



*K-12 and Pre-College Engineering Division*

# Leveraging Next Generation Science Standards To Increase K-12 Engineering Education

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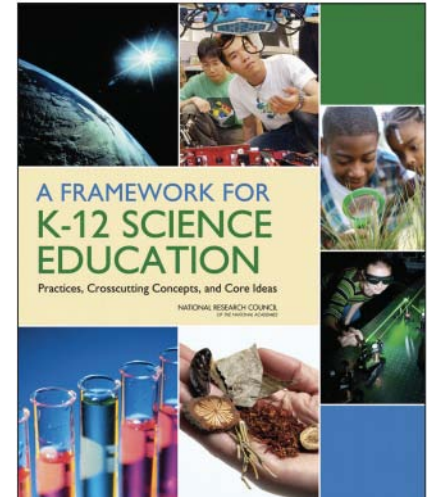
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# A New Vision of Science Learning That Will Lead to New Approaches in Science Teaching



The framework was designed to help realize a vision for education in the sciences and engineering in which students, over multiple years of school, actively engage in **science and engineering practices** and apply **crosscutting concepts** to deepen their understanding of the **core ideas** in these fields.

# Science and Engineering Practices

1. Asking questions and defining problems
2. Developing and using models
3. Planning and carrying out investigations
4. Analyzing and interpreting data
5. Using mathematics and computational thinking
6. Constructing explanations and designing solutions
7. Engaging in argument from evidence
8. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information

# Crosscutting Concepts

1. Patterns
2. Cause and effect
3. Scale, proportion, and quantity
4. Systems and system models
5. Energy and matter
6. Structure and function
7. Stability and change

# Disciplinary Core Ideas

- Have broad importance across multiple science or engineering disciplines or is a key organizing concept of a single discipline
- Provide a key tool for understanding or investigating more complex ideas and solving problems
- Relate to the interests and life experiences of students or can be connected to societal or personal concerns that draw on scientific or technical knowledge
- Are teachable and learnable over multiple grades at increasing levels of depth and sophistication

# NGSS Architecture



Practices      Crosscutting Concepts      Core Ideas

Integration of practices,  
core ideas, and  
crosscutting concepts.





# Important Work Still Ahead



## K-2-ETS1 Engineering Design

| K-2-ETS1 Engineering Design  |  |   |
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| <p>Students who demonstrate understanding can:</p> <p><b>K-2-ETS1-1. Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.</b></p> <p><b>K-2-ETS1-2. Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.</b></p> <p><b>K-2-ETS1-3. Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.</b></p>  |  |   |
| <p>The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document <i>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</i>.</p>   |  |   |
| Science and Engineering Practices  | Disciplinary Core Ideas  | Crosscutting Concepts   |
| <p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b><br/>Asking questions and defining problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world. (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Developing and Using Models</b><br/>Modeling in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) that represent concrete events or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b><br/>Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. (K-2-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> | <p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems. (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem. (K-2-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem’s solutions to other people. (K-2-ETS1-2)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs. (K-2-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Structure and Function</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (K-2-ETS1-2)</li> </ul> |
| <p><i>Connections to other DCIs in this grade-level: will be available on or before April 26, 2013.</i></p> <p><i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: will be available on or before April 26, 2013.</i></p> <p><i>Connections to K-2-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include:</i><br/> <b>Kindergarten:</b> K-PS2-2, K-ESS3-2</p> <p><i>Connections to K-2-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Problems include:</i><br/> <b>Kindergarten:</b> K-ESS3-3, <b>First Grade:</b> 1-PS4-4, <b>Second Grade:</b> 2-LS2-2</p> <p><i>Connections to K-2-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include:</i><br/> <b>Second Grade:</b> 2-ESS2-1</p>   |  |   |

## 3-5-ETS1 Engineering Design

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Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 3-5-ETS1-1. Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.**
- 3-5-ETS1-2. Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.**
- 3-5-ETS1-3. Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.**

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| Science and Engineering Practices   | Disciplinary Core Ideas  | Crosscutting Concepts   |
|---|--|---|
| <p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b><br/>Asking questions and defining problems in 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Define a simple design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process, or system and includes several criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost. (3-5-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b><br/>Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered. (3-5-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b><br/>Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design problem. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> </ul> | <p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account. (3-5-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> <li>▪ At whatever stage, communicating with peers about proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs. (3-5-ETS1-2)</li> <li>▪ Tests are often designed to identify failure points or difficulties, which suggest the elements of the design that need to be improved. (3-5-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints. (3-5-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People’s needs and wants change over time, as do their demands for new and improved technologies. (3-5-ETS1-1)</li> <li>▪ Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones to increase their benefits, decrease known risks, and meet societal demands. (3-5-ETS-2)</li> </ul> |
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# Engineering is Elementary

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# Engineering is Elementary is a


- research-based,
- standards-driven,
- classroom-tested
- curriculum that integrates engineering and technology concepts and skills with elementary science topics.



