

STAAR Alternate 2 Spring 2024

Grade 8 Science Essence Statements

STAAR Reporting Category 1	STAAR Reporting Category 2	STAAR Reporting Category 3	STAAR Reporting Category 4
<p>Matter and Energy: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the properties of matter and energy and their interactions.</p>	<p>Force, Motion, and Energy: The student will demonstrate an understanding of force, motion, and energy and their relationships.</p>	<p>Earth and Space: The student will demonstrate an understanding of components, cycles, patterns, and natural events of Earth and space systems.</p>	<p>Organisms and Environments: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the structures and functions of living organisms and their interdependence on each other and on their environment.</p>
<p>Knowledge and Skills Statement (8.5) Matter and energy. The student knows that matter is composed of atoms and has chemical and physical properties. (Readiness Standard)</p> <p>(7.5) Matter and energy. The student knows that interactions occur between matter and energy. (Supporting Standard)</p> <p>Essence Statement Recognizes that matter is composed of atoms, has distinct properties, and interacts with energy.</p> <p>Knowledge and Skills Statement (7.6) Matter and energy. The student knows that matter has physical and chemical properties and can undergo physical and chemical changes. (Supporting Standard)</p> <p>(6.6) Matter and energy. The student knows matter has physical properties that can be used for classification. (Supporting Standard)</p> <p>Essence Statement Recognizes the physical and chemical properties and changes of matter and how physical properties are used for classification.</p>	<p>Knowledge and Skills Statement (6.8) Force, motion, and energy. The student knows force and motion are related to potential and kinetic energy. (Supporting Standard)</p> <p>Essence Statement Recognizes that force and motion are related to potential and kinetic energy.</p> <p>Knowledge and Skills Statement (6.9) Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that the Law of Conservation of Energy states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed, it just changes form. (Supporting Standard)</p> <p>Essence Statement Knows that energy can neither be created nor destroyed but changes form.</p>	<p>Knowledge and Skills Statement (8.7) Earth and space. The student knows the effects resulting from cyclical movements of the Sun, Earth, and Moon. (Readiness and Supporting Standard)</p> <p>Essence Statement Knows that the phases of the moon, the seasons on Earth, and the day and night cycle are the result of cyclical interactions among Earth, the Moon, and the Sun.</p> <p>Knowledge and Skills Statement (8.10) Earth and space. The student knows that climatic interactions exist among Earth, ocean, and weather systems. (Supporting Standard)</p> <p>Essence Statement Knows that interactions exist among Earth, ocean, and weather systems.</p> <p>Knowledge and Skills Statement (7.8) Earth and space. The student knows that natural events and human activity can impact Earth systems. (Supporting Standard)</p> <p>Essence Statement Recognizes the relationship between groundwater and surface water in watersheds.</p>	<p>Knowledge and Skills Statement (8.11) Organisms and environments. The student knows that interdependence occurs among living systems and the environment and that human activities can affect these systems. (Readiness and Supporting Standard)</p> <p>(7.11) Organisms and environments. The student knows that populations and species demonstrate variation and inherit many of their unique traits through gradual processes over many generations. (Supporting Standard)</p> <p>Essence Statement Recognizes the interdependence of organisms with each other and with their environment.</p> <p>Knowledge and Skills Statement (7.10) Organisms and environments. The student knows that there is a relationship between organisms and the environment. (Supporting Standard)</p> <p>Essence Statement Knows the importance of biodiversity to the health of an ecosystem.</p>

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