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The first fight between ironclad ships of war.

Terrific combat between the "Monitor" 2 guns & "Merrimac" 10 guns.

In Hampton Roads, March 9th 1862.

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Drawing on existing National Research Council reports, the report will identify the parts of the education system that need to be attended to when implementing the standards and discuss the changes that need to be made to each part of the system. To address this charge, the committee examined the National Research Council reports on science education, as well as those on the broader education system. These sources were supplemented with peer-reviewed research on relevant topics and the members’ collective expertise. 1See http://ngss.nsta.org/ for updates on which states have adopted the NGSS. 1

Prepublication Copy – Uncorrected Proofs Copyright © National Academy of Sciences. All rights reserved. Guide to Implementing the Next Generation Science Standards 2 Overarching Principles for Implementing Successful implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) will take a sustained and coordinated effort. It will take multiple years to transition instruction in all classrooms in all schools in a district or state. To be successful, leadership at all levels need to carefully consider the changes and timeline that will be necessary to move toward the vision for science education laid out in the Framework for K-12 Science Education: Practices, Crosscutting Concepts, and Core Ideas (National Research Council, 2012) on which the NGSS are based. A first step in planning is to take stock of the current status of each major component of science education activity, both by itself and as part of a whole system, to determine what sequence of decisions and actions is needed and how long each change is likely to take. Some changes, such as starting to involve students in science and engineering practices in science classrooms, can be introduced quite quickly, though they will require more time and attention to be fully developed. Others, such as introducing new statewide assessments that are aligned with the NGSS, will require considerable time for development and testing before implementation (Bybee, 2013; National Research Council, 2014a). District and school leaders will also need to identify the critical policies and practices that can support or thwart the intended changes and make changes to these policies as needed. Examples include a district’s adoption or development of particular curriculum materials and allocation of time and resources for teachers’ professional development in science. Plans will need to include cultivating support among various communities for any needed policy changes. These communities include critical actors both within and outside the school system. The key individuals in those communities need to be brought into the conversation and need to connect science to other disciplines. The work of creating the new vision for science education includes fostering coherence across levels and components; the uniqueness of science; continuing support; need for networks, partnerships, and collaborations; sufficient time to implement well; equity; and ongoing and relevant communication. Specific recommendations in the remainder of the report incorporate the principles discussed below. Many of the pitfalls that we discuss in the remaining chapters arise when one or more of the principles are not applied effectively. 1) Attend to coherence across levels (state, district, schools), across grades, and across different components of the system (instruction, professional learning, curriculum, and assessment). Coherence matters (National Research Council, 2006b, 2012). Aligned and coherent supports and an expectation of ongoing collaborative work to understand and implement changes are key to successful reform efforts. The schools and school systems that are improving have all the components working together: tightly interwoven curriculum and assessment are connected 2-1 Prepublication Copy – Uncorrected Proofs Copyright © National Academy of Sciences. All rights reserved. Guide to Implementing the Next Generation Science Standards to management and evaluation processes, and these in turn drive professional learning at all levels (Smith and O’Day, 1991). Successful implementation of the NGSS, requires that all of the components across state, district, and school are aligned to support the vision in the Framework and NGSS. A standards-based system of science education needs to be coherent in a variety of ways (National Research Council, 2006b, 2012). It needs to be horizontally coherent: that is, the curriculum, instruction, and assessment-related policies and practices should all be informed by the standards, target the same goals for learning, and work together to support students’ development of the knowledge and understanding of science. The system should also be vertically coherent: that is, there should be a shared understanding at all levels of the system (classroom, school, district, state) of the goals for science education and agreement about the purposes and uses of assessment. The system should also be developmentally coherent: that is, there needs to be a shared understanding across grade levels of what ideas are important to teach and of how children’s understanding of these ideas can develop across grade levels. The Framework and NGSS support developmental coherence by describing how each core idea, practice, and crosscutting concept is expected to develop across the span from kindergarten through high school (K-12). In order to allow students to explore important ideas in science deeply across multiple grades, some topics that are currently taught may receive less emphasis or may need to be eliminated entirely (National Research Council, 2007). Coherence does not occur accidentally. To achieve it takes planning, political will, professional time, and on-going management. Leaders need to ensure that those responsible for different components or for different grade levels have the responsibility, opportunity, and authority to work together, rather than each moving ahead in isolation. At each school level or grade level within a school, those responsible for planning and implementing changes need to be aware of what changes are planned and what have already occurred in the earlier grades and also of what will be expected of the students in later grades. 2) Attend to what is unique about science Implementing science standards is different from implementing standards in English/language arts or mathematics, though some challenges will be similar. It is important to build on and coordinate efforts with the new standards in mathematics and English/language arts while also attending to how science is different. Typically, there are fewer individuals with expertise in science and science pedagogy available within the school or district than individuals with comparable expertise in English/language arts and mathematics. And many administrators do not have science backgrounds. This kind of expertise is relevant when selecting instructional materials, sequencing curriculum, observing classrooms, and hiring educators. There are also some costs associated with science—for materials or laboratory space—that are different than those associated with mathematics and English/Language Arts. Finally, in many states, science is not as important for school and teacher accountability as the other two subjects and has therefore received less emphasis than they have. Implementation strategies have to take into account these differences between subjects even as they build on their similarities. Some pedagogical and classroom management strategies 2-2 Prepublication Copy – Uncorrected Proofs Copyright © National Academy of Sciences. All rights reserved. Guide to Implementing the Next Generation Science Standards apply across subjects, while some do not. It is important to consider links between standards in mathematics and English/language arts and the NGSS; one is the role of productive student discourse in all three and the changes in classroom culture required to support it (Michaels et al., 2008). A focus on science may pose particular challenges at the elementary level. In many schools and districts, very little science is currently taught in the elementary grades. According to a national survey of science education conducted by Horizon Research (see Trygstad, 2013), 39 percent of elementary classrooms did not include science every week. Elementary teachers spend, on average, only 20 minutes on science every day. In comparison, they spent 55 minutes for mathematics and 88 minutes for reading. Furthermore, analysis of 4th grade data from the 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in science showed that time spent on science varies widely by state, ranging from a low of 1.9 hours per week in Oregon, to a high of 3.8 hours per week in Kentucky, and that the time spent on science is significantly correlated with achievement in science (Blank, 2013). Data from California showed that 40 percent of elementary teachers spent an hour or less on science per week, and, of those, 13 percent spent less than 30 minutes per week (Dolph et al., 2011). Ensuring time for science at the elementary level is an important issue and will need to be considered early in the implementation process. 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An early priority is to establish district and school leadership teams that involve a mix of stakeholders (including administrators, teachers, science education researchers, and representatives from the community) who are given the responsibility, resources, authority, and time needed to lead the implementation effort. And before they can lead and support changes in instruction and curriculum, their learning needs need to be addressed, so they can then support the learning needs of all teachers. Teacher leaders are invaluable for supporting and institutionalizing changes. They work with other teachers and parents, as mentors to other teachers, and as facilitators of reflective learning, in the classroom and in the learning culture of a school (Coburn et al., 2012; Fogelman et al., 2006; Peniel and Riel, 2007; Spillane, 2006a, 2006b; Sun et al., 2013). 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Pre-Lab: A block of gold has a length of 4.5 cm, a width of 2.3 cm, and a height of 7.2 cm. Its mass is 2 g. What is its density?