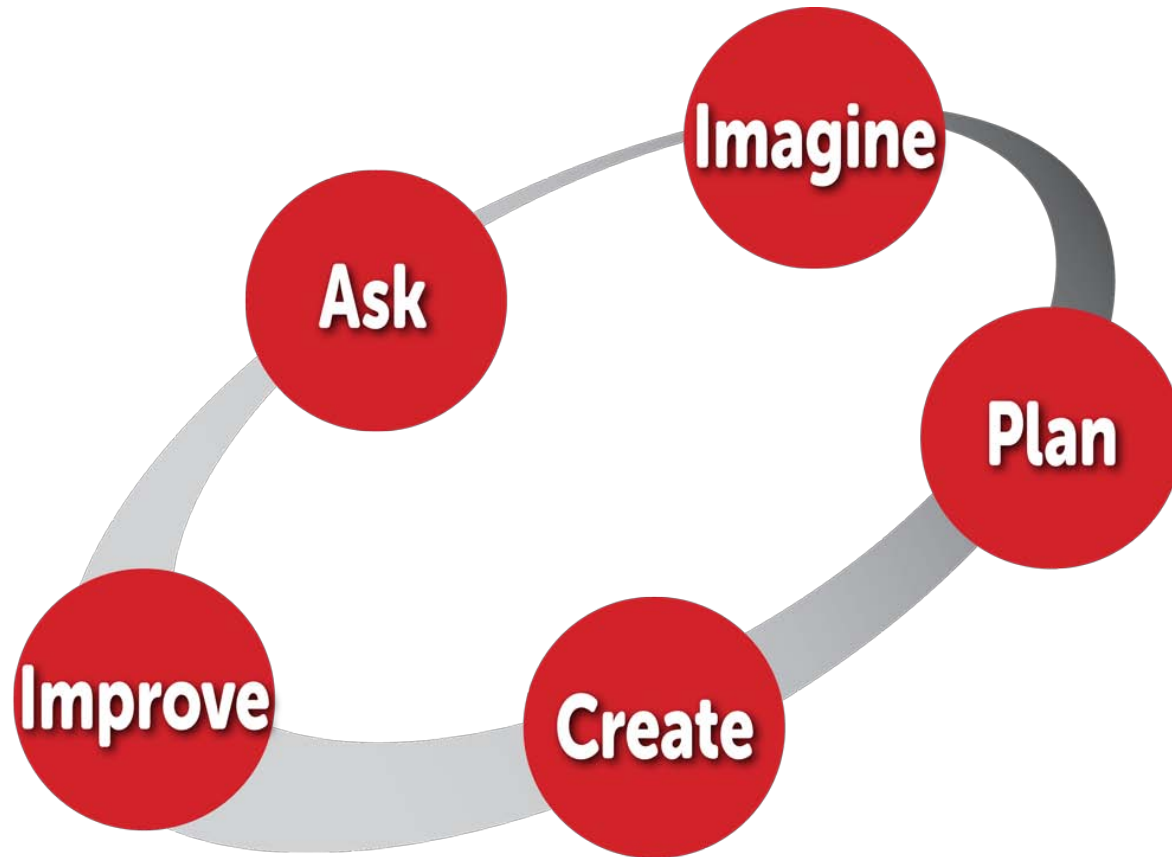
|                  | SCIENCE TOPIC                          | UNIT TITLE  | ENGINEERING FIELD | STORY SETTING      |
|------------------|--|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| EARTH SCIENCE    | Water                                  | Water, Water Everywhere: Designing Water Filters    | Environmental     | India              |
|                  | Air & Weather                          | Catching the Wind: Designing Windmills              | Mechanical        | Denmark            |
|                  | Earth Materials                        | A Sticky Situation: Designing Walls                 | Materials         | China              |
|                  | Landforms                              | A Stick in the Mud: Evaluating a Landscape          | Geotechnical      | Nepal              |
|                  | Astronomy                              | A Long Way Down: Designing Parachutes               | Aerospace         | Brazil             |
| LIFE SCIENCE     | Rocks                                  | Solid as a Rock: Replicating an Artifact            | Materials         | Russia             |
|                  | Insects/Plants                         | The Best of Bugs: Designing Hand Pollinators        | Agricultural      | Dominican Republic |
|                  | Organisms/Basic Needs                  | Just Passing Through: Designing Model Membranes     | Bioengineering    | El Salvador        |
|                  | Plants                                 | Thinking Inside the Box: Designing Plant Packages   | Package           | Jordan             |
|                  | Ecosystems                             | A Slick Solution: Cleaning an Oil Spill             | Environmental     | USA                |
| PHYSICAL SCIENCE | Human Body                             | No Bones About It: Designing Knee Braces            | Biomedical        | Germany            |
|                  | Simple Machines                        | Marvelous Machines: Making Work Easier              | Industrial        | USA                |
|                  | Balance & Forces                       | To Get to the Other Side: Designing Bridges         | Civil             | USA                |
|                  | Sound                                  | Sounds Like Fun: Seeing Animal Sounds               | Acoustical        | Ghana              |
|                  | Electricity                            | An Alarming Idea: Designing Alarm Circuits          | Electrical        | Australia          |
|                  | Solids & Liquids                       | A Work in Process: Improving a Play Dough Process   | Chemical          | Canada             |
|                  | Magnetism                              | The Attraction is Obvious: Designing Maglev Systems | Transportation    | Japan              |
|                  | Energy                                 | Now You're Cooking: Designing Solar Ovens           | Green             | Botswana           |
|                  | Floating & Sinking                     | Taking the Plunge: Designing Submersibles           | Ocean             | Greece             |
| Light            | Lighten Up: Designing Lighting Systems | Optical   | Egypt             |                    |

