



Grades 6–8

3.1.6-8.G Life Science: Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems

Students who demonstrate understanding can *develop a model to describe how food is rearranged through chemical reactions forming new molecules that support growth and/or release energy as this matter moves through an organism.*

Clarifying Statement: Emphasis is on describing that molecules are broken apart and put back together and that in this process, energy is released.

Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include details of the chemical reactions for photosynthesis or respiration.

Science and Engineering Practices (SEP)	Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCI)	Crosscutting Concepts (CCC)
Developing and Using Models Modeling in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to developing, using, and revising models to describe, test, and predict more abstract phenomena and design systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a model to describe unobservable mechanisms. 	Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within individual organisms, food moves through a series of chemical reactions in which it is broken down and rearranged to form new molecules, to support growth, or to release energy. Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cellular respiration in plants and animals involve chemical reactions with oxygen that release stored energy. In these processes, complex molecules containing carbon react with oxygen to produce carbon dioxide and other materials. 	Energy and Matter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matter is conserved because atoms are conserved in physical and chemical processes.

Pennsylvania Context: N/A

PA Career Ready Skills: Explain to others one's own strengths, needs, and preferences specific to a context.

Connections to Other Standards Content and Practices

Standard Source	Possible Connections to Other Standard(s) or Practice(s)
Agriculture (AFNR)	CS.06.01.01.a: Research and explain the foundational cycles in AFNR (e.g., water cycle, nutrient cycle, carbon cycle, etc.).
Science, Environmental Literacy and Sustainability (NAEE)	5-8 Strand 2.1.B. Earth's living systems: Learners identify basic similarities and differences among a wide variety of living organisms. They explain ways that living organisms, including humans, affect the environment in which they live, and how their environment affects them.



Standard Source	Possible Connections to Other Standard(s) or Practice(s)
PA Core Standards: ELA	CC.1.5.8.E: Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks.
PA Core Standards and Practices: Math	N/A
PA Standards: Social Studies	6.1.6.B: Compare ways that people meet their needs with how they meet their wants. Describe how resources are combined to produce different goods and services.
Educational Technology (ISTE)	1.6. Creative Communicator: Students communicate clearly and express themselves creatively for a variety of purposes using the platforms, tools, styles, formats and digital media appropriate to their goals.
Technology and Engineering (ITEEA)	STEL-3G: Explain how knowledge gained from other content areas affects the development of technological products and systems.