# Curriculum Development Course at a Glance
## Planning for High School Science

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<td>Newton’s laws of motion and gravitation describe the relationships among forces acting on and between objects, their masses, and changes in their motion – but have limitations</td>
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<td>Matter has definite structure that determines characteristic physical and chemical properties</td>
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<td>Atoms bond in different ways to form molecules and compounds that have definite properties</td>
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<td>Energy exists in many forms such as mechanical, chemical, electrical, radiant, thermal, and nuclear, that can be quantified and experimentally determined</td>
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<td>When energy changes form, it is neither created not destroyed; however, because some is necessarily lost as heat, the amount of energy available to do work decreases</td>
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<td>Matter tends to be cycled within an ecosystem, while energy is transformed and eventually exits an ecosystem</td>
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<td>The size and persistence of populations depend on their interactions with each other and on the abiotic factors in an ecosystem</td>
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<td>Cellular metabolic activities are carried out by biomolecules produced by organisms</td>
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<td>The energy for life primarily derives from the interrelated processes of photosynthesis and cellular respiration. Photosynthesis transforms the sun’s light energy into the chemical energy of molecular bonds. Cellular respiration allows cells to utilize chemical energy when these bonds are broken.</td>
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<td>Cells use the passive and active transport of substances across membranes to maintain relatively stable intracellular environments</td>
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<td>Cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems maintain relatively stable internal environments, even in the face of changing external environments</td>
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<td>Physical and behavioral characteristics of an organism are influenced to varying degrees by heritable genes, many of which encode instructions for the production of proteins</td>
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<td>Multicellularity makes possible a division of labor at the cellular level through the expression of select genes, but not the entire genome</td>
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<td>Evolution occurs as the heritable characteristics of populations change across generations and can lead populations to become better adapted to their environment</td>
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## Earth Systems Science

1. The history of the universe, solar system and Earth can be inferred from evidence left from past events  
   SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1

2. As part of the solar system, Earth interacts with various extraterrestrial forces and energies such as gravity, solar phenomena, electromagnetic radiation, and impact events that influence the planet’s geosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere in a variety of ways  
   SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.2

3. The theory of plate tectonics helps to explain geological, physical, and geographical features of Earth  
   SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.3

4. Climate is the result of energy transfer among interactions of the atmosphere, hydrosphere, geosphere, and biosphere  
   SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.4

5. There are costs, benefits, and consequences of exploration, development, and consumption of renewable and nonrenewable resources  
   SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.5

6. The interaction of Earth’s surface with water, air, gravity, and biological activity causes physical and chemical changes  
   SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.6

7. Natural hazards have local, national and global impacts such as volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, and thunderstorms  
   SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.7

### Colorado 21st Century Skills

**Critical Thinking and Reasoning:** Thinking Deeply, Thinking Differently  
**Information Literacy:** Untangling the Web  
**Collaboration:** Working Together, Learning Together  
**Self-Direction:** Own Your Learning  
**Invention:** Creating Solutions

### Reading & Writing Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6 - 12

**Reading Standards**
- Key Ideas & Details  
- Craft And Structure  
- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas  
- Range of Reading and Levels of Text Complexity

**Writing Standards**
- Text Types & Purposes  
- Production and Distribution of Writing  
- Research to Construct and Present Knowledge  
- Range of Writing

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**Unit Title**: Earth’s Place in the Universe  
**Length of Unit**: 7-9 weeks

### Focusing Lens(es)
- Interactions

### Standards and Grade Level Expectations Addressed in this Unit
- SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.1
- SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2
- SC09-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.1

### Inquiry Questions (Engaging-Debatable):
- How would the planet’s atmosphere, biosphere, and geosphere differ if the types of energies and forces (gravity, solar phenomena, or electromagnetic radiation) impacting Earth were different? (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2-EO.a,b)
- How would life be different if Earth did not interact with a moon?
- As scientists search for “earth-like” planets, what are they looking for?

