

K–5 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Elevate Science To THE NEXT LEVEL

The Next Level of Inquiry and Wonder

Motivate every student to reach higher and go further. *Elevate Science* is a complete K–5 science program, including a blended print and digital curriculum, that elevates thinking, learning, and teaching.

TAKE SCIENCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

- Real-world, relevant, and interesting topics introduce the core ideas.
- Student-centered investigations utilize the science/ engineering practices.
- Problem-based learning promotes application and student understanding.





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Promote Investigation, Critical Thinking, and Analysis

- Phenomena-based Quests
- STEM and engineering activities
- Interdisciplinary connections



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Foster Three-dimensional Learning

- Encourages innovation, collaboration, and creativity
- Promotes understanding, application, and synthesis
- Fosters the use of claims, evidence, and reasoning

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⁷ Transform Learning and Manage Changing Classrooms

- Scaffolded questions guide discussions and promote thinking
- ELD and Differentiated Instruction strategies
- Supports the 5E Learning Model

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Promote Investigation, Critical Thinking, and Analysis

Exploration is the heart of science. The Quest problem-based activity anchors each topic. Students "figure out" the problem's solution as they navigate the topic's lessons. It's real science with engaging phenomena. Students apply their knowledge and skills to master the new science standards.

Phenomena-Based Learning



▲ QUEST FOR IDEAS, ANSWERS, AND EVIDENCE

"Find the right mix—and step on it!" In this Quest, students engineer a stepping stone. Each topic centers on a real-world, problem-based activity to make learning fun.

Quest Connection

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Do you think that color and texture are important properties of a stepping stone? Explain your answer.

QUEST CONNECTIONS

Learning is structured and intentional. Students explore the Quest phenomenon throughout the lessons.

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QUEST CHECK-INS

What materials are needed to solve the Quest? Check-Ins ask students to reflect on the problem as they design their solutions.

It's a Matter of Materials

Some types of matter may be useful for making a stepping stone. Other types of matter will not work as well. Answer the questions below to help decide some of the properties that materials for your stepping stone will need.



 The criteria for your stepping stone project describe the things that the stone must be able to do. List some of the criteria that will help you figure out what kind of design would work.

Quest Check-In

Quest Findings

STEM Find the Right Mixand Step on It!

How can we mix ingredients to make a model stepping stone?

Identify Factors and Retest

When you made the dough, you provided criteria. With a group, discuss if your model stepping stone met the criteria you set.

Discuss how you would change your model to improve it. Write a procedure for testing your improved model. Retest your model.

Construct Explanations

Did the change to your model improve it? How do you know?

Do you think the same change to the concrete stepping stone would result in a better product? Why or why not?

QUEST FINDINGS

At the close of each topic, students synthesize information and construct explanations as they complete their Quest.



Procedure to Retest

Oganize data to support your Quest Findings.

The Next Level of **STEM** Education

Elevate Science connects Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in every topic, at every grade. STEM activities fuel innovation, problem solving, collaboration, and reasoning—skills for future careers.

QUESC Kickoff STEM Find the Right Mixand Step on It!

How can we mix ingredients to make a model stepping stone?

STEM QUEST KICKOFF

Students use STEM practices to solve the Quest problem in each topic.

STEM UConnect Lab

What happens to mass when objects are pixed: Materials scientists investigate how substances can mix together by

STEM _ QUEST Check-In Lab

How can you compare the properties OF Datter?

The work of materials scientists involves understanding how the properties of materials vary. How can you learn about the properties of

STEM LABS

Make STEM hands-on! STEM Labs let students experiment, model, design, and construct.

STEM Connection

When a building is constructed, engineers and builders use different materials to put it together. Modern buildings over a few stories tall are often built using steel beams and concrete. These materials are strong and durable. Even if the materials are strong, people may want to remove a building. It may not be designed for modern uses. A taller or more modern building design may use the land better. When a building is knocked down using heavy equipment, the material it is made of does not change. The concrete is still concrete even though it is broken into small pieces. The beams are still made of steel even if they are bent and crumpled. The

STEM CONNECTIONS

STEM Connections help students think critically about real-world problems.