Hypothesis: Which of the four objects has the greatest density? (Make an educated guess.)

Data: Complete the table using the information your group measured. Do your calculations on the back, and show your work.

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Conclusion: Answer in complete sentences.

1. What four things do you need to find the density of an object?
2. What state (solid, liquid, gas) are your objects?
3. Which object has the greatest density?
4. Two of your densities should be almost the same number. Which objects have the closest densities? What materials are they made of?
5. If I gave you two different sized pieces of iron, one with a mass of 10 g and one with a mass of 1000 g, which will have the greater density? (Careful!)
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The Coming Age of Teacherpreneurs

America’s public education system needs teacherpreneurs—classroom experts who teach students regularly, but also have time, space, and reward to spread their ideas and practices to colleagues as well as administrators, policy-makers, parents, and community leaders. The Center for Teaching Quality has supported as well documented how this special brand of teacher leaders has begun to serve as online coaches, edgame developers, community organizers, and policy analysts, without leaving the classroom (4). In doing so, they have helped to solve problems of student and teacher learning that today’s reformers have yet to identify. Daunting barriers remain, including the relatively large number of educators in school systems without teacher, the highly prescriptive teaching day, and top-down reformers whose political agendas are out of sync with the ideas of classroom experts. However, teacherpreneurs, because of their deep knowledge of students, families, and communities, are more likely to be embraced by their colleagues.