### Unit Strands
- Earth Science, Physical Science

### Concepts
- Interactions, Scale, History, Technology, Systems, Energy, Exploration, Motion, Forces, Geosphere, Atmosphere, Biosphere

### Generalizations

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<td>What forces affect the universe, solar system and Earth? (SC09-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.1-EO.b,c,d;IQ.1,2;RA.1,2;NS.1,2,3) and (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2-EO.a,b,c;IQ.1,2,3;RA.1;N.1)</td>
<td>How do laws of motion explain the formation and structure of the Universe, solar system and Earth? (SC09-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.1-EO.b,c,d;IQ.1,2;RA.1,2;N.1,2,3) and (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2-EO.a,b,c;IQ.1,2,3;RA.1;N.1)</td>
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<td>What are the sources of energy driving interactions in the Universe, solar system and Earth? (SC09-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.1-EO.d) and (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.1-EO.b) and (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2-EO.a,b,c,d;IQ.1,2,3,RA.1;N.1)</td>
<td>What role does gravity play in the formation and structure of the Universe, solar system and Earth? (SC09-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.1-EO.d) and (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2-EO.a,b,c;IQ.1,2,3;RA.1;N.1)</td>
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<td>How do mass and distance affect gravitational forces between objects? (SC09-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.1-EO.d) and (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2-EO.a,b,c,d;IQ.1,2,3,RA.1;N.1)</td>
<td>What relationships exist between energy forms? (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2-EO.a,b,c)</td>
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<td>What are Newton’s Laws of Motion? (SC09-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c,d;IQ.1,2,3;NS.1)</td>
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<td>Advances in technology drive exploration and shape knowledge about history, scale and size of the universe, solar system and Earth. (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c,d,e;IQ.2,3;RA.2;N.1) and (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.2-EO.a,d;RA.2;N.2)</td>
<td>What technology is used to explore the universe, solar system Earth? (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.2-EO.d;RA.2;N.2)</td>
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<td>What evidence is used to interpret the history of the Universe, solar system and Earth? (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c,d,e;RA.1,2;N.1,2)</td>
<td>How have advances in technology changed our understanding of the universe, solar system and Earth? (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.d,e;RA.2;N.1,2)</td>
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<td>Why or why not invest in the exploration of space? (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.e;N.2)</td>
<td>How can understanding the history of the Earth shape future community development?</td>
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### Critical Content:
**My students will Know...**
- Events that have shaped the history of the Universe, Earth and Solar system (Life Cycle of Stars) (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c,d;IQ.1,2,3;RA.1;N.2)
- Age of the Earth, Sun and universe (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c,d;IQ.1,2,3;RA.1;N.2)
- Geologic principles (original horizontality, superposition, cross-cutting relationships, index fossils) (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c;IQ.3;RA.1,2)
- Geographic mapping systems, satellites, rovers and telescopes used to gather information about the Earth’s and Universe’s structure and history (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c;IQ.3;RA.2;N.1)
- Gravity is a function of mass and distance between two objects (SC09-GR.HS.S.1-GLE.1-EO.d)
- The influence of the mass of an object on space and time (SC09-GR.HS.S.1-GLE.1-EO.d)
- How the electromagnetic spectrum positively and negatively impacts Earth’s systems (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c;IQ.3;N.1)
- Newton’s Laws of Motion (SC09-GR.HS.S.1-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c;RA.1;N.1)
- Fusion reactions (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.2-EO.a,b,c;IQ.2;RA.1;N.1)
- Scale of size and time involved with formation of the Universe and Earth (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c,e;IQ.1,2)
- The reasons why life can exist in varying and different environments (i.e. Archaea)  