## 20 EiE Units

# EiE Unit Structure

- **Prep Lesson:** Technology in a Bag
  - **Lesson 1:** Engineering Story
  - **Lesson 2:** A Broader View of an Engineering Field
  - **Lesson 3:** Scientific Data Inform Engineering Design
  - **Lesson 4:** Engineering Design Challenge
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# The Engineering Design Process



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# Catching the Wind

## Mechanical Engineering: Designing Windmills

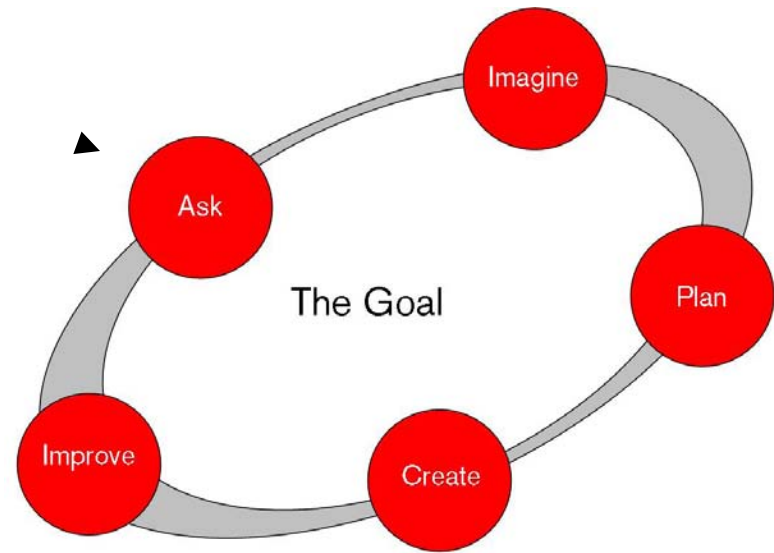


- **Unit Goal:** Work as mechanical engineers to design blades for a windmill that capture the wind's energy to do useful work.