I am optimistic. Most Americans have trust and confidence in individual teachers (5), and new technologies that amplify teachers’ collective wisdom and the impact of their leadership will resonate with parents and the public. Additionally, MetLife’s most recent survey revealed that one in four teachers nationwide are extremely or very interested in hybrid roles that would allow them to both teach and lead outside their schools, districts, and states (16).

While these classroom experts should be highly paid, teacherpreneurship is not mainly about establishing a new income stream for underpaid professionals. It is much more about redefining a new culture of schooling and creativity. As Peter Drucker said of entrepreneurs almost 50 years ago, “search for change, respond to it and exploit opportunities.” It is time for America to cultivate teacherpreneurs who will do the same, deepening and spreading best practices and practices for 21st-century teaching and learning.

References


REVIEW

Professional Development for Science Teachers

Suzanne M. Wilson

The Next Generation Science Standards will require large-scale professional development (PD) for all science teachers. Existing research on effective teacher PD suggests factors that are associated with substantial changes in teacher knowledge and practice, as well as students’ science achievement. But the complexity of the U.S. educational system continues to thwart the search for a straightforward answer to the question of how to support teachers. Interventions that take a systemic approach to reform hold promise for improving PD effectiveness.

Calls for improving science education in the United States, such as raising standards for what students should know and be able to do in science, are loud and clear. The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) (www.nextgenscience.org) press for a vision of science teaching that emphasizes students’ active engagement in genuine scientific problems, a commitment to “less is more,” and an approach to make science appealing to all students. Of central importance are scientific practices and the integration of students’ learning of core disciplinary concepts with active engagement in doing science (2). In addition, an increased emphasis on using the curriculum, as well as on learning about and studying engineering, is integrated throughout this new vision of science teaching and learning. Helping current teachers acquire the knowledge, skill, and will to meet these new standards is a daunting enterprise requiring large-scale professional development (PD) of high quality that is adaptable across myriad contexts.

Teachers in the United States have access to a wealth of PD opportunities, including summer institutes, coaching, mentoring, school-based professional learning communities, research experiences with practicing scientists, and “make-and-take” events that introduce teachers to new materials.

Teachers study together, conduct inquiries, read research, learn new technologies, navigate the technology-enhanced environments, and read cases. These PD programs have different goals. Traditionally, much PD has focused on enriching teachers’ content knowledge (CK), introducing new curriculum and instructional materials, enhancing pedagogical CK, or educating them about scientific inquiry. The U.S. PD system is a carnival of options.

Research on Science PD

Carefully designed research, drawing from a range of disciplinary approaches from ethnographies to randomized clinical trials, has begun to shed light on what makes for effective PD. Five general characteristics have been identified: (i) focusing on specific content, (ii) engaging teachers in active learning, and (iii) enabling the collective participation of teachers (sometimes administrators), as well as (iv) coherence (aligned with other school policy and practice) and (v) sufficient duration (both in intensity and contact hours) (3–6).

Researchers have nominated five additional factors for effective PD: (i) activities are close to practice (7), (ii) participants’ physical and psychological comfort is taken into account (8), (iii) teachers are immersed in inquiry experiences and witness models of inquiry teaching (9), (iv) curriculum materials are educational for teachers and students (9, 10), and (v) teachers receive direct instruction in the teaching specified in inno-
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Unpacking the NGSS

SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 22, 2015; 8:30-3:00
Target Audience: K-12 teachers, administrators, STEM coordinators
Registration Fee: $75 (discount is available for those who sign up for two or more summer PDs)

Description: The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) website includes many fantastic features that might be hard to find without an expert guidance. Let’s unpack the standards together!
Participants in this PD will explore the NGSS website, discover its many features and search options, compare standards with the Massachusetts’ revised STE framework, and practice using both resources to guide the development of integrated STEM units. The second part of the day will be devoted to standard-based lesson planning in grade level teams.

