>	<p>Aligned PhD Science Lessons</p>
<p>Patterns in the natural and human designed world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence.</p>	<p>Level K M1 L17–30 Level K M2 L1–6, 17–20 Level K M3 L4–8, 14–20, 22, 26–29 Level K M4 L3–5</p>
<p>2. Cause and Effect</p>	<p>Aligned PhD Science Lessons</p>
<p>Events have causes that generate observable patterns.</p>	<p>Level K M2 L4–16, 21–23 Level K M4 L3–5, 10, 14–19, 26–28</p>
<p>Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes.</p>	<p>Level K M2 L10–12, 17–20</p>
<p>4. Systems and System Models</p>	<p>Aligned PhD Science Lessons</p>
<p>Systems in the natural and designed world have parts that work together.</p>	<p>Level K M3 L1–3, 9–13, 19–21, 23–25, 27–29 Level K M4 L1–9, 11–16</p>
<p>6. Structure and Function</p>	<p>Aligned PhD Science Lessons</p>
<p>The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s).</p>	<p>Level K M1 L10–16 Level K M4 L20–24</p>

PhD Science® Correlation to the North Dakota Science Content Standards: Level 1

The *PhD Science* Level 1 curriculum aligns fully with the First Grade North Dakota Science Content Standards. A detailed analysis of alignment appears below.

Key: Module (M), Lesson (L)

First Grade Performance Standards

Physical Science (PS)

Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
1-PS4-1	Plan and conduct investigations to provide evidence that sound can make materials vibrate and that vibrating materials can make sound.	Level 1 M3 L1–17, 26–29
1-PS4-2	Construct an evidence-based account, through observation, that objects can be seen only when illuminated.	Level 1 M2 L1–9, 21–23
1-PS4-3	Plan and conduct an investigation to determine the effect of placing objects made with different materials in the path of a beam of light.	Level 1 M2 L1–3, 10–23
1-PS4-4	Design and build a device that uses light or sound to solve the problem of communicating over a distance.	Level 1 M3 L18–29

Life Science (LS)

From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
1-LS1-1	Construct an evidence-based argument with the use of a drawing or a model that illustrates how structures of plants or animals help them survive in their habitat.	Level 1 M1 L1–21, 27–29
1-LS1-2	Read texts and use media to determine patterns in behavior of parents and offspring that help offspring survive.	Level 1 M1 L24–29

Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
1-LS3-1	Construct an evidence-based account, through observation, that young plants and animals are alike, but not exactly like, their parents.	Level 1 M1 L22–23, 26–29

Earth and Space Science (ESS)

Earth’s Place in the Universe		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
1-ESS1-1	Describe patterns that can be predicted through observations of the Sun, Moon, and stars.	Level 1 M4 L1–8, 14–25
1-ESS1-2	Make observations at different times of the year to relate the amount of daylight to the time of year.	Level 1 M4 L9–13, 23–25

Engineering and Technology (ET)

Engineering and Technology		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
K–2-ET1-1	Ask questions, make observations, and gather information to define a simple problem (a situation people want to change) that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.	Level 1 M1 L11–15
K–2-ET1-2	Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.	Level 1 M3 L21–25
K–2-ET1-3	Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.	Level 1 M3 L21–25

Science and Engineering Practices

1. Asking Questions and Defining Problems	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s).	Level 1 M1 L1–3 Level 1 M2 L1–3 Level 1 M3 L1–3 Level 1 M4 L1–3, 14–16
Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.	Level 1 M1 L11–15
2. Developing and Using Models	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool.	Level 1 M1 L11–15
3. Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Plan and conduct investigations collaboratively to produce evidence to answer a question.	Level 1 M1 L19–20 Level 1 M2 L15–18
Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons.	Level 1 M2 L4–12, 15–18, 20–23 Level 1 M3 L1–7, 11–13, 18–19 Level 1 M4 L4–6, 14–16, 19–21
4. Analyzing and Interpreting Data	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions.	Level 1 M1 L16–21, 27–29 Level 1 M2 L1–9 Level 1 M3 L10 Level 1 M4 L4–6, 9–13
Analyze tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended.	Level 1 M3 L8–9

6. Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena.	Level 1 M1 L7–8, 16–17, 22–23, 26–29 Level 1 M2 L4–7, 21–23 Level 1 M3 L4–6, 14, 26–29
Use tools and materials provided to design a device that solves a specific problem.	Level 1 M1 L11–15

7. Engaging in Argument from Evidence	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Construct an argument with evidence to support a claim.	Level 1 M4 L9–13, 19–21

8. Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Read grade-appropriate texts and use media to obtain scientific information to determine patterns in the natural world.	Level 1 M1 L24–25 Level 1 M3 L18–19 Level 1 M4 L9–13

Disciplinary Core Ideas

Physical Science (PS)

PS4.A: Wave Properties	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Sound can make matter vibrate, and vibrating matter can make sound.	Level 1 M3 L1–17, 26–29

PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Objects can be seen if light is available to illuminate them or if they give off their own light.	Level 1 M2 L1–9, 21–23
Some materials allow light to pass through them, others allow only some light through, and others block all the light and create a dark shadow on any surface beyond them, where the light cannot reach. Mirrors can be used to redirect a light beam.	Level 1 M2 L1–3, 10–23

PS4.C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
People also use a variety of devices to communicate (send and receive information) over long distances.	Level 1 M3 L18–29

Life Science (LS)