STEM Engineering Reader Porents ond Offspring

STEM ENGINEERING READER

Share engineering experiences with young students using these leveled readers.

ENGINEERING Connection

Salt is a natural resource that people need in their diets. The salt that you use in your kitchen may come from a salt deposit. In these deposits, the salt is often a large solid mass, like rock. People use tools to break it apart into smaller pieces. Even these small chunks are too big to use on your food. Sometimes the salt is crushed small enough to pour from a saltshaker. Another way to break the salt into smaller pieces is by using a salt grinder.

Predict What would happen if you could keep grinding the salt particles.

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ENGINEERING CONNECTION

Integrate science and engineering practices throughout the curriculum.

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Focus on the NEW Standards and the Science/Engineering Practices

The new science standards emphasize the practice of scientific inquiry. *Elevate Science* helps shift the cognitive load from guided inquiry to student-initiated experiences. Explicit strategies vary the guidance based on student needs.

STEM UConnect Lab What happens to mass

when objects are 🕅 Materials scientists investigate how substances can mix together by

performing experiments and collecting data. How can you investigate the properties of a mixture of substances?

1. What will happen to the mass of the three sets of beads when you mix them together? Write a prediction.

2. Think of a procedure to test your prediction about mass. Use all of the listed materials. Share your procedure with your teacher before you begin.

3. Make a bar graph to show you data. Label each bar on the x-Label the units on the y-axis.

UENGINEER IT! LAB

Students engage in engineering practices to design, build, and apply core ideas to new situations.

UCONNECT LAB

Students engage with the phenomena and connect it to the disciplinary core ideas.

uInvestigate Lab

STEM

How can you detect matter without seeing it?

Material scientists study all kinds of matter. How can you show evidence of matter that you cannot see?

Procedure

Define

uEngineer It

Assign the Engineering Activity after students complete the Define It exercise.

What it is A highly interactive multi-page digital activity with engaging visuals

What it does Allows students to practice using criteria to evaluate competing design solutions using a fun example

How to use it

• Students will click through the screens to

UINVÉSTIGATE LAB Students investigate

he last mark on the syringe. Observe

description of what you think is in the

the core ideas to build a strong understanding of the topic's concepts.

ELEVATE SCIENCE



CLASSROOM MATERIALS KITS

Organized equipment kits provide the materials to support all of the program labs.

DENGINEER IT! MAKER CRATES

Encourage creative building and tinkering. These crates contain materials to support and extend the uEngineer It! Labs.



Living Things Interactivity: How Does Water Affect Plant

How does water affect plant growth?

Inspire inventors! Students can make programmable robots, vehicles, and machines using simple, modular electronics.

Materials are packaged to facilitate easy and efficient set-up

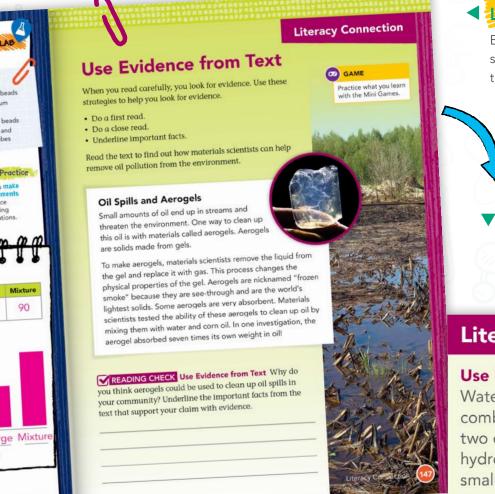
VIRTUAL LABS

Virtual science simulations engage digital learners. Plus nothing gets broken!

The Next Level of Integration

Raise the bar on ELD/Literacy and Mathematics Standards. *Elevate Science* helps students think about, read about, write about, and talk about science. By integrating **phenomena** with these crucial skills, you'll 'elevate' results in all disciplines.

ELD/Literacy Standards



LITERACY CONNECTION

Every topic targets a critical literacy skill, such as using evidence from texts to make well-defended claims.

LITERACY TOOLBOX

Reminders throughout the topic reinforce the target literacy skill and help students read closely.

