Grades 9–12

3.5.9-12.W Technology and Engineering: Design Thinking in Technology and Engineering Education

Students who demonstrate understanding can *optimize a design by addressing desired qualities within criteria and constraints while considering trade-offs.*

Clarifying Statement: Students evaluate criteria and constraints in the technology and engineering design process to select optimal approaches for their design solutions. Students at this level should be able to articulate a rationale (e.g., design matrix) for their decisions in the design, construction, and implementation of their solution.

Assessment Boundary: N/A

Science and Engineering Practices (SEP)	Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCI)	Technology and Engineering Practices (TEP)
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 refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations.	**Optimizing the Design Solution** • Criteria may need to be broken down into simpler ones that can be approached systematically, and decisions about the priority of certain criteria over others (trade-offs) may be needed.	**Optimism** • Shows persistence in addressing technological problems and finding solutions to those problems.

Pennsylvania Context: Examples of Pennsylvania context include but are not limited to Pennsylvania's energy production plants.

Pennsylvania Career Ready Skills: Evaluate consequences from a personal, and civic perspective to inform decision making.

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.
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	N/A
Integrated Standards for Science, Environment & Ecology, and Technology & Engineering Standards Grades K–12	N/A