LS1.A: Structure and Function	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
All organisms have external parts. Different animals use their body parts in different ways to see, hear, grasp objects, protect themselves, move from place to place, and seek, find, and take in food, water, and air. Plants also have different parts (roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits) that help them survive and grow.	Level 1 M1 L1–15, 27–29
LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Adult plants and animals can have young. In many kinds of animals, parents and the offspring themselves engage in behaviors that help the offspring to survive.	Level 1 M1 L24–29
LS1.D: Information Processing	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Animals have body parts that capture and convey different kinds of information needed for growth and survival. Animals respond to these inputs with behaviors that help them survive. Plants also respond to some external inputs.	Level 1 M1 L16–21, 27–29
LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Young animals are very much, but not exactly, like their parents. Plants also are very much, but not exactly, like their parents.	Level 1 M1 L22–23, 26–29
LS3.B: Variation of Traits	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Individuals of the same kind of plant or animal are recognizable as similar but can also vary in many ways.	Level 1 M1 L22–23, 27–29

Earth and Space Science (ESS)

ESS1.A: The Universe and Its Stars	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Patterns of the motion of the sun, moon, and stars in the sky can be observed, described, and predicted.	Level 1 M4 L1–8, 14–25
ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Seasonal patterns of sunrise and sunset can be observed, described, and predicted.	Level 1 M4 L9–13, 23–25

Engineering and Technology (ET)

ET1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering.	Level 1 M1 L11–15
Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems.	Level 1 M1 L11–15
Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem.	Level 1 M1 L11–15
ET1.B: Developing Possible Solutions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem’s solutions to other people.	Level 1 M3 L21–25
ET1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs.	Level 1 M3 L21–25

Crosscutting Concepts

<p>1. Patterns</p>	<p>Aligned PhD Science Lessons</p>
<p>Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence.</p>	<p>Level 1 M1 L1–6, 16–29 Level 1 M2 L1–9, 21–23 Level 1 M3 L1–7, 11–13, 17–20, 26–29 Level 1 M4 L1–25</p>
<p>2. Cause and Effect</p>	<p>Aligned PhD Science Lessons</p>
<p>Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes.</p>	<p>Level 1 M2 L13–14 Level 1 M3 L7, 15–16</p>
<p>6. Structure and Function</p>	<p>Aligned PhD Science Lessons</p>
<p>The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s).</p>	<p>Level 1 M1 L4–15, 27–29 Level 1 M3 L8–9</p>

PhD Science® Correlation to the North Dakota Science Content Standards: Level 2

The *PhD Science* Level 2 curriculum aligns fully with the Second Grade North Dakota Science Content Standards. A detailed analysis of alignment appears below.

Key: Module (M), Lesson (L)

Second Grade Performance Standards

Physical Science (PS)

Matter and Its Interactions		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
2-PS1-1	Plan and conduct an investigation to describe and classify different kinds of materials by their observable properties.	Level 2 M1 L1–9, 12–16, 19, 23, 29–31 Level 2 M2 L3–4, 14–17
2-PS1-2	Analyze data obtained from testing different materials to determine which materials have the properties that are best suited for an intended purpose.	Level 2 M1 L20–31
2-PS1-3	Make observations to construct an evidence-based account of how an object made of a small set of pieces can be disassembled and made into a new object.	Level 2 M1 L10–11, 29–31
2-PS1-4	Construct an argument with evidence that some changes caused by heating or cooling can be reversed and some cannot.	Level 2 M1 L14–19, 29–31

Life Science (LS)

Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
2-LS2-1	Plan an investigation to determine if plants need sunlight and water to grow.	Level 2 M3 L1–7, 25–29
2-LS2-2	Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants.	Level 2 M3 L8–29

Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
2-LS4-1	Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats.	Level 2 M4 L1–3, 7–25

Earth and Space Science (ESS)

Earth's Place in the Universe		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
2-ESS1-1	Use information from several sources to provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly.	Level 2 M2 L18–24
Earth's Systems		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
2-ESS2-1	Compare and contrast multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land.	Level 2 M2 L1–17, 20, 22–24
2-ESS2-2	Develop a model to represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area.	Level 2 M2 L1–2, 5–6 Level 2 M4 L1–6, 11–16, 20–21, 23–25
2-ESS2-3	Obtain information to identify where water is found on Earth and that it can be solid or liquid.	Level 2 M4 L1–6, 16, 22–25

Engineering and Technology (ET)

Engineering and Technology		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
K–2-ET1-1	Ask questions, make observations, and gather information to define a simple problem (a situation people want to change) that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.	Level 2 M1 L24–28 Level 2 M2 L8–12
K–2-ET1-2	Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.	Level 2 M3 L14–18
K–2-ET1-3	Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.	Level 2 M2 L8–12, 14–17

Science and Engineering Practices

1. Asking Questions and Defining Problems	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s).	Level 2 M1 L1–3 Level 2 M2 L1–2 Level 2 M3 L1–2 Level 2 M4 L1–3
Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.	Level 2 M3 L14–18
2. Developing and Using Models	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Develop a model to represent patterns in the natural world.	Level 2 M1 L1–3, 14–16, 19, 29–31 Level 2 M2 L1–2, 14–17, 20–24 Level 2 M3 L1–6, 8–12, 19–20, 23–29 Level 2 M4 L1–3, 7–8
Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool.	Level 2 M3 L14–18
3. Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question.	Level 2 M2 L8–12 Level 2 M3 L3–7 Level 2 M4 L17–19
Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons.	Level 2 M1 L1–3, 29–31 Level 2 M2 L1–6, 14–19 Level 2 M3 L3–6, 8–11, 13, 21–22, 25–29 Level 2 M4 L16–19
4. Analyzing and Interpreting Data	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended.	Level 2 M1 L20–22, 24–28 Level 2 M3 L14–18

6. Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena.	Level 2 M1 L8–9, 12–13, 17–19, 23, 29–31 Level 2 M2 L3–4, 7, 13, 22–24 Level 2 M4 L23–25
Compare multiple solutions to a problem.	Level 2 M2 L8–12, 14–17

