

Grade 3

Unit 1: Engineering and Technology

New Jersey Student Learning Standards

Established: 2024-2025




[NJSL Climate Change Companion Guide](#)

| Trimester | | Unit Title | Recommended Instructional Days |
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| 3 | | Unit 1: Engineering and Technology | 18 Days |
| NJSL - Science: Title | NJSL - Science: Performance Expectations | Recommended Activities, Investigations, Interdisciplinary Connections, and/or Student Experiences to Explore NJSL-S within Unit | |
| Engineering and Technology | 3-5-ETS1-1 3-5-ETS1-2 3-5-ETS1-3 | | |
| FOUNDATION Disciplinary: Core Idea | FOUNDATION Disciplinary: Statement | <p>Essential Question/s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we define a problem? • How can we design a solution? • How do we test and improve a solution? <p>Activity Description:</p> <p>Anchoring Phenomenon: When presented with a real world problem, engineers relate to the challenge and become invested in finding a solution</p> <p>Engage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can You Explain It? - FUNomenal Reader <p>Explore/Explain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate phenomena through hands-on activities & explorations | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETS1.A - Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems • ETS1.B - Developing Possible Solutions • ETS1. C - Optimizing the Design Solution | Before beginning to design a problem, research should be carried out to discover criteria and constraints. | | |
| FOUNDATION Science and Engineering Practices: Core Idea | FOUNDATION Science and Engineering Practices: Statement | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking Questions and Defining Problems • Planning and Carrying Out Investigations • Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define a simple design problem, plan and conduct an investigation, and generate and compare multiple solutions. | | |

| <p>FOUNDATION Crosscutting Concepts: <i>Core Idea</i></p> | <p>FOUNDATION Crosscutting Concepts: <i>Statement</i></p> | <p>Suggested Activities</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineers improve existing technologies as people’s needs and wants change over time. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Plant Problems” - explore and investigate how engineers solve complicated problems by following a process. “Looking It Over” - explore and investigate how engineers improve their solutions to problems by sharing ideas and testing prototypes. “Exploring Engineering Problems” - Use district-approved resources to explore how engineers clearly define problems before they work on solving problems. “Making and Testing Solutions” - Use district-approved resources to explore how engineers make and test solutions to understand where they might fail and learn from those failures. “Improving Over Time” - Use district-approved resources to explore how engineers continue improving upon good solutions. |
| <p>Social and Emotional Learning: <i>Competencies</i></p> | <p>Social and Emotional Learning: <i>Sub-Competencies</i></p> | <p>Elaborate: Take it Further</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use district-approved online resources to research and elaborate on the anchoring phenomenon People in Science & Engineering: Al Qoyawayma Model Work - explore 3D printing Careers in Science & Engineering: Irrigation Designer - explore the work of an engineering designer, who designs ways of bringing water to plants. <p>Amistad Law/Diversity & Inclusion</p> <p>Conduct a research study on Al Qoyawayma, a Native American engineer who developed systems for flying vehicles.</p> <p>Interdisciplinary Connections - Mathematics:</p> <p>3DL.A - Understand data-based questions and data collection</p> <p>3DL.B - Represent and interpret data</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Awareness Self-Management Social Awareness Responsible Decision-Making Relationship Skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the importance of self-confidence in handling daily tasks and challenges Recognize the skills needed to establish and achieve personal and educational goals Demonstrate an understanding of the need for mutual respect when viewpoints differ Develop, implement, and model effective problem-solving and critical thinking skills Utilize positive communication and social skills to interact effectively with others | |

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| | | <p>Interdisciplinary Connections - English Language Arts:</p> <p>RI.CR.3.1 - Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text</p> <p>RI.IT.3.3- Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.</p> <p>RI.CI.3.2. Recount in oral and written form key details from a text and explain how they support the main idea (in multi-paragraph informational text).</p> <p>RI.MF.3.6. Use information gained from text features (e.g., illustrations, maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).</p> <p>RI.AA.3.7. Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence) to support specific points the author makes in a text.</p> <p>RI.CT.3.8. Compare and contrast the elements of informational texts regarding the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.</p> <p>W.WR.3.5. Generate questions about a topic and independently locate related information from at least two reference sources (print and non-print) to obtain information on that topic.</p> <p>W.SE.3.6 - Use discussion, books, or media resources to gather ideas, outline them, and prioritize the information to include while planning to write about a topic.</p> <p>SL.PI.3.4. Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an</p> |
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| | | understandable pace.  | |
| Assessments (Formative) <i>To show evidence of meeting the standard/s, students will successfully engage within:</i> | | Assessments (Summative) <i>To show evidence of meeting the standard/s, students will successfully complete:</i> | |
| <u>Formative Assessments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Making Sense of Phenomena ● Lesson Check ● Lesson Quiz ● Evidence notebooks | | <u>Benchmarks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District Assessments 1, 2, 3 <u>Summative Assessments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unit Assessment <u>Alternative Assessment:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Performance-Based Assessment ● Unit Project ● Unit Performance Task | |
| Differentiated Student Access to Content: Teaching and Learning Resources/Materials | | | |
| Core Resources | Alternate Core Resources <i>IEP/504/At-Risk/ESL</i> | ML Core Resources | Gifted & Talented Core Resources |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evidence Notebook ● Equipment Kit ● FUNomenal Readers ● Idea Organizer ● Language Development Worksheet ● Online Simulations ● Into Science TE | In addition to Core Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FUNomenal Readers ● Multilingual Glossary | In addition to Core Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FUNomenal Readers ● Multilingual Glossary ● Multilingual Home Letters | In addition to Core Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FUNomenal Readers |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Into Science SE • District Approved Resources | | | |
| Supplemental Resources | | | |
| <p>Technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chromebook • SMARTBoard/Promethean Board • District-Approved Resources <p>Ed Science Platform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Assessments • Digital Performance Tasks • You Solve It Simulations • Student eBook • Video-Based Projects • Science Tools • Online Glossary | | | |
| Differentiated Student Access to Content: Recommended <i>Strategies & Techniques</i> | | | |
| Core Resources | Alternate Core Resources <i>IEP/504/At-Risk/ESL</i> | ML Core Resources | Gifted & Talented Core |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver instruction utilizing varied learning styles including audio, visual, and tactile/kinesthetic • Provide individual instruction as needed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize a multi-sensory (VAKT) approach during instruction • Provide alternate presentations of skills by varying the method (repetition, simple explanations, additional examples, modeling, etc.) • Modify test content | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend time requirements • Preferred seating • Positive reinforcement • Check often for understanding/review • Oral/visual directions/prompts when necessary • Supplemental materials including use of online bilingual dictionaries, and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an enhanced set of introductory activities • Integrate active teaching/learning opportunities • Incorporate authentic components • Propose interest-based extension activities • Connect students to |