Literacy > Toolbox 🌙

Use Evidence from Text

Water is formed by the combination of atoms of two different elements hydrogen and oxygen. Is the smallest particle of water an atom or a molecule? Why do you think so?

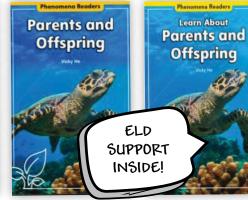
READING CHECK

Have volunteers share the text evidence they used to support what they think would happen if their community used aerogels to treat an oil spill.

READING CHECK

Formative assessment opportunities help you provide feedback to improve students' learning.





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LEVELED READERS

The Phenomena Series leveled readers teach the same concepts at different Lexile levels. Also includes a STEM/Engineering reader for every topic.

Mathematics Standards

Math - Toolbox

Use Models Models can help you represent thoughts or ideas. How can you use the blocks in the image below to explain the idea that particles rearrange when they form new substances?

STEM Math Connection

Lines of Symmetry

Something has symmetry if one side matches the other side when you draw a line to divide it in half. Almost all animal bodies show some form of symmetry.

Identify Simple shapes, such as the circle, rectangle, and triangle have symmetry. Draw lines of symmetry on the three shapes.

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Ity It is easier to find out whether something in a picture is etrical by drawing a line. Draw a line through the center of each I to show its symmetry



MATH TOOLBOX

Bring math relevance and depth to science! Integrated math practices apply concepts to real situations.

The Next Level of Assessment and Differentiation

In a differentiated classroom, all learners have a better chance of mastering the new science standards. *Elevate Science* helps teachers make strong connections between assessment and differentiated instruction.

Assessment for Three-Dimensional Learning

LESSON CHECK

Formative assessment in every lesson helps you monitor and support student progress.

🗹 Lesson 1 Check

Question 1

If students do not understand how to read the table, **then** review the properties of each substance individually. Help students identify similarities and differences among the three substances.

Question 2

This question assesses student understanding of the lesson objective: Explain that matter is made of tiny particles too small to be seen.

If students have difficulty explaining atomic theory, then remind students to think about what they learned about atoms and molecules. Remind students that matter is made of particles too small to be seen, but that scientists use special tools to observe this matter.

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EVIDENCE-BASED ASSESSMENT

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END-OF-TOPIC ASSESSMENT

Summative assessment at the end of each topic helps to refine teaching practices.

How does mass change when you make glop?

When materials scientists mix ingredients, they produce data that hows what heppens to mass. They make observations about any changes that occur when ingredients are mixed. What do you think will tappen when you mix glue, water, and borax solution? Procedure

1. Make glog using 30 mL of glue, 15 mL of colored water, and 15 mL of boroax solution. What will happen to the mass of th ingredients after they become glop? Write a hypothesis.

2. Write a procedure to test your hypothesis about mass. Use all of the listed materials. Show your procedure to your teacher

PERFORMANCE-BASED ASSESSMENT

End-of-topic performance assessments allow students to demonstrate mastery of the new science standards.

ELD Support ELD.K12.ELL.SI.1, ELD.K12.ELL.SC.1

Reading Use the "STEM Connection" paragraph to help students practice their English vocabulary.

Entering Ask students to identify words that describe who helps in building construction.

Beginning Have students identify the sentence that describes

qualities of a good building. Developing Have students identify the sentences that

describe why a building may be removed. Expanding Have students skim the text and tell a partner a sentence or two describing the broken-down pieces of building

material. Bridging Have students s

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Scaffolded Questions

Use the following questions to assess students' Depth of Knowledge levels of understanding.

Define What is the atomic theory? DOK1 (The atomic theory is the idea that everything is made of small particles.)

Compare How does the sand castle compare to the matter that makes it up? DOK2 (The castle looks like one large object, but it is actually made up of lots of smaller pieces. Even the smallest grain of sand is made up of smaller particles that cannot be seen without special tools.)

Assess How does the atomic theory apply to other matter around us? DOK3 (All matter is made up of particles that are too small to be seen.)

DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE (DOK)

Multiple DOK level questions help students focus on the "Big Ideas."