7. Engaging in Argument from Evidence	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Construct an argument with evidence to support a claim.	Level 2 M2 L3–4, 10–13, 21–24 Level 2 M4 L16

8. Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Obtain information using various texts, text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons), and other media that will be useful in answering a scientific question.	Level 2 M2 L5–6, 18–19 Level 2 M4 L4–9, 11–16, 23–25

Disciplinary Core Ideas

PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Different kinds of matter exist and many of them can be either solid or liquid, depending on temperature. Matter can be described and classified by its observable properties.	Level 2 M1 L1–16, 19, 23, 29–31 Level 2 M2 L3–4, 14–17
Different properties are suited to different purposes.	Level 2 M1 L20–31
A great variety of objects can be built up from a small set of pieces.	Level 2 M1 L10–11, 24–31

PS1.B: Chemical Reactions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Heating or cooling a substance may cause changes that can be observed. Sometimes these changes are reversible, and sometimes they are not.	Level 2 M1 L14–19, 29–31

Life Science (LS)

LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Plants depend on water and light to grow.	Level 2 M3 L1–7, 25–29
Plants depend on animals for pollination or to move their seeds around.	Level 2 M3 L8–29

LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
There are many different kinds of living things in any area, and they exist in different places on land and in water.	Level 2 M4 L1–3, 7–25

Earth and Space Science (ESS)

ESS1.C: The History of Planet Earth	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Some events happen very quickly; others occur very slowly over a time period much longer than one can observe.	Level 2 M2 L18–24

ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Wind and water can change the shape of the land.	Level 2 M2 L1–17, 20, 22–24

ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Maps show where things are located. One can map the shapes and kinds of land and water in any area.	Level 2 M2 L1–2, 5–6 Level 2 M4 L1–6, 11–16, 20–21, 23–25

ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth’s Surface Processes	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Water is found in the ocean[s], rivers, lakes, and ponds. Water exists as solid ice and in liquid form.	Level 2 M4 L1–6, 16, 22–25

Engineering and Technology (ET)

ET1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering.	Level 2 M1 L24–28 Level 2 M2 L8–12
Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems.	Level 2 M1 L24–28
Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem.	Level 2 M1 L24–28
ET1.B: Developing Possible Solutions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem’s solutions to other people.	Level 2 M3 L14–18
ET1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs.	Level 2 M2 L8–12, 14–17

Crosscutting Concepts

1. Patterns	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Patterns in the natural and human designed world can be observed.	Level 2 M1 L4–9 Level 2 M2 L1–2, 5–6 Level 2 M4 L1–8, 11–15, 20–21, 23–25
2. Cause and Effect	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Events have causes that generate observable patterns.	Level 2 M1 L14–19, 29–31 Level 2 M2 L20–21 Level 2 M3 L8–11
Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes.	Level 2 M1 L14–18 Level 2 M2 L8–12 Level 2 M3 L3–7
5. Energy and Matter	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Objects may break into smaller pieces and be put together into larger pieces or change shapes.	Level 2 M1 L10–11, 29–31 Level 2 M2 L3–4, 8–13, 22–24
6. Structure and Function	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s).	Level 2 M1 L24–28 Level 2 M2 L14–17 Level 2 M3 L8–11, 14–22
7. Stability and Change	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Things may change slowly or rapidly.	Level 2 M2 L18–24

PhD Science® Correlation to the North Dakota Science Content Standards: Level 3

The *PhD Science* Level 3 curriculum aligns fully with the Third Grade North Dakota Science Content Standards. A detailed analysis of alignment appears below.

Key: Module (M), Lesson (L)

Third Grade Performance Standards

Physical Science (PS)

Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
3-PS2-1	Plan and conduct an investigation to prove the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object.	Level 3 M4 L10–18, 28–30
3-PS2-2	Make observations and metric measurements of an object's motion to prove that a pattern can be used to predict future motion.	Level 3 M4 L1–9, 28–30
3-PS2-3	Ask questions to determine cause and effect relationships of static electricity or magnetic interactions between two objects not in contact with each other.	Level 3 M4 L19–21, 28–30
3-PS2-4	Define a simple design problem that can be solved by applying scientific ideas about magnets.	Level 3 M4 L22–30

Life Science (LS)

From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
3-LS1-1	Develop models to describe that organisms have unique and diverse life cycles but all experience birth, growth, reproduction, and death.	Level 3 M3 L7–8, 23–28

Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
3-LS2-1	Construct an argument that some animals form groups that help members survive.	Level 3 M2 L13–15, 26–28

Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
3-LS3-1	Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence that plants and animals have traits inherited from parents and that variation of these traits exists in a group of similar organisms.	Level 3 M3 L1–6, 14–18, 26–28
3-LS3-2	Use evidence to support the explanation that the environment can influence the expression of traits.	Level 3 M3 L9–13, 19–20, 26–28

Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
3-LS4-1	Analyze and interpret data from fossils to provide evidence of the organisms and the environments in which they lived long ago.	Level 3 M2 L1–8, 26–28
3-LS4-2	Use evidence to construct an explanation for how the variations in characteristics among individuals of the same species may provide advantages in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing.	Level 3 M3 L21–28
3-LS4-3	Construct an argument with evidence that in a particular habitat some organisms can survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all.	Level 3 M2 L1–2, 9–12, 16–19, 22–28
3-LS4-4	Make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem caused when the environment changes and the types of plants and animals that live there may change.	Level 3 M2 L16–28

Earth and Space Science (ESS)

Earth's Systems		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
3-ESS2-1	Represent data in tables and graphical displays to describe and predict typical weather conditions expected during a particular season.	Level 3 M1 L1–15, 19–20, 27–29
3-ESS2-2	Obtain and combine information to describe climates in different regions of the world.	Level 3 M1 L11–15, 27–29