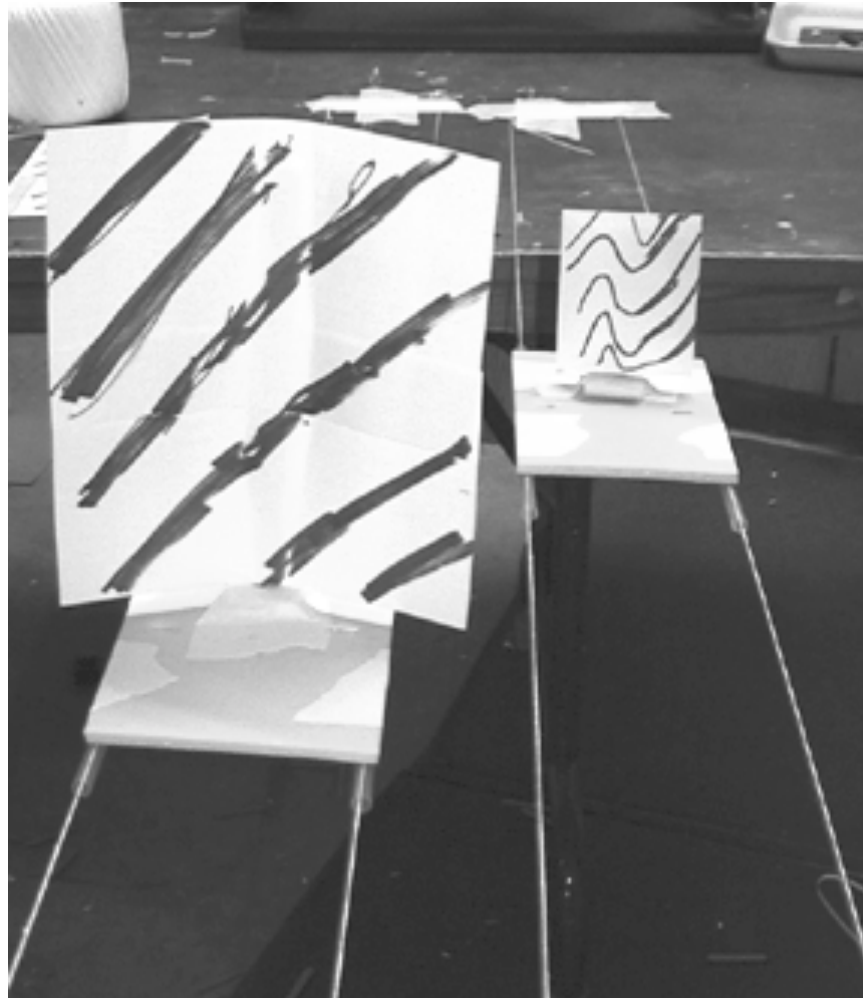


# ASK

In order for you to complete this challenge, what do you need to know?