Differentiated Instruction

Support Struggling Students

Have students complete four vocabulary maps, one for each of the highlighted terms: atoms, atomic theory, compound, molecule. For each map, have students write a term in a circle and add rays out from the circle for writing definitions and examples. Then have students explain how all four words are related to each other

Support Advanced Learners

Challenge advanced students to explore how elements are arranged on the Periodic Table of Elements. Have students predict why the periodic table is arranged in the way that it is. With a partner, encourage students to discuss if they are familiar with any of the elements on the table.

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION

On-the-spot strategies help support struggling students and advanced learners.

Guiding Inquiry

your stud following procedure.

- 1. Label each beaker Sugar, Salt, and Baking Soda. Fill each beaker ½ full with y
- Add 1 spoonful of sugar into the beaker labeled Sugar Stir until the sugar dissolves. Repeat with the salt and baking soda. Use a different spoon each time. Record your ohea
- 3. Place the beakers in a sunny window. Leave the beakers uncovered to let the water evaporate
- 4. Over the course of the next few days, record your observations. Each day, note any similarities and differences that you observe

Students may also suggest using a hot plate to heat the beater and boil the water to separate the sugar, salt, and baking soda.

GUIDING INQUIRY

Find useful procedures to guide inquiry when more support is needed.

ELD and Differentiation

ELD SUPPORT

Integrate English language development for varying proficiency levels.

SCAFFOLDED QUESTIONS

Reduce student frustration and help them focus on Depth of Knowledge (DOK).

Focus on Next Gen!

Asting Questions As students consider how to design a stepping stone, challenge them to consider the importance of asking questions. Talk about why scientists and engineers should ask questions as they design things. Explain that some questions are more useful than others, but any question can lead to interesting answers and observations.

Have students make a list of questions they might need to answer before they begin the Quest, for example:

What do I want to figure out about the design of a stepping stone?

What do I know about stepping stones and their construction already?

Have students share their questions and keep them handy as they work through the Quest.

FOCUS ON MASTERY

Help students achieve mastery by focusing on the Science and Engineering Practices.

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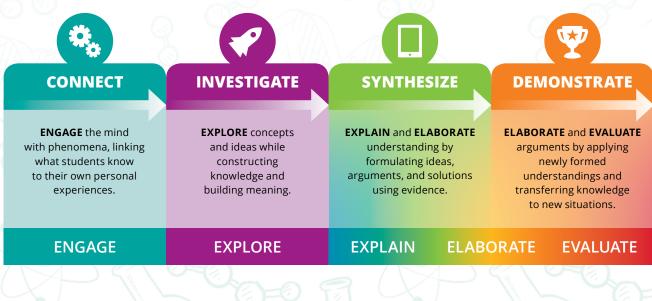
Transform Learning and Manage Changing Classrooms

Feel confident teaching science! *Elevate Science* helps teachers create a learning culture that's nimble, personalized, and student-centered. The curriculum includes all needed resources to implement new science standards identified at point of use.

Inquiry-Based Teaching

Elevate Science integrates 5E learning in a new CISD Instructional Model (Connect, Investigate, Synthesize, Demonstrate) and provides an instructional plan designed for today's blended learning environment. Students expand their current thinking as they investigate real problems, synthesize their knowledge in new situations, and demonstrate their understanding of core ideas.

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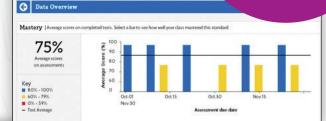
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From Bulldozers to Biomes

Do you know how to transform an old clay pit into lush biomes? You engineer it! The Eden Project in Cornwall, England shows us how.

The Challenge To renew and transform land after humans have damaged it.

A clay pit in Comwall had been mined for over a hundred years to make fine china and was shutting down. Mining provides access to resources, but can damage ecosystems by removing vegetation and topscall. Mining can threaton biodiversity by destroying or fragmenting habitats, and increasing erasion and pollution. Eden Project planners chose the doug pit to build a given greenhouse to showcase

regimening nations, and increasing erosion and position. Gen Project planes chose the day joint to build a ging greenhouse to showcase biodiversity and the relationship between plants, people and resources. The greenhouse represents two biomes: the rain forsets biomes and the Mediternanan biome. These biomes contain over a million plants and more than 5,000 different

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