Science, Technology & Engineering, and Environment Literacy & Sustainability (STEELS)

Grades 6–8

3.5.6-8.A Technology and Engineering: Applying, Maintaining, Assessing, and Evaluating Technological Products and Systems

Students who demonstrate understanding can research information from various sources to use and maintain technological products or systems.

Clarifying Statement: Written and graphical information is helpful in learning how to use a product and determining if it works properly. In addition, many manuals provide tips on how to troubleshoot a product or system.

Assessment Boundary: N/A

### Science and Engineering Practices (SEP) | Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCI) | Technology and Engineering Practices (TEP)

#### Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information

Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to evaluating the merit and validity of ideas and methods.

- Gather, read, and synthesize information from multiple appropriate sources and assess the credibility, accuracy, and possible bias of each publication and methods used, and describe how they are supported or not supported by evidence.

ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions

- Models of all kinds are important for testing solutions.

Communication

- Exhibits effective technical writing, graphic, and oral communication abilities.

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**Pennsylvania Context:** Examples of Pennsylvania context include but are not limited to Pennsylvania’s academic and research institutions.

**Pennsylvania Career Ready Skills:** Analyze various perspectives on a situation.
## Connections to Other Standards Content and Practices

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| **PA Core Standards: Reading and Writing in Science and Technical Areas** | CC.1.2.3.G: Use information gained from text features to demonstrate understanding of a text.  
CC.1.2.4.G: Interpret various presentations of information within a text or digital source and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of text in which it appears.  
CC.1.2.5.G: Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently.  
CC.1.4.3.V: Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.  
CC.1.4.4.V: Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.  
CC.1.4.5.V: Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.  
CC.1.4.3.W: Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories.  
CC.1.4.4.W: Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.  
CC.1.4.5.W: Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources. |
| **PA Core Standards and Practices: Math** | MP.1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.  
MP.2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively. |
| **Integrated Standards for Science, Environment & Ecology, and Technology & Engineering Standards Grades K–12** | N/A |