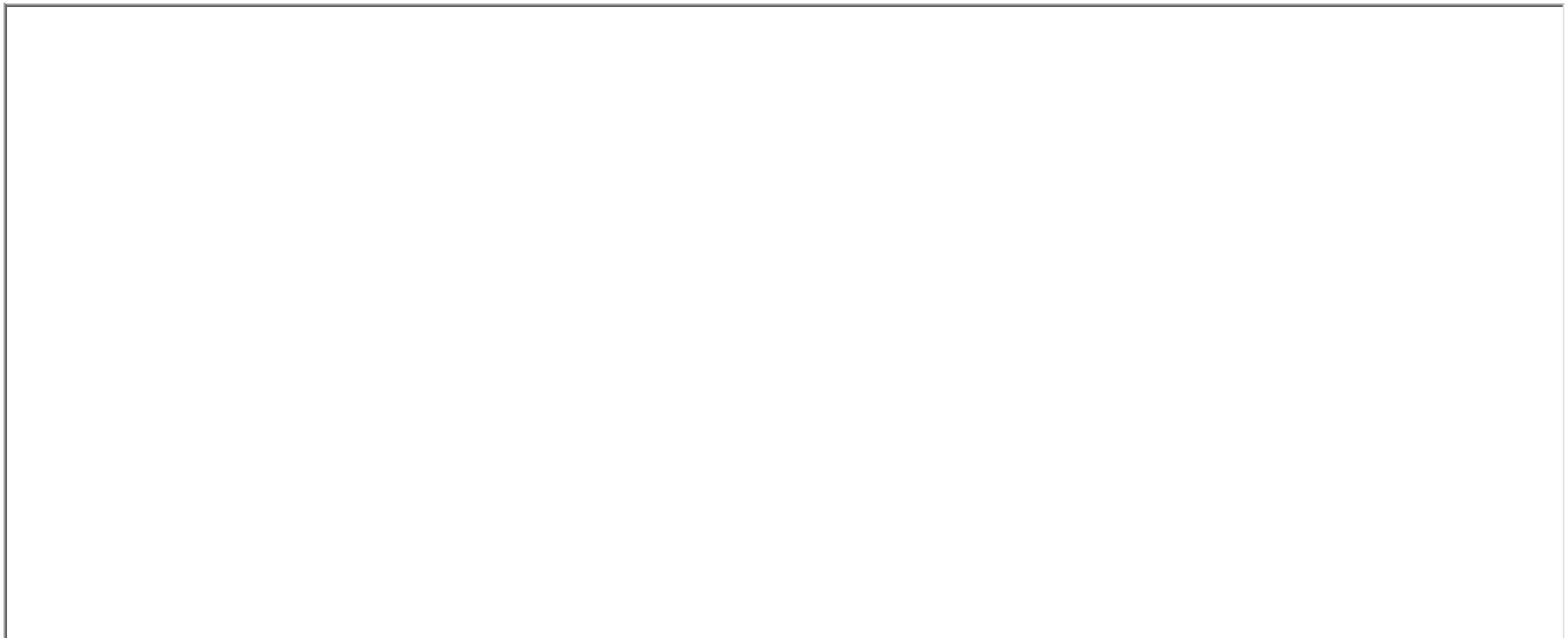


# Lesson 3 Set-Up



# Predict

- What are some properties of a wind catcher (sail) that might be important to moving the raft?



# Properties of Sail Materials

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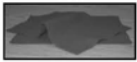

| Object/Material | Properties |
|-----------------|------------|
| Aluminum foil   |            |
| Card stock      |            |
| Felt            |            |
| Tissue Paper    |            |
| Plastic sheet   |            |
| Paper (cup)     |            |
| Copy Paper      |            |
| Wax Paper       |            |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Be a Mechanical Engineer!







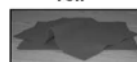
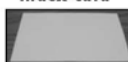
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1. Circle the material(s) you predict will work well in a sail design.

|   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <b>aluminum foil</b><br> | <b>paper</b><br> | <b>plastic bag</b><br> | <b>wax paper</b><br>  |
| <b>tissue paper</b><br>  | <b>cup</b><br>   | <b>felt</b><br>        | <b>index card</b><br> |




Why do you think so? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Put an "X" through the material(s) you predict will NOT work well.

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| <b>aluminum foil</b><br> | <b>paper</b><br> | <b>plastic bag</b><br> | <b>wax paper</b><br>  |
| <b>tissue paper</b><br>  | <b>cup</b><br>   | <b>felt</b><br>        | <b>index card</b><br> |

Why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Circle the shape(s) you predict will work well for a sail.

|  |   |  |              |
|--|---|--|--------------|
| <b>square</b><br> | <b>triangle</b><br> | <b>circle</b><br> | <b>other</b> |
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Why do you think so? \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Targeted NGSS Science Content:

- Properties of Matter
  - Disciplinary Core Idea for Grades 2 and 5
    - Example: 2-PS1-2. Analyze data obtained from testing different materials to determine which materials have the properties that are best suited for an intended purpose.
- Forces and Motion
  - Disciplinary Core Idea for Grades K and 3

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# Targeting NGSS Engineering Practices:





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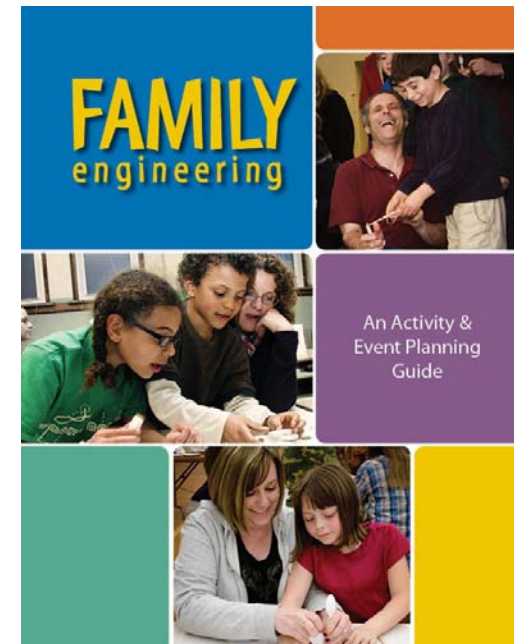
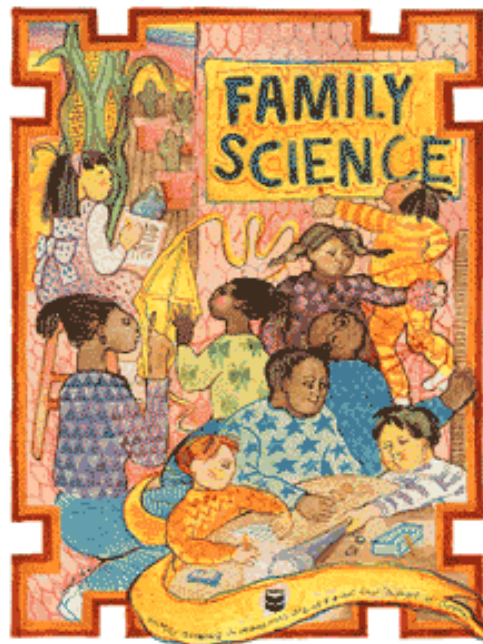
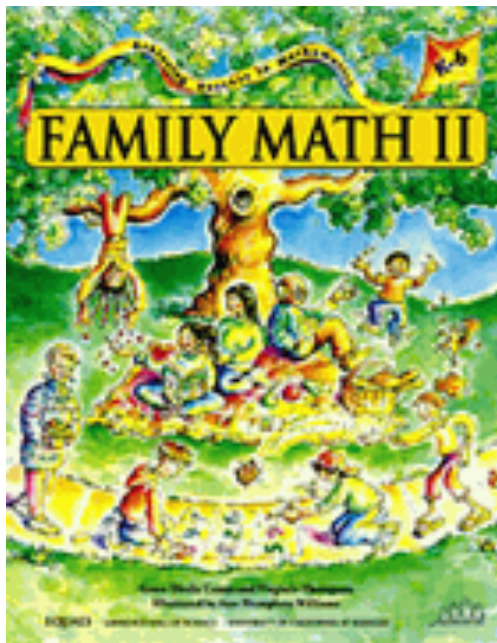
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# Resources for Family STEM Learning



# Family Science & Family Engineering

Informal education programs that actively engage elementary-aged children and their families in fun, hands-on science and engineering activities and events.

- Fun and engaging
- Families learning together
- Simple materials
- Easy to facilitate
- Suitable for a variety of settings




- Accessible for diverse audiences
- Explore science and engineering concepts and careers
- Promotes 21st Century skills of inquiry, creativity, teamwork, and collaborative problem solving

# Family Engineering Program Development Partners And Funders



National Science Foundation  
WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN

# Family Science & Engineering Program Goals

1. Engage families in science and engineering with fun, hands-on activities.
  2. Increase public understanding and appreciation of the role science and engineering play in everyday life.
  3. Introduce children at an early age to the many career opportunities in science and engineering.
  4. Increase parents' interest in and ability to encourage their children to pursue an engineering or science career.
  5. Provide age-appropriate resources to support volunteers in conducting informal education programs with elementary-aged children and their parents.
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The evidence is consistent,  
positive, and convincing:  
**families have a major influence on their  
children's achievement in school and  
through life.**



*A New Wave of Evidence: The Impact of School,  
Family, and Community Connections on  
Student Achievement*  
Henderson and Mapp, 2002


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# Family Science and Family Engineering Support Next Generation Science Standards

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*A Framework for K-12 Science Education  
National Research Council, 2012*



# What Does a Family Science and Engineering Event Look Like?



Self Directed Openers



Facilitated Investigations & Engineering Challenges



# Who Can Organize a Family Science or Family Engineering Event?

- K-5 classroom teachers and administrators
- Parent teacher organizations (PTA)
- Professional scientists & engineers
- College science and engineering (STEM) students
- High school science or engineering clubs
- Members of professional science and engineering societies
- Informal educators at museums, community centers, scouts, etc.
- Businesses and organizations that support STEM education
- Parents



# Getting Involved in Family Science and Family Engineering

- **Attend a Training Workshop**  
Join the growing network of trained volunteers – contact us to set up a customized training workshop in your school district or state.



- **Host a School or Community-Based Event**  
Helpful resources: *Family Engineering: An Activity & Event Planning Guide* and *Family Science*.



# Family Engineering Event Starter Kit





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## MS-ETS1 Engineering Design

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## Findings from the National Academies

“As STEM education ... does not reflect the natural interconnectedness of the four STEM components in the real world ....”

“... potential value, related to student motivation and achievement, in increasing the presence of ..., especially, engineering in STEM education ... in ways that address the current lack of integration in STEM ...”

“... the most intriguing possible benefit of K–12 engineering education relates to improved student learning and achievement in mathematics and science and *enhanced interest* in these subjects because of their relevance to real-world problem solving. .. limited amount of reliable data ...”