### Key Skills:
**My students will be able to (Do)...**
- Develop, communicate and justify an evidence based conclusion concerning the history of the Universe and Earth (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c,d;IQ.1,2,3;RA.1;N.2)
- Analyze and interpret data regarding direct and indirect evidence to observe/infer the history of the Universe and Earth (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c,d;IQ.1,2,3;RA.1;N.2)
- Use information from a variety of sources to investigate the history of the Universe and Earth (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c,d,e;IQ.1,2,3;RA.1,2,N.2)
- Use technology (geographic mapping systems, satellites, rovers and telescopes) to gather and analyze data about the structure and history of the Universe, Solar system and Earth (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c;IQ.3;RA.2;N.1)
- Interpret the geologic history of an area (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c;IQ.3;RA.1,2)
- Use the EM spectrum to make inferences about the history and structure of the Universe (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.1-EO.a,b,c;IQ.3;N.1)
- Identify the limitations of Newton’s Laws in extreme situations (SC09-GR.HS.S.1-GLE.1-EO.e)
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<td><strong>Academic Vocabulary:</strong> interpret data, evidence-based explanation, evidence-based prediction, ethically use information, uncertainty, develop, communicate, justify, technology, assumption, natural phenomena, scientific claim, law, theory, scale, cross-cutting relationships</td>
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## Curriculum Development Overview
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<td>• Why would destroying natural coastal barriers (ex. mangrove swamps) contribute to extreme weather across many systems?</td>
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<td>• How would rebuilding places destroyed by natural hazards contribute to re-building of the system?</td>
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<td>• Why do people build cities along plate boundaries?</td>
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### Unit Strands
Earth Science, Physical Science

### Concepts
Change, Systems, Plate Tectonics, Structure, Impacts, Landforms

### Generalizations

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| **The structure of the Earth, shaped by plate tectonics, influences how organisms live, use resources and develop into communities (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.a,b,c;iQ.1,2,4;N.2,4)** | What are the types of plate boundaries and their associated landforms?  
What causes plate movement? (SC09-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.1;RA.3)  
How has plate tectonics shaped biological systems (human civilization, biomes/ecosystems) (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.a,b,c;iQ.1,4;N.4)  
What will the earth look like in the future? (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.a,b,c;iQ.1,4;N.2,4)  
What are the positive and negative changes on Earth’s geosphere due to water, air, gravity and biological activity? (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.6-EO.a,b,c,d;iQ.2,3;RA.3;N.3)  
How do local, national and global organizations collaborate to plan for natural hazards caused by plate tectonics?  
What technology has been used to develop the theory of plate tectonics?  
How have scientists discovered the interior structure of the Earth? |
| **Physical, chemical and biological processes change landforms by altering the chemical and physical structure of rock. (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.6-EO.a,b,c;iQ.1,2,3;RA.2,3;N.1,3)** | What systems result in a change of landforms?  
What cause the changes of landforms? (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.6-EO.a,b,c;iQ.1,2,3;RA.2,3;N.1,3) |
| **Plate tectonic theory allows for prediction of natural hazards and their impacts. (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.a,b,c;iQ.4;N.3) and (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.7-EO.a,b,c;iQ.1,2,3;RA.1,2,3,4;N.1)** | What natural hazards are associated with plate boundaries and landforms?  
How do local, national and global organizations collaborate to plan for natural hazards caused by plate tectonics? |
| **Advances in technology continually refine the theory of plate tectonics and improve measurement of changes to landforms. (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.d;iQ.2;RA.1;N.1,4) and (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.6-EO.d;RA.1,2;N.3)** | What technology has been used to develop the theory of plate tectonics?  
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### Critical Content:

**My students will Know...**

- The theory of plate tectonics and how it explains the Earth’s geological features (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.a,b,c,d;IQ.1,4;RA.1;N.2,4)
- The causes of plate movement (slab pull, mantle convection, and?) (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.b,d;iQ.3;RA.1;N.2,4) and (SC09-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.1;RA.3)
- The interactions between tectonics plates and the resulting landforms and natural hazards (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.b,d;iQ.3;RA.1;N.2,4) and (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.7-EO.a,b,c;iQ.1,2,3;RA.1,2,3,4;N.1)
- Geophysical technology and its relationship to current theory of plate tectonics (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.d;RA.1;N.4)
- Layers of the Earth and how they are identified (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.b;iQ.2)
- The changes to Earth’s surface that result from water, air, gravity and biological activity (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.6-EO.a,b,c,d;iQ.1,2,3;RA.1,2,3;N.1,2,3)

