



Grades 6–8

3.2.6-8.C Physical Science: Structure and Properties of Matter

Students who demonstrate understanding can gather and make sense of information to describe that synthetic materials come from natural resources and impact society.

Clarifying Statement: Emphasis is on natural resources that undergo a chemical process to form the synthetic material. Examples of new materials could include new medicine, foods, and alternative fuels.

Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to qualitative information.

Science and Engineering Practices (SEP)	Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCI)	Crosscutting Concepts (CCC)
<p>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</p> <p>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 6–8 builds on K–5 and progresses to evaluating the merit and validity of ideas and methods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 now supported by evidence. 	<p>Structure and Properties of Matter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each pure substance has characteristic physical and chemical properties (for any bulk quantity under given conditions) that can be used to identify it. <p>Chemical Reactions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substances react chemically in characteristic ways. In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules, and these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants. 	<p>Structure and Function</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structures can be designed to serve particular functions by taking into account properties of different materials, and how materials can be shaped and used. <p>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</p> <p>Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering advances have led to important discoveries in virtually every field of science, and scientific discoveries have led to the development of entire industries and engineered systems. <p>Influence of Science, Engineering and Technology on Society and the Natural World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The uses of technologies and any limitation on their use are driven by individual or societal needs, desires, and values; by the findings of scientific research; and by differences in such factors as climate, natural resources, and economic conditions. Thus technology use varies from region to region and over time.

Pennsylvania Context: Examples of Pennsylvania context include that Pennsylvania's natural resources are manufactured into synthetic materials.

PA Career Ready Skills: Analyze various perspectives on a situation.



Connections to Other Standards Content and Practices

Standard Source	Possible Connections to Other Standard(s) or Practice(s)
Agriculture (AFNR)	CS.04.01.01.a: Define stewardship of natural resources and distinguish how it connects to AFNR systems.
Science, Environmental Literacy and Sustainability (NAEE)	5-8 Strand 2.1.A. Earth's physical systems: Learners describe the physical processes that shape Earth, including weather, climate, plate tectonics, and the hydrologic cycle. They explain how matter cycles and energy flows among the abiotic and biotic components of the environment. They describe how humans affect and are affected by Earth's physical systems.
PA Core Standards: ELA	CC.3.5.6-8.A: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. CC.3.6.6-8.G: Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
PA Core Standards and Practices: Math	N/A
PA Standards: Social Studies	6.1.6.A: Explain how limited resources and unlimited wants cause scarcity. 7.4.7.A: Describe and explain the effects of the physical systems on people within regions.
Educational Technology (ISTE)	1.3. Knowledge Constructor: Students critically curate a variety of resources using digital tools to construct knowledge, produce creative artifacts and make meaningful learning experiences for themselves and others.
Technology and Engineering (ITEEA)	STEL-6C: Compare various technologies and how they have contributed to human progress.