Earth and Human Activity		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
3-ESS3-1	Evaluate the feasibility of a design solution that reduces the impacts of a weather-related hazard.	Level 3 M1 L1–3, 16–29

Engineering and Technology (ET)

Engineering and Technology		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
3–5-ET1-1	Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.	Level 3 M1 L21–26
3–5-ET1-2	Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	Level 3 M2 L22–25
3–5-ET1-3	Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.	Level 3 M4 L23–27

Science and Engineering Practices

1. Asking Questions and Defining Problems	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Ask questions that can be investigated based on patterns such as cause and effect relationships.	Level 3 M1 L1–3 Level 3 M2 L1–2 Level 3 M3 L1–3 Level 3 M4 L1–3, 7–9, 28–30
Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. Define a simple design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process, or system and includes several criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.	Level 3 M1 L21–26, 28–29 Level 3 M4 L23–27
2. Developing and Using Models	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Develop models to describe phenomena.	Level 3 M1 L1–3, 19–20 Level 3 M2 L9–12, 27–28 Level 3 M3 L7–11, 21–25, 27–28 Level 3 M4 L1–3, 17–18, 28–30
3. Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered.	Level 3 M4 L7–9, 15–16, 23–27, 29–30
Make observations and/or measurements to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence for an explanation of a phenomenon or test a design solution.	Level 3 M2 L4–5 Level 3 M4 L7–18, 29–30

4. Analyzing and Interpreting Data	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Represent data in tables and various graphical displays (bar graphs and pictographs) to reveal patterns that indicate relationships.	Level 3 M1 L4–12 Level 3 M3 L7–8, 27–28 Level 3 M4 L4–9
Analyze and interpret data to make sense of phenomena, using logical reasoning.	Level 3 M1 L11–15, 19–20, 27–29 Level 3 M2 L3–8, 16–19, 27–28 Level 3 M3 L4–6, 14–18, 27–28
6. Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Use evidence (e.g., observations, patterns) to construct or support an explanation.	Level 3 M1 L13–15, 18 Level 3 M2 L6–8, 26–28 Level 3 M3 L9–11, 14–15, 21–28 Level 3 M4 L10–14, 19–21, 28–30
Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design problem.	Level 3 M1 L21–29 Level 3 M2 L22–25
7. Engaging in Argument from Evidence	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Construct an argument with evidence, data, and/or a model.	Level 3 M2 L9–15, 27–28 Level 3 M3 L16–18
Make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem by citing relevant evidence about how it meets the criteria and constraints of the problem.	Level 3 M1 L21–26, 28–29 Level 3 M2 L20–21
8. Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Obtain and combine information from books and other reliable media to explain phenomena.	Level 3 M1 L11–17, 28–29

Disciplinary Core Ideas

Physical Science (PS)

PS2.A: Forces and Motion	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Each force acts on one particular object and has both strength and a direction. An object at rest typically has multiple forces acting on it, but they add to give zero net force on the object. Forces that do not sum to zero can cause changes in the object's speed or direction of motion.	Level 3 M4 L10–18, 28–30
The patterns of an object's motion in various situations can be observed and measured; when that past motion exhibits a regular pattern, future motion can be predicted from it.	Level 3 M4 L1–9, 28–30

PS2.B: Types of Interactions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Objects in contact exert forces on each other.	Level 3 M4 L10–18, 28–30
Electric and magnetic forces between a pair of objects do not require that the objects be in contact. The sizes of the forces in each situation depend on the properties of the objects and their distances apart and, for forces between two magnets, on their orientation relative to each other.	Level 3 M4 L19–30

Life Science (LS)

LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Reproduction is essential to the continued existence of every kind of organism. Plants and animals have unique and diverse life cycles.	Level 3 M3 L7–8, 23–28

LS2.D: Social Interactions and Group Behavior	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Being part of a group helps animals obtain food, defend themselves, and cope with changes. Groups may serve different functions and vary dramatically in size.	Level 3 M2 L13–15, 26–28

LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Many characteristics of organisms are inherited from their parents.	Level 3 M3 L14–18, 26–28
Other characteristics result from individuals’ interactions with the environment, which can range from diet to learning. Many characteristics involve both inheritance and environment.	Level 3 M3 L9–13, 19–20, 26–28
LS3.B: Variation of Traits	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Different organisms vary in how they look and function because they have different inherited information.	Level 3 M3 L1–6, 14–18, 23–28
Environmental factors such as toxins may affect the traits that an organism develops.	Level 3 M3 L9–13, 19–20
LS4.A: Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Some kinds of plants and animals that once lived on Earth are no longer found anywhere.	Level 3 M2 L6–8, 26–28
Fossils provide evidence about the types of organisms that lived long ago and also about the nature of their environments.	Level 3 M2 L1–8, 26–28
LS4.B: Natural Selection	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Sometimes the differences in characteristics between individuals of the same species provide advantages in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing.	Level 3 M3 L21–28
LS4.C: Adaptation	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Adaptation for any environment, some kinds of organisms survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all.	Level 3 M2 L1–2, 9–12, 16–19, 22–28

Earth and Space Science (ESS)

ESS2.D: Weather and Climate	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Scientists record patterns of the weather across different times and areas so that they can make predictions about what kind of weather might happen next.	Level 3 M1 L1–15, 19–20, 27–29
Climate describes a range of an area’s typical weather conditions and the extent to which those conditions vary over years.	Level 3 M1 L11–15, 27–29
ESS3.B: Natural Hazards	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
A variety of natural hazards result from natural processes. Humans cannot eliminate natural hazards but can take steps to reduce their impacts.	Level 3 M1 L1–3, 16–29