### Key Skills:

**My students will be able to (Do)...**

- Read a topographic map, geologic map and digital map resources (GIS) to interpret landforms and predict impacts of human activity (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.6-EO.b,d;RA.1,3;N.3)
- Predict landforms and/or natural hazards found at a specific plate boundary (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.b,d;iQ.3;RA.1;N.2,4) and (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.7-EO.a,b,c;iQ.1,2,3;RA.1,2,3,4;N.1)
- Identify physical, chemical and human impacts on Earth’s surface (ex. Soil erosion) (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.6-EO.a,b,c,d;IQ.1,2,3;RA.1,2,3;N.1,2,3)
- Identify landforms created by geologic activity (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.a,b,c,d;iQ.1,4;RA.1;N.2,4)

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### Critical Language:

Includes the Academic and Technical vocabulary, semantics, and discourse which are particular to and necessary for accessing a given discipline.

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- The Earth’s surface changes in response to plate tectonics as well as physical, chemical and biological activity on the surface.

**Academic Vocabulary:**
- interpret data, evidence-based explanation, evidence-based prediction, ethically use information, uncertainty, develop, communicate, justify, technology, assumption, natural phenomena, scientific claim, critically evaluate, computer model, consequences, testable question, falsifiable hypothesis, respectfully discuss, conceptual interpretations, innovation, fluctuation, agriculture, reproducible results, mitigate

**Technical Vocabulary:**
- physical change, chemical change, geophysical, biological activity, plate tectonics, geosphere, remote sensing, GIS, landforms, plate boundaries, plate, geographical features, convergent, divergent, transform,
## Unit Title
Our Changing Climate?

### Length of Unit
7-9 weeks

### Focusing Lens(es)
Systems, change

### Standards and Grade Level Expectations Addressed in This Unit
- SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.4
- SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.7
- SC09-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.6

### Inquiry Questions (Engaging-Debatable):
- What role should technology play in controlling the negative effects of climate change?
- To what extent should humans alter their behavior in response to climate change?

### Unit Strands
Earth Science, Physical Science

### Concepts
Energy, Change, Climate, Hazards, Predicting, Factors, Systems, Technology, Ecosystem

### Generalizations

#### My students will Understand that...

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<td>What is Earth’s energy balance?</td>
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<td>How can changes in the ocean cause climate change? (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.4-EO.a,b,c;IQ.1)</td>
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<td>How does climate change impact all of Earth’s systems?</td>
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<th>Technology enhances scientist’s ability to predict climate change and the resulting potential for natural hazards which can influence response and survival rates. (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.4-EO.d,e,f;IQ.1,34,5;RA.1,2,3;N.1,2,3)</th>
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### Critical Content:

**My students will Know...**

- Climate is a result of energy transfer (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.4-EO.a;IQ.2;RA.2) and (SC09-GR.HS.S.1-GLE.6-EO.a,b,c)
- Factors that affect climate (Earth’s axial tilt, physical location, proximity to water, elevation, latitude) (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.4-EO.a,c,d,e;IQ.1,2;RA.2,3;N.1,2)
- Mechanisms and potential impacts of climate change (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.4-EO.a,b,c,d,e,f;IQ.1,2,3,4,5;RA.2,3;N.1,2,3) and (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.7-EO.a,b,c;IQ.1,2,3,4;RA.1,2,4;N.1)
- How advances in technology have provided evidence for understanding climate and climate change (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.4-EO.e;RA.3;N.1,2,3) and (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.7-EO.c;IQ.1,3;RA.1,2,4;N.1)
- The different spheres of the earth (biosphere, hydrosphere, geosphere, atmosphere) (SC09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.4-EO.a)

### Key Skills:

**My students will be able to (Do)...**

- Critically analyze evidence and assumptions concerning climate change (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.4-EO.e;IQ.1,2,3;RA.1,2,3;N.1,3)
- Use a location to predict the climate (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.4-EO.c;IQ.2;N.1,3)
- Make predictions about the impact of climate change and natural hazards on human activity (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.4-EO.d,f;IQ.4,5;RA.3;N.1,2,3) and (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.7-EO.c;IQ.1,2,3,4;RA.1,2,3,4)
- Explain and describe transfers of energy between spheres (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.4-EO.a)

