### Science and Engineering Practices (SEP)

**Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions**

Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.

- Design, evaluate, and/or refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and trade-off considerations.

### Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCI)

**ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems**

- Criteria and constraints also include satisfying any requirements set by society, such as taking issues of risk mitigation into account, and they should be quantified to the extent possible and stated in such a way that one can tell if a given design meets them.

### Technology and Engineering Practices (TEP)

**Creativity**

- Elaborates and articulates novel ideas and aesthetics.

**Attention to Ethics**

- Assess technological products, systems, and processes through critical analysis of their impacts and outcomes.

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**Pennsylvania Context:** Examples of Pennsylvania context include but are not limited to Pennsylvania’s inventors and inventions.

**Pennsylvania Career Ready Skills:** Situate self in any social context as a means to determine a response.

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**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. |
| **PA Core Standards: Reading and Writing in Science and Technical Areas (continued)** | 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. |
| **Integrated Standards for Science, Environment & Ecology, and Technology & Engineering Standards Grades K–12** | N/A |