Grades 6–8

3.5.6-8.Q Technology and Engineering: Design Thinking in Technology and Engineering Education

Students who demonstrate understanding can *apply a technology and engineering design thinking process.*

Clarifying Statement: Students intentionally use a technology and engineering design thinking process to iteratively solve design challenges. Students begin to recognize the value of revisiting steps in the design thinking process to avoid fixation on one solution.

Assessment Boundary: N/A

Science and Engineering Practices (SEP)	Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCI)	Technology and Engineering Practices (TEP)
Asking Questions and Defining Problems Asking questions and defining problems in grades 6–8 builds on grades K–5 experiences and progresses to specifying relationships between variables, and clarifying arguments and models. • Define a design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process or system and includes multiple criteria and constraints, including scientific knowledge that may limit possible solutions.	**ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions** A solution needs to be tested, and then modified on the basis of the test results in order to improve it. There are systematic processes for evaluating solutions with respect to how well they meet the criteria and constraints of a problem. • Models of all kinds are important for testing solutions.	**Making and Doing** • Exhibits safe, effective ways of producing technological products, systems, and processes. **Creativity** • Exhibits innovative and original ideas in the context of design-based activities.

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

Pennsylvania Career Ready Skills: Explain how empathy and perspective taking foster relationship building.

Connections to Other Standards Content and Practices

Standard Source	Possible Connections to Other Standard(s) or Practice(s)
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.5: Use appropriate tools strategically.
Integrated Standards for Science, Environment & Ecology, and Technology & Engineering Standards Grades K–12	N/A