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**Predictions of natural hazards, climate and climate change should be based on the critical analysis of data.**

**Academic Vocabulary:**
- interpret data, evidence-based explanation, evidence-based prediction, ethically use information, uncertainty, develop, communicate, justify, technology, assumption, natural phenomena, scientific claim, critically evaluate, computer model, peer

**Technical Vocabulary:**
- weather, climate, geosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, seasons, geophysical location, landmass, latitude, elevation, climate change, weather stations, buoys, satellites, radar, sediment core, tree rings, technological solutions, natural hazard, energy conversion, energy transformation, hurricane, tornado, blizzard, flood, wildfire,
### Unit Title
Conservation and Use of Resources

### Length of Unit
7-9 weeks

### Focusing Lens(es)
- Sustainability
- Interdependence

### Standards and Grade Level Expectations Addressed in this Unit
- SC09-GR.HS.S.1-GLE.6
- SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.5

### Inquiry Questions (Engaging & Debatable):
- What are the costs and benefits of using an inefficient technology such as the internal combustion engine?
- Is nuclear energy a viable option for supplying electricity?
- Does the short-term benefit of using easily available resources outweigh the long term impacts?

### Unit Strands
Earth Science, Physical Science

### Concepts
- Resources, Impacts, Cost/Benefit Analysis, Sustainability, Energy, Efficiency, Systems

### Generalizations

**My students will Understand that...**

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## Decisions about the exploration, development and consumption of resources all contain implicit judgments about the costs and benefits for communities (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.5-EO.a,b,d;IQ.4;N.1,2)

## How are the costs and benefits or resource use quantified and analyzed? SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.5-EO.a,b,d;IQ.3;N.1)

## What are the advantages and disadvantages of using different types of energy?

### Critical Content:

**My students will Know…**

- Differences between renewable and nonrenewable resources (Examples: energy, minerals, water) (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.5-EO.a;IQ.4)
- How resources are explored, developed and consumed (Ex. Mineral development, water supply and treatment, energy collection/distribution) (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.5-EO.a,b,c,d;IQ.1,2,3;RA.1,2;N.1)
- Impacts of resource exploration, development and consumption (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.5-EO.a,b,c,d;IQ.2,3,4;RA.1,2;N.1)
- Limitations of resources (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.5-EO.d;IQ.1,2;RA.1,2;N.2)
- Energy conservation and energy transformations (SC09-GR.HS.S.1-GLE.6-EO.a,b,c,e;IQ.1,2;RA.1,2;N.1,2)

### Key Skills:

**My students will be able to (Do)…**

- Compare and contrast the exploration, development and consumption of renewable and nonrenewable resources. (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.5-EO.a,d; IQ.1,2,3; RA.2)
- Create a plan to reduce impacts of resource use. (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.5-EO.c)
- Analyze and interpret data to evaluate the positive and negative impacts of development and consumption of resources. (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.5-EO.d; N.2)
- Communicate an evidence-based conclusion concerning the positive and negative impacts of resource development and consumption. (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.5-EO.a,d; IQ.1,2,3; RA.2)
- Analyze and interpret data to evaluate the efficiency of energy transformations (SC09-GR.HS.S.1-GLE.6-EO.a,c; IQ.1)
- Evaluate scientific claims in popular media and peers (SC09-GR.HS.S.3-GLE.5-EO.d; N.2)

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### Academic Vocabulary:

develop, communicate, critically evaluate, justify, evidence-based, analyze, interpret, infer, degradation, popular media, peers

### Technical Vocabulary:

development, exploration, consumption, renewable resource, nonrenewable resource, geosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, atmosphere, environmental impact, sustainable use, pollution, ecosystem, extraction, energy conservation, energy transformation, falsifiable hypothesis