Tentative agenda:

- Opening and introduction
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  - Background
  - The Frameworks for K-12 Science Education
  - The three domains: practices, concepts, and disciplinary core ideas
  - How to search the NGSS website
Bringing Next Generation
Science Standards Outdoors

Adopt-An-Ecosystem and CIMBY Teacher Professional Development Day
Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 N. Kedzie Ave, Chicago, IL 60625 (Tentative)
Saturday, October 4, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Join us as we explore rich learning environments right outside of your classroom. Learn from local environmental experts, practice place-based service learning techniques, and take home supplies and resources. CPS high school and middle school science teachers are encouraged to attend (CIMBY teachers are required). CPS will provide 5 CPDUs, funding for Adopt-An-Ecosystem field experiences, lesson plans and kits, breakfast and lunch.

Sessions will focus on the eight Science and Engineering Practices (Examples below)

- Asking questions and defining problems: Adopt-A-Beach Classroom Connections
- Developing and using models: Dichotomous Key ID
- Planning and carrying out investigations: Chicago Wilderness Habitat Research
- Analyzing and interpreting data: Macroinvertebrate Bingo
- Using mathematics and computational thinking: Percent Cover and Vegetation Monitoring
- Constructing explanations and designing solutions: Chicago River Water Chemistry
- Engaging in argument from evidence: Calumet Mysteries
- Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information: Urban Ecology and Local Wildlife

Register on CPSU, search for ‘Bringing NGSS’ (Code: 24060).
Contact Samantha Mattone at smattone@cps.edu or 773-553-6386 for more information.
The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are scheduled for their second reading by ISBE in January 2014 and soon after, adoption. Implementing NGSS is a challenge! NGSS requires the integration of the three dimensions and a shift to a more student-centered learning environment where students demonstrate their ability to do science using the Science and Engineering Practices. This requires a shift in not only content covered, but in instructional methods as well. This transition is complicated and will take years to accomplish for most districts.

Join us as we talk in detail about bundling Performance Expectations into units and work through subject / grade specific lessons and activities that you can implement in your classroom!

This workshop will be led by Dr. Carol Baker, NGSS Writing Team Member. You will have a chance to hear from teachers who are currently teaching NGSS aligned units and gain further insight that will help you in your implementation efforts!

This is a hands-on workshop given by experts with a deep understanding of the NGSS. Please come prepared to “dig into” the NGSS. If you have a laptop to use, consider bringing it as most materials will be developed and shared electronically. Free WiFi will be available but may be limited.

NOTE: This is our “NGSS Level II” workshop. It is highly recommended that participants for this workshop have attended a Level I workshop, introducing NGSS, given by Dr. Carol Baker or Norm Dahm. Examples include our NGSS workshops held in 2013 (Fermilab, Argonne, Champaign) or IL-ASCD NGSS Workshops (12/2013 - Bloomington, 02/2014 - Naperville). We highly recommend that those who have not attended a Level I workshop participate in our 3-4 hour online Introduction to NGSS Webinar. See our website for details.

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### Next Generation Science Standards Workshop II

**Lessons and Activities for the Classroom**

| Date: | March 25, 2014 (Tuesday)  
OR  
April 21, 2014 (Monday) |
|---|---|
| Time: | 8:15 - 9:00 : Registration  
9:00 - 3:30 : Workshop  
(Includes Lunch) |
| Location: | Moraine Valley CC  
Conference Ctr. (Bld. M)  
Palos Hills, IL |
| Audience: | Elementary thru HS:  
- Science Teachers  
- Science Curriculum Dir.  
- Principals  
- other Administrators  
(School Teams Encouraged) |
| CPDUs: | 5 Credits |
| Cost: | $185 / person (Incl. Lunch) |
| Capacity: | 350 Max. Per Session  
(All prior dates have sold out.) |
| Deadlines: | **March 25 Session**  
Register By: March 10  
Payment Due: March 14  
**April 21 Session:**  
Register By: March 31  
Payment Due: April 4 |
| To Register: | [http://ngss.info](http://ngss.info) |
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**Key to Highlighting**
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WEEKLY LESSON PLANS

Week 13 11/25-11/29

Subject: Physical Science

Teacher: Lach

I. State your department’s SIP State Goals. State the corresponding learning outcomes if applicable to your learning area.