*To make a world of difference*

# What does engineering in STEM look like in K-12?

- ◆ **Engineering “the verb” or the process of engineering design**
- ◆ **Essential ideas of engineering:**
  - ✓ *Constraints, criteria and fair test*
  - ✓ *Failure, Improvement and Iteration*
  - ✓ *Systems thinking*
  - ✓ *Collaboration*
  - ✓ *Communication*
  - ✓ *Creativity*
  - ✓ *Ethical Considerations*
  - ✓ *Optimism*
- ◆ **Goal is to create more—and more diverse--engineering and technologically literate citizens**

*Because engineers are essential to our health, safety and happiness*

*Because dreams need doing*



What is Engineering?

*To help shape the future*

# The Four Key Elements of Engineering in K-1 (NC Engineering Connections)

- Engineering habits of mind
- Engineering design
- Systems thinking
- Problem solving

# Engineering habits of mind

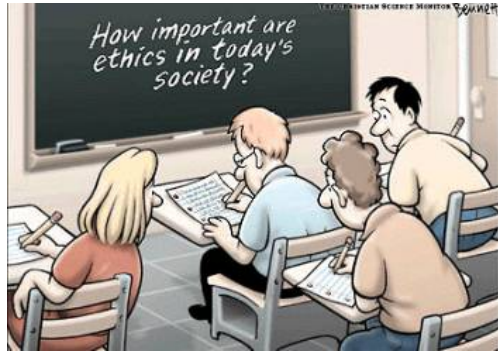
- **Communication**
- **Collaboration**
- **Optimism**
- **Systems thinking**
- **Ethical thinking**
- **Creativity**



We live in a complex, dynamic world where everything is connected to everything else



We need better approaches to study, understand and manage complexity

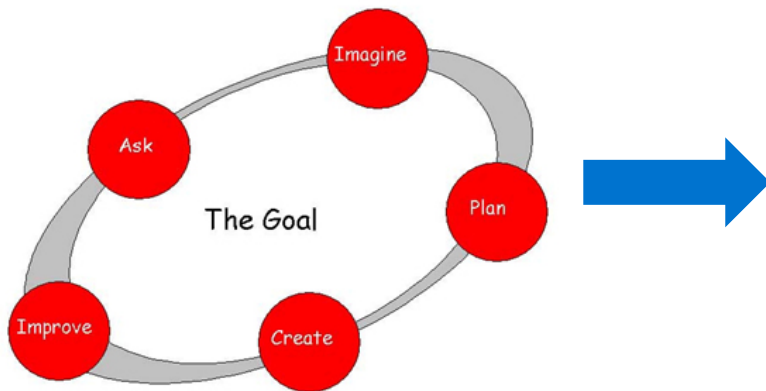


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# Engineering Design Process

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The Engineering Design Process

