

Essential Elements: High School

Physical

- I** Make a claim supported by evidence to explain patterns of chemical properties that occur in a substance during a common chemical reaction (e.g., baking soda and vinegar). [EE.HS-PS1-2](#)

- II** Evaluate the effectiveness of safety devices and design a solution that could minimize the force of a collision. [EE.HS-PS2-3](#)

- III** Investigate and predict the temperatures of two liquids before and after combining to show uniform energy distribution. [EE.HS-PS3-4](#)

- IV** Make a claim supported by evidence that shows how some devices use light and sound waves to transmit and capture information. [EE.HS-PS4-5](#)

Life

- I** Use a model to illustrate the organization and interaction of major organs into systems (e.g., circulatory, respiratory, digestive, sensory) in the body to provide specific functions. [EE.HS-LS1-2](#)

- II** Use a model to illustrate how growth occurs when cells multiply. [EE.HS-LS1-4](#)

- III** Use a graphical representation to explain the dependence of an animal population on other organisms for food and their environment for shelter. [EE.HS-LS2-2](#)

- IV** Defend why reproduction may or may not result in offspring with different traits. [EE.HS-LS3-2](#)

- V** Explain how the traits of particular species that allow them to survive in their specific environments. [EE.HS-LS4-2](#)

Earth and Space

- I** Use a model of Earth and the Sun to show how Earth's tilt and orbit around the Sun cause changes in seasons. [EE.HS-ESS1-4](#)

- II** Use a model to show how constructive forces (e.g., volcanoes) and destructive mechanisms (e.g., weathering, coastal erosions) change Earth's surface [EE.HS-ESS2-1](#)

- III** Using a model, recognize how the effects of changes in climate can impact human lives. [EE.HS-ESS2-4](#)

IV Construct an explanation based on evidence for how natural hazards have influenced human activity. EE.HS-ESS3-1

V Construct an argument for a strategy to conserve, recycle, or reuse resources. EE.HS-ESS3-2

VI Analyze data to determine the effects of a conservation strategy on the level of a natural resource. EE.HS-ESS3-3

Biology

I Explain how different organs of the body carry out essential functions of life EE.HS-LS1-1

II Collect data from an investigation to show how different organisms react to changes (e.g., heart rate increases with exercise, pupils react to light). EE.HS-LS1-3

III Use a graphical representation to explain changes over time in the population size of an animal species (e.g., currently on the endangered list). EE.HS-LS2-1

IV Interpret data sets to identify an advantageous heritable trait. EE.HS-LS4-3.

V Evaluate a strategy to protect a species. EE.HS-LS4-6