

# Grade 7

Adopted 2023

## Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions

**MS-PS2-1.** Apply Newton's Third Law to design a solution to a problem involving the motion of two colliding objects. [MS-PS2-1](#)

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**MS-PS2-2.** Plan an investigation to provide evidence that the change in an object's motion depends on the sum of the forces on the object and the mass of the object. [MS-PS2-2](#)

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**MS-PS2-3.** Ask questions and design a plan to determine the factors that affect the strength of electric and magnetic forces. [MS-PS2-3](#)

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**MS-PS2-4.** Construct and present arguments using evidence to support the claim that gravitational interactions are attractive and depend on the masses of interacting objects. [MS-PS2-4](#)

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**MS-PS2-5.** Conduct an investigation and evaluate the experimental design to provide evidence that fields exist between objects exerting forces on each other even though the objects are not in contact. [MS-PS2-5](#)

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## Energy

**MS-PS3-1.** Construct and interpret graphical displays of data to describe the relationships of kinetic energy to the mass of an object and to the speed of an object. [MS-PS3-1](#)

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**MS-PS3-2.** Develop a model to describe that when the arrangement of objects interacting at a distance changes, different amounts of potential energy are stored in the system. [MS-PS3-2](#)

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**MS-PS3-3.** Apply scientific principles to design, construct, and test a device that either minimizes or maximizes thermal energy transfer. [MS-PS3-3](#)

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**MS-PS3-4.** Plan an investigation to determine the relationships among the energy transferred, the type of matter, the mass, and the change in the average kinetic energy of the particles as measured by the temperature of the sample. [MS-PS3-4](#)

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**MS-PS3-5.** Construct, use, and present arguments to support the claim that when the kinetic energy of an object changes, energy is transferred to or from the object. [MS-PS3-5](#)

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**From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes**

**MS-LS1-1.** Conduct an investigation to provide evidence that living things are made of cells; either one cell or many different numbers and types of cells. **MS-LS1-1**

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**MS-LS1-2.** Develop and use a model to describe the function of a cell as a whole and ways parts of cells contribute to the function. **MS-LS1-2**

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**MS-LS1-3.** Use argument supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells. **MS-LS1-3**

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**MS-LS1-7.** Develop a model to describe how food is rearranged through chemical reactions forming new molecules that support growth and/or release energy as this matter moves through an organism. **MS-LS1-7**

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**MS-LS1-8.** Gather and synthesize information that sensory receptors respond to stimuli by sending messages to the brain for immediate behavior or storage as memories. **MS-LS1-8**

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**Earth's Place in the Universe**

**MS-ESS1-4.** Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence from rock strata for how the geologic time scale is used to organize Earth's 4.6-billion-year-old history. **MS-ESS1-4**

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**Earth's Systems**

**MS-ESS2-1.** Develop a model to describe the cycling of Earth's materials and the flow of energy that drives this process. **MS-ESS2-1**

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**MS-ESS2-2.** Construct an explanation based on evidence for how geoscience processes have changed Earth's surface at varying time and spatial scales. **MS-ESS2-2**

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**MS-ESS2-3.** Analyze and interpret data on the distribution of fossils and rocks, continental shapes, and seafloor structures to provide evidence of the past plate motions. **MS-ESS2-3**

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**Earth and Human Activity**

**MS-ESS3-1.** Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how the uneven distributions of Earth's mineral, energy, and groundwater resources are the result of past and current geoscience processes. **MS-ESS3-1**

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**MS-ESS3-2.** Analyze and interpret data on natural hazards to forecast future catastrophic events and inform the development of technologies to mitigate their effects. **MS-ESS3-2**

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**Engineering Design**

**MS-ETS1-1.** Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions. **MS-ETS1-1**

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**MS-ETS1-2.** Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem. MS-ETS1-2

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**MS-ETS1-3.** Analyze data from tests to determine similarities and differences among several design solutions to identify the best characteristics of each that can be combined into a new solution to better meet the criteria for success. MS-ETS1-3

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**MS-ETS1-4.** Develop a model to generate data for iterative testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved. MS-ETS1-4