   Students will have a working knowledge of

   • the concepts and basic vocabulary of biological, physical, and environmental sciences and their application to life and work in contemporary technological society.
   • the social and environmental implications and limitations of technological development.
   • the principles of scientific research and their application in simple research projects.
   • the processes, techniques, methods, equipment, and available technology of science.

II. State the specific objectives for accomplishing these goals and outcomes.

   Please see attached sheet for a list of the essential questions students will be able to answer.

III. List the resources and materials you are planning to use (textbooks, self-written materials, lessons, computers, etc.)

   This week, I’ll use the following materials.

   • Some labs and playsheets that I’ve written.
   • Metric rulers, double-beam balances, washers, paper clips, and 1 cm³ blocks.
   • A variety of chemicals with differing densities.

IV. Describe a variety of lessons and activities that will be done in the classroom. For each, describe what the teacher will do and what the students will do.

   Please see attached sheet.

V. Describe how you will assess students’ achievement of the objectives.

   Classwork will be collected and graded for completion.
   Labs will be collected and graded for accuracy.
   Quizzes will be assigned and graded for accuracy.
   Best work of students will be kept for their portfolio.
## Chicago Public Schools Daily Lesson Plan

**Name:** Christina Pawelec  
**Room:** 310  
**Grade:** 6  
**Date:**

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### Connecting to Standards: Illinois Learning Standards

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### Learning Outcomes/Goals

- Determine pH of various soil samples.
- Choose a crop(s) best suited to grow in the Chicago area.
- Design a garden for chosen crop(s).

### Differentiated

- Model all activities for students.
- Provide verbal and written directions in clearly stated steps.
- Provide visual aids, models, or examples.
- Allow more time for completion of class assignments.
- Work in group setting.
- Chunking text for notes.
- Lower level students may choose 2-3 crops.
- Higher level students may choose 5-6 crops and give evidence why other crops are unsuitable.

### Assessment

- **Formative:**
  - Test various soil samples for pH. Research and collect information on various plants.
- **Summative:**
  - Write a summary defending your choice of crop(s) suitable for planting within the area based on evidence gathered. Draw a blueprint for a garden using chosen crop(s).

### Materials/Technology

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I can make observations to determine the effect of sunlight on the earth's surface.

I can build a structure that will change the warming effect of sunlight on the earth's surface.
Next Generation Science Standards "I Can" Statements: Kindergarten

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Use these 13 printable kindergarten "I Can" statements to help introduce and teach the Next Generation Science Standards in a meaningful way (standard numbers included on each card). Each "I Can" card is accompanied with a kid-friendly illustration, so the standards can be introduced and revisited in a way that makes sense in a kindergartener's mind. With the simple language and visual reminders, kindergarteners are able to quickly learn and apply new science concepts.

Total Pages 8
Answer Key N/A
Teaching Duration N/A

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RECOMMENDATION 13
Create a new system of science assessment and monitoring.

RECOMMENDATION 14
Help teachers develop appropriate formative assessment strategies.
Assessment: Pitfalls

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RECOMMENDATION 15
Create opportunities for collaboration.

RECOMMENDATION 16
Identify, participate in, and build networks.

RECOMMENDATION 17
Cultivate partnerships.
Collaboration: *Pitfalls*

- Lacking a Common Understanding of the Vision
- Having Competing Goals Among Partners
- Failing to Clarify Responsibilities and Monitor Partnerships
- Failing to Establish Mutually Respectful Relationships and Roles
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RECOMMENDATION 18
Ensure existing state and local policies are consistent with the goals for implementing the Next Generation Science Standards.

RECOMMENDATION 19
Create realistic timelines and monitor progress.
Policy and Communication

RECOMMENDATION 20

RECOMMENDATION 21
Communicate with local stakeholders.
Policy and Communication: Pitfalls

- Assuming Existing Policies Are Adequate to Support the NGSS
- Failing to Communicate with Parents and the Community
- Being Unprepared for Unintended Consequences
- Assigning Responsibility without Authority or Resources
Principles For Implementation

Components Of The System

Recommendations  Pitfalls
Thank you!

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