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| | <p>and/or format</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allow students to retake test for additional credit, ● Provide additional times and preferential seating as needed, ● Review, restate and repeat directions ● Provide study guides, and/or break assignments into segments of shorter tasks | <p>modified assessment and/or rubric.</p> | <p>related talent development</p> |
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| <p>NJSLS CAREER READINESS, LIFE LITERACIES & KEY SKILLS</p> | <p>Disciplinary Concept:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Career Awareness & Planning 2. Creativity and Innovation 3. Critical Thinking & Problem-Solving 4. Global & Cultural Awareness 5. Information and Media Literacy 6. Technology Literacy | |
| | <p><i>Core Ideas:</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An individual’s passions, aptitude and skills can affect his/her employment and earning potential. ● Collaboration with individuals with diverse perspectives can result in new ways of thinking and/or innovative solutions ● Curiosity and a willingness to try new ideas (intellectual risk-taking) contributes to the development of creativity and innovation skills. ● The ability to solve problems effectively begins with gathering data, seeking resources, and applying critical thinking skills. ● Individuals from different cultures may have different points of view |

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| | | <p>and experiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture and geography can shape an individual’s experiences and perspectives. • Specific situations require the use of relevant sources of information. • Different digital tools have different purposes. • Collaborating digitally as a team can often develop a better artifact than an individual working alone. |
| | <p><i>Performance Expectation/s:</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.2.5.CAP.1: Evaluate personal likes and dislikes and identify careers that might be suited to personal likes. • 9.2.5.CAP.3: Identify qualifications needed to pursue traditional and non-traditional careers and occupations. • 9.2.5.CAP.4: Explain the reasons why some jobs and careers require specific training, skills, and certification (e.g., life guards, child care, medicine, education) and examples of these requirements • 9.4.5.CI.1: Use appropriate communication technologies to collaborate with individuals with diverse perspectives about a local and/or global climate change • 9.4.5.CI.3: Participate in a brainstorming session with individuals with diverse perspectives to expand one’s thinking about a topic of curiosity (e.g., 8.2.5.ED.2, 1.5.5.CR1a). • 9.4.5.CT.4: Apply critical thinking and problem-solving strategies to different types of problems such as personal, academic, community and global (e.g., 6.1.5.CivicsCM.3). • 9.4.5.GCA.1: Analyze how culture shapes individual and community perspectives and points of view (e.g., 1.1.5.C2a, RL.5.9, 6.1.5.HistoryCC.8). • 9.4.5.IML.6: Use appropriate sources of information from diverse sources, contexts, disciplines, and cultures to answer questions (e.g., RI.5.7, 6.1.5.HistoryCC.7, 7.1.NM. IPRET.5). • 9.4.5.TL.3: Format a document using a word processing application to enhance text, change page formatting, and include appropriate images, graphics, or symbols. • 9.4.5.TL.5: Collaborate digitally to produce an artifact (e.g., 1.2.5.CR1d). |

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| | Career Readiness, Life Literacies, & Key Skills Practices |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Act as a responsible and contributing community member and employee. ● Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions. ● Demonstrate creativity and innovation. ● Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. ● Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management. ● Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals. ● Use technology to enhance productivity, increase collaboration and communicate effectively. ● Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence. |

| New Jersey Legislative Statutes and Administrative Code (place an "X" before each law/statute if/when present within the curriculum map) | | | | | | | | | |
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| X | Amistad Law: <i>N.J.S.A. 18A 52:16A-88</i> | | Holocaust Law: <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:35-28</i> | | LGBT and Disabilities Law: <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.35</i> | X | Diversity & Inclusion: <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.36a</i> | X | Standards in Action: <i>Climate Change</i> |