Engineering and Technology (ET)

ET1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account.	Level 3 M1 L21–26
ET1.B: Developing Possible Solutions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions.	Level 3 M1 L22–23
At whatever stage, communicating with peers about proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs.	Level 3 M2 L22–25
Tests are often designed to identify failure points or difficulties, which suggest the elements of the design that need to be improved.	Level 3 M4 L23–27
ET1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints.	Level 3 M4 L23–27

Crosscutting Concepts

1. Patterns	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Similarities and differences in patterns can be used to sort and classify natural phenomena.	Level 3 M3 L1–8, 14–15, 27–28 Level 3 M4 L29–30
Patterns of change can be used to make predictions.	Level 3 M1 L11–15, 19–20, 27–29 Level 3 M3 L7–8 Level 3 M4 L1–9, 28–30
2. Cause and Effect	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain change.	Level 3 M1 L16–18, 21–26, 28–29 Level 3 M2 L9–12, 16–28 Level 3 M3 L9–13, 19–25, 27–28 Level 3 M4 L1–3, 10–30
3. Scale, Proportion, and Quantity	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Observable phenomena exist from very short to very long time periods.	Level 3 M2 L1–2, 27–28 Level 3 M3 L1–3

PhD Science® Correlation to the North Dakota Science Content Standards: Level 4

The *PhD Science* Level 4 curriculum aligns fully with the Fourth Grade North Dakota Science Content Standards. A detailed analysis of alignment appears below.

Key: Module (M), Lesson (L)

Fourth Grade Performance Standards

Physical Science (PS)

Energy		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
4-PS3-1	Use evidence to construct an explanation relating the speed of an object to the energy of that object.	Level 4 M2 L6–7, 24–26
4-PS3-2	Make observations to provide evidence that energy can be transferred from place to place by sound, light, heat, and electric currents.	Level 4 M2 L1–5, 10–11, 24–26
4-PS3-3	Ask questions and predict outcomes about the changes in energy that occur when objects collide.	Level 4 M2 L8–9, 24–26
4-PS3-4	Using the engineering design process, build a device that converts energy from one form to another.	Level 4 M2 L12–26

Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
4-PS4-1	Develop a model of waves to describe patterns in terms of amplitude and wavelength and that waves can cause objects to move.	Level 4 M3 L7–14, 29–31
4-PS4-3	Construct a code to convey information by researching past and present methods of transmitting information.	Level 4 M4 L18–27

Life Science (LS)

From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
4-LS1-1	Construct an argument that plants and animals have internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, behavior, and reproduction.	Level 4 M3 L1–6, 20, 26–31
4-LS1-2	Form an explanation to describe that animals receive different types of information through their senses, process the information in their brain, and respond to the information in different ways.	Level 4 M3 L1–6, 15–25, 29–31

Earth and Space Science (ESS)

Earth’s Place in the Universe		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
4-ESS1-1	Identify evidence from patterns in rock formations and fossils in rock layers to support an explanation for changes in a landscape over time.	Level 4 M1 L1–5, 19–20, 25–27
4-ESS2-1	Make observations and metric measurements to provide evidence of the effects of weathering and the rate of erosion by water, ice, wind, or vegetation.	Level 4 M1 L6–11, 25–27

Earth’s Systems		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
4-ESS2-2	Analyze and interpret data from maps to describe patterns of Earth’s features.	Level 4 M1 L18–20, 25–27

Earth and Human Activity		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
4-ESS3-1	Obtain and combine information to describe that energy and fuels are derived from natural resources and that their uses affect the environment.	Level 4 M1 L21–27
4-ESS3-2	Generate and compare multiple solutions to reduce the impacts of natural Earth processes on humans.	Level 4 M1 L12–17, 25–27

Engineering and Technology (ET)

Engineering and Technology		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
3–5-ET1-1	Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.	Level 4 M2 L17–23
3–5-ET1-2	Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	Level 4 M1 L12–17 Level 4 M4 L14–17
3–5-ET1-3	Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.	Level 4 M4 L14–17

Science and Engineering Practices

1. Asking Questions and Defining Problems		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Ask questions that can be investigated and predict reasonable outcomes based on patterns such as cause and effect relationships.		Level 4 M1 L1–2, 23 Level 4 M2 L1–3, 8–9, 11, 25–26 Level 4 M3 L1–3, 6 Level 4 M4 L1–2
Define a simple design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process, or system and includes several criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.		Level 4 M1 L12–17 Level 4 M2 L17–23 Level 4 M4 L14–17

2. Developing and Using Models		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Develop a model using an analogy, example, or abstract representation to describe a scientific principle.		Level 4 M1 L1–2, 26–27 Level 4 M2 L1–3, 8–11, 25–26 Level 4 M3 L1–3, 7–14, 30–31 Level 4 M4 L1–2
Use a model to test interactions concerning the functioning of a natural system.		Level 4 M3 L7–11 Level 4 M4 L10–13, 18–24

3. Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered.	Level 4 M1 L8–11 Level 4 M2 L6–7 Level 4 M3 L15–19 Level 4 M4 L7–8, 18–21
Make observations and/or measurements to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence for an explanation of a phenomenon or test a design solution.	Level 4 M1 L6–11, 21–22 Level 4 M2 L10–14 Level 4 M3 L15–19 Level 4 M4 L9, 26–27
4. Analyzing and Interpreting Data	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Analyze and interpret data to make sense of phenomena, using logical reasoning.	Level 4 M1 L12–20, 23–24, 26–27 Level 4 M2 L25–26 Level 4 M4 L10–13
6. Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Use evidence (e.g., observations or patterns) to construct an explanation.	Level 4 M1 L3–5, 25–27 Level 4 M2 L4–5, 15–16, 24–26 Level 4 M3 L4–5, 24–25, 29–31 Level 4 M4 L25–27
Identify the evidence that supports particular points in an explanation.	Level 4 M1 L3–5, 10, 18, 21–22, 25–27
Apply scientific ideas to solve design problems.	Level 4 M2 L17–23 Level 4 M4 L14–17, 26–27
Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design solution or problem.	Level 4 M1 L12–17 Level 4 M4 L14–17, 22–24
7. Engaging in Argument from Evidence	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Construct an argument with evidence, data, and/or a model.	Level 4 M3 L21–23, 26–28, 30–31
8. Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Obtain and combine information from books and other reliable media to explain phenomena.	Level 4 M1 L3–5, 23–24 Level 4 M3 L4–6, 10–11, 20–23, 26–28

Disciplinary Core Ideas

Physical Science (PS)

PS3.A: Definitions of Energy	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
The faster a given object is moving, the more energy it possesses.	Level 4 M2 L6–9, 12–16, 24–26
Energy can be moved from place to place by moving objects or through sound, light, or electric currents.	Level 4 M2 L1–3, 10–11, 15–16, 24–26
PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Energy is present whenever there are moving objects, sound, light, or heat. When objects collide, energy can be transferred from one object to another, thereby changing their motion. In such collisions, some energy is typically also transferred to the surrounding air; as a result, the air gets heated and sound is produced.	Level 4 M2 L1–5, 8–9, 24–26
Light also transfers energy from place to place.	Level 4 M2 L10–11, 24–26
Energy can also be transferred from place to place by electric currents, which can be used to produce motion, sound, heat, or light..	Level 4 M2 L1–3, 10–26
PS3.C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
When objects collide, the contact forces transfer energy so as to change the objects’ motions.	Level 4 M2 L8–9, 24–26
PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
The expression “produce energy” typically refers to the conversion of stored energy into a desired form for practical use.	Level 4 M2 L12–14, 24–26

PS4.A: Wave Properties	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Waves, which are regular patterns of motion, can be made in water by disturbing the surface. When waves move across the surface of deep water, the water goes up and down in place; there is no net motion in the direction of the wave except when the water meets a beach.	Level 4 M3 L7–14, 29–31
Waves of the same type can differ in amplitude (height of the wave) and wavelength (spacing between wave peaks).	Level 4 M3 L7–14, 29–31
PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
An object can be seen when light reflected from its surface enters the eyes.	Level 4 M4 L1–17, 25–27
PS4.C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Digitized information can be transmitted over long distances without significant degradation. High-tech devices, such as computers or cell phones, can receive and decode information—convert it from digitized form to voice—and vice versa.	Level 4 M4 L18–27

Life Science (LS)

LS1.A: Structure and Function	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Plants and animals have both internal and external structures that serve various functions in growth, survival, behavior, and reproduction.	Level 4 M3 L1–6, 20, 26–31
LS1.D: Information Processing	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Different sense receptors are specialized for particular kinds of information, which may be processed by the animal’s brain. Animals are able to use their perceptions and memories to guide their actions.	Level 4 M3 L1–6, 15–25, 29–31

Earth and Space Science (ESS)

ESS1.C: The History of Planet Earth	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Local, regional, and global patterns of rock formations reveal changes over time due to earth forces, such as earthquakes. The presence and location of certain fossil types indicate the order in which rock layers were formed.	Level 4 M1 L1–5, 19–20, 25–27
ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Rainfall helps to shape the land and affects the types of living things found in a region. Water, ice, wind, living organisms, and gravity break rocks, soils, and sediments into smaller particles and move them around.	Level 4 M1 L6–11, 25–27
ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
The locations of mountain ranges, deep ocean trenches, ocean floor structures, earthquakes, and volcanoes occur in patterns. Most earthquakes and volcanoes occur in bands that are often along the boundaries between continents and oceans. Major mountain chains form inside continents or near their edges. Maps can help locate the different land and water features areas of Earth.	Level 4 M1 L18–20, 25–27
ESS2.E: Biogeology	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Living things affect the physical characteristics of their regions.	Level 4 M1 L6–11, 25–27
ESS3.A: Natural Resources	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Energy and fuels that humans use are derived from natural sources, and their use affects the environment in multiple ways. Some resources are renewable over time, and others are not.	Level 4 M1 L21–27
ESS3.B: Natural Hazards	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
A variety of hazards result from natural processes (e.g., earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions). Humans cannot eliminate the hazards but can take steps to reduce their impacts.	Level 4 M1 L12–17, 25–27

Engineering and Technology (ET)

ET1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account.	Level 4 M2 L17–23
ET1.B: Developing Possible Solutions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions.	Level 4 M1 L12–17 Level 4 M4 L14–17
At whatever stage, communicating with peers about proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs.	Level 4 M1 L12–17 Level 4 M4 L14–17
Tests are often designed to identify failure points or difficulties, which suggest the elements of the design that need to be improved.	Level 4 M1 L12–17 Level 4 M4 L14–17
ET1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints.	Level 4 M4 L14–17

Crosscutting Concepts

1. Patterns	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Similarities and differences in patterns can be used to sort, classify, and analyze simple rates of change for natural phenomena and designed products.	Level 4 M3 L7–9, 30–31 Level 4 M4 L22–27
Patterns can be used as evidence to support an explanation.	Level 4 M1 L1–5, 18–20, 26–27 Level 4 M2 L4–5, 8–11, 24–26 Level 4 M3 L1–3, 7–11, 20, 24–31 Level 4 M4 L3–4, 7–8, 14–17
2. Cause and Effect	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain change.	Level 4 M1 L6–17, 21–27 Level 4 M2 L1–7, 10–14, 24–26 Level 4 M3 L6–23, 30–31 Level 4 M4 L3–13, 18–21, 25–27
4. Systems and System Models	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
A system can be described in terms of its components and their interactions.	Level 4 M1 L1–2, 12–17 Level 4 M2 L1–11, 24–26 Level 4 M3 L7–9, 15–19, 21–23, 26–28, 30–31 Level 4 M4 L1–6, 10–13, 18–27
5. Energy and Matter	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Energy can be transferred in various ways and between objects.	Level 4 M2 L1–3, 8–26 Level 4 M3 L10–19, 30–31

PhD Science® Correlation to the North Dakota Science Content Standards: Level 5

The *PhD Science* Level 5 curriculum aligns fully with the Fifth Grade North Dakota Science Content Standards. A detailed analysis of alignment appears below.

Key: Module (M), Lesson (L)

Fifth Grade Performance Standards

Physical Science (PS)

Matter and Its Interactions		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
5-PS1-1	Develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen.	Level 5 M1 L5–10, 23–26
5-PS1-2	Measure and graph metric quantities to provide evidence that regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances, the total mass of matter is conserved.	Level 5 M1 L9–17, 23–26
5-PS1-3	Make observations and measurements to identify materials based on their properties.	Level 5 M1 L1–4, 11–17, 23–26
5-PS1-4	Conduct an investigation to determine whether the mixing of two or more substances results in new substances.	Level 5 M1 L1–2, 13–26
5-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
5-PS2-1	Support an argument that the gravitational force exerted by Earth on objects is directed down.	Level 5 M4 L3–4, 24–26
PS3 Energy		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
5-PS3-1	Use models to describe how energy from the sun is converted into food (used for body repair, growth, motion, and to maintain body warmth).	Level 5 M2 L15–19, 24–26

Life Science (LS)

From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
5-LS1-1	Support an argument that plants get the materials they need for growth chiefly from air and water.	Level 5 M2 L3–5, 24–26
Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
5-LS2-1	Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment.	Level 5 M2 L1–2, 6–14, 20, 24–26

Earth and Space Science (ESS)

Earth’s Place in the Universe		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
5-ESS1-1	Support an argument that the apparent brightness of the sun and stars is due to their relative distances from the Earth.	Level 5 M4 L18–19, 24–26
5-ESS1-2	Construct a graph to reveal patterns of daily changes in length (metric) and direction of shadows, length of day and night, and the seasonal appearance of some stars in the night sky.	Level 5 M4 L1–2, 5–17, 20–26
Earth’s Systems		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
5-ESS2-1	Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact.	Level 5 M3 L1–3, 6–13, 19–27
5-ESS2-2	Describe and graph the amounts and percentages of [salt] water and fresh water in various reservoirs to provide evidence about the distribution of water on Earth.	Level 5 M3 L4–5, 19–27
Earth and Human Activity		Aligned PhD Science Lessons
5-ESS3-1	Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth’s resources and environment.	Level 5 M3 L14–18, 24–27

Engineering and Technology (ET)

Engineering and Technology		Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
3-5-ET1-1	Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.	Level 5 M2 L21-23
3-5-ET1-2	Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	Level 5 M3 L19-23
3-5-ET1-3	Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.	Level 5 M1 L18-22

Science and Engineering Practices

1. Asking Questions and Defining Problems	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Define a simple design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process, or system and includes several criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.	Level 5 M2 L21-23

2. Developing and Using Models	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Develop a model using an example to describe a scientific principle.	Level 5 M1 L7-8 Level 5 M2 L20, 25-26 Level 5 M3 L6-8, 10-11, 24-27 Level 5 M4 L3-4, 24-26
Develop and use models to describe phenomena.	Level 5 M1 L1-2, 9-10, 13-14, 23-26 Level 5 M2 L1-2, 6-7, 14 Level 5 M3 L1-3, 9, 12-16, 25-27 Level 5 M4 L13, 20-26

3. Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered.	Level 5 M1 L18–22 Level 5 M2 L3–5 Level 5 M4 L25–26
Make observations and metric measurements to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence for an explanation of a phenomenon.	Level 5 M1 L13–14, 24–26 Level 5 M3 L10–11 Level 5 M4 L18–19
4. Analyzing and Interpreting Data	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Represent data in graphical displays (bar graphs, pictographs and/or pie charts) to reveal patterns that indicate relationships.	Level 5 M2 L3–5, 10–11 Level 5 M3 L4–5, 14–16 Level 5 M4 L14–15
5. Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Describe, measure (metric), and graph quantities such as area, volume, and mass to address scientific quantities [and] scientific and engineering questions and problems.	Level 5 M1 L3–4, 15–17 Level 5 M3 L10–11, 24–27
6. Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design problem.	Level 5 M1 L18–22 Level 5 M2 L21–23 Level 5 M3 L19–23 Level 5 M4 L3–4
7. Engaging in Argument from Evidence	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Support an argument with evidence, data, or a model.	Level 5 M1 L3–4, 24–26 Level 5 M2 L3–5, 8–11, 25–26 Level 5 M3 L25–27 Level 5 M4 L13–17, 20–21, 24–26
8. Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Obtain and combine information from books and/or other reliable media to explain phenomena or solutions to a design problem.	Level 5 M3 L9, 14–16, 19–27

Disciplinary Core Ideas

Physical Science (PS)

PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Matter of any type can be subdivided into particles that are too small to see, but even then the matter still exists and can be detected by other means. A model showing that gases are made from matter particles that are too small to see and are moving freely around in space can explain many observations, including the inflation and shape of a balloon and the effects of air on larger particles or objects.	Level 5 M1 L5–10, 23–26
The mass of matter is conserved when it changes form, even in transitions in which it seems to vanish.	Level 5 M1 L9–17, 23–26
Measurements of a variety of properties can be used to identify materials.	Level 5 M1 L1–4, 11–17, 23–26
PS1.B: Chemical Reactions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
When two or more different substances are mixed, a new substance with different properties may be formed.	Level 5 M1 L1–2, 15–26
No matter what reaction or change in properties occurs, the total mass of the substances does not change.	Level 5 M1 L9–17, 23–26
PS2.B: Types of Interactions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
The gravitational force of Earth acting on an object near Earth’s surface pulls that object toward the planet’s center.	Level 5 M4 L3–4, 24–26
PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
The energy released from food was once energy from the sun that was captured by plants in the chemical process that forms plant matter (from air and water).	Level 5 M2 L6–7, 15–19, 24–26

Life Science (LS)

<p>LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms</p>	<p>Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons</p>
<p>Food provides animals with the materials they need for body repair and growth and the energy they need to maintain body warmth and for motion.</p>	<p>Level 5 M2 L8–9, 15–19, 24–26</p>
<p>Plants acquire their material for growth from carbon dioxide, the sun, and water through the process of photosynthesis.</p>	<p>Level 5 M2 L3–5, 24–26</p>
<p>LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems</p>	<p>Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons</p>
<p>The food of almost any kind of animal can be traced back to plants. Organisms are related in food webs in which some animals eat plants for food and other animals eat the animals that eat plants. Some organisms, such as fungi and bacteria, break down dead organisms (both plants or plant parts and animals) and therefore operate as “decomposers.” Decomposition eventually restores (recycles) some materials back to the soil. Organisms can survive only in environments in which their particular needs are met. A healthy ecosystem is a balanced ecosystem. Newly introduced species can damage the balance of an ecosystem.</p>	<p>Level 5 M2 L1–2, 8–14, 20, 24–26</p>
<p>LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems</p>	<p>Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons</p>
<p>Matter cycles between the air and soil and among plants, animals, and microbes as these organisms live and die..</p>	<p>Level 5 M2 L6–7, 10–14, 24–26</p>

Earth and Space Science (ESS)

ESS1.A: The Universe and Its Stars	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
The sun is a star that appears larger and brighter than other stars because it is closer. Stars range greatly in their distance from Earth.	Level 5 M4 L18–19, 24–26
ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
The orbits of Earth around the sun and of the moon around Earth, together with the rotation of Earth about an axis between its North and South poles, cause observable patterns. These include day and night; daily changes in the length and direction of shadows; and different positions of the sun, moon, and stars at different times of the day, month, and year.	Level 5 M4 L1–2, 5–17, 20–26
ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Earth’s major systems are the geosphere (solid and molten rock, soil, and sediments), the hydrosphere (water and ice), the atmosphere (air), and the biosphere (living things, including humans). These systems interact in multiple ways to affect Earth’s surface materials and processes. The ocean supports a variety of ecosystems and organisms, shapes landforms, and influences climate. Winds and clouds in the atmosphere interact with the landforms to determine patterns of weather.	Level 5 M3 L1–13, 24–27
ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth’s Surface Processes	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Nearly all of Earth’s available water is in the ocean. Most fresh water is in glaciers or underground; only a tiny fraction is in streams, lakes, wetlands, and the atmosphere.	Level 5 M3 L4–5, 24–27
ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Human activities in agriculture, industry, and everyday life have had major effects on the land, vegetation, streams, ocean, air, and even outer space. But individuals and communities are doing things to help protect Earth’s resources and environments.	Level 5 M3 L14–27

Engineering and Technology (ET)

ET1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account.	Level 5 M2 L21–23
ET1.B: Developing Possible Solutions	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions.	Level 5 M3 L19–23
At whatever stage, communicating with peers about proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs.	Level 5 M2 L21–23 Level 5 M3 L19–23
Tests are often designed to identify failure points or difficulties, which suggest the elements of the design that need to be improved.	Level 5 M1 L18–22
ET1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution	Aligned <i>PhD Science</i> Lessons
Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints.	Level 5 M1 L18–22

Crosscutting Concepts

1. Patterns	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Similarities and differences in patterns can be used to sort, classify, communicate, and analyze simple rates of change for natural phenomena.	Level 5 M4 L5–6, 13–17, 22–23
2. Cause and Effect	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain change.	Level 5 M1 L1–2, 5–6, 9–10, 18–22, 24–26 Level 5 M2 L3–7, 12–13, 18–19, 21–23, 25–26 Level 5 M3 L6–8, 12–13, 17–18, 25–27 Level 5 M4 L5–6, 24–26
3. Scale, Proportion, and Quantity	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Natural objects exist from the very small to the immensely large.	Level 5 M1 L23–26 Level 5 M2 L10–11 Level 5 M3 L4–5, 24–27 Level 5 M4 L18–19, 24–26
Metric system is used to measure and describe physical quantities such as length, mass, weight, temperature, and volume.	Level 5 M1 L3–4, 13–17, 23–26 Level 5 M3 L1–3, 10–11, 25–27
4. Systems and System Models	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
A system can be described in terms of its components and their interactions.	Level 5 M1 L3–4, 15–17 Level 5 M2 L1–2, 6–11, 24–26 Level 5 M3 L1–9, 12–13, 19–27 Level 5 M4 L1–2, 7–26
5. Energy and Matter	Aligned PhD Science Lessons
Matter is transported into, out of, and within systems.	Level 5 M2 L10–11, 25–26
Energy can be transferred in various ways and between objects.	Level 5 M1 L13–14 Level 5 M2 L15–19, 24–26 Level 5 M3 L10–11