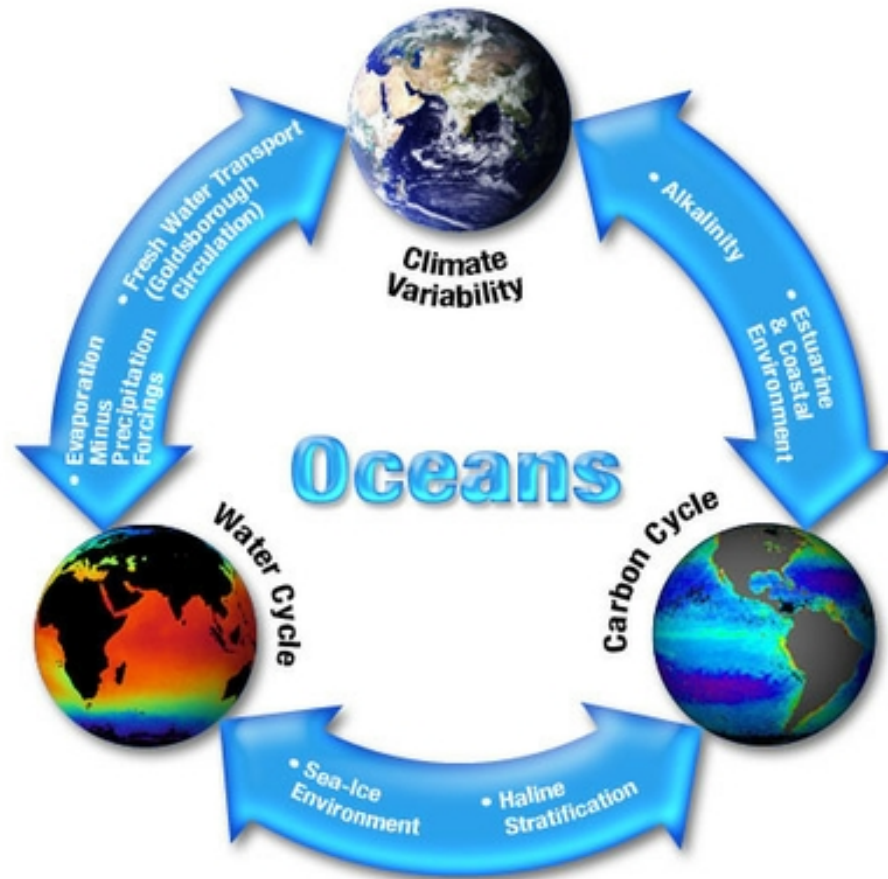


Grades K-5, based on Engineering is Elementary from Museum of Science, Boston



Grades 6-12 based Engineering the Future and the NASA design process

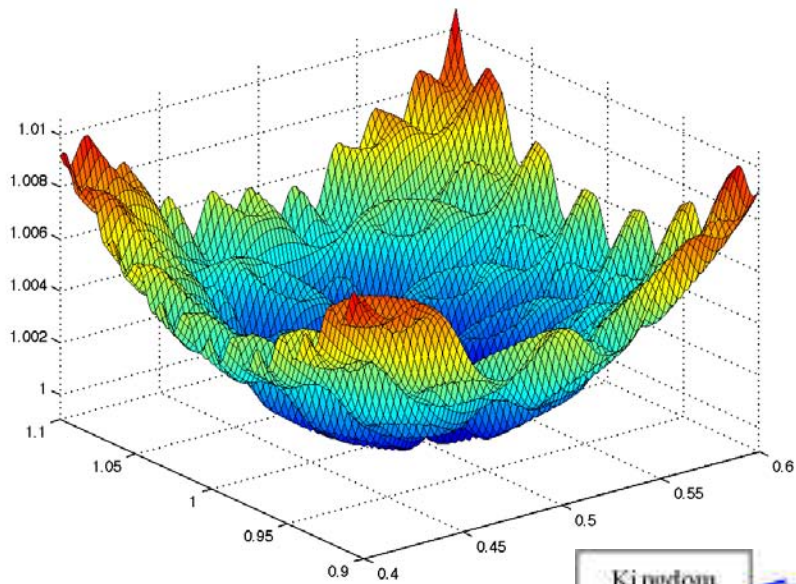
# Systems Thinking







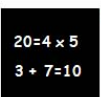

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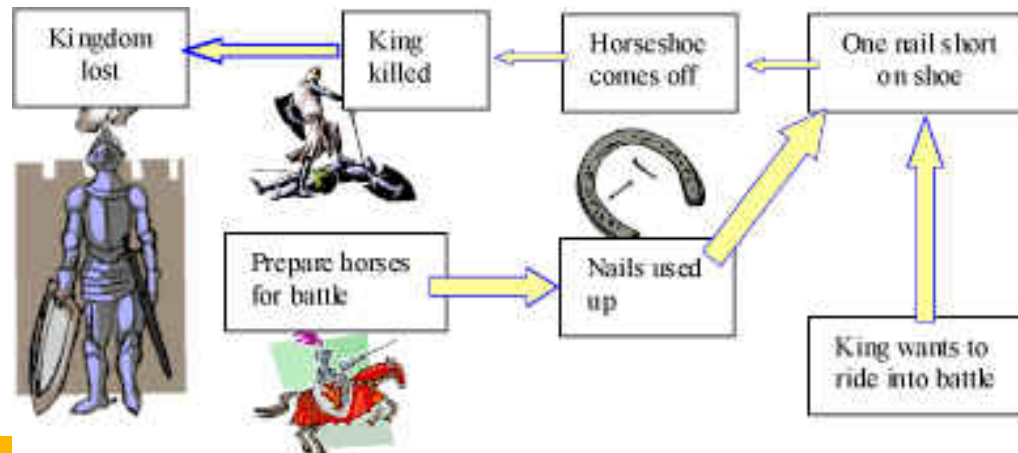
# Problem Solving

*To solve problems creatively*



## Problem Solving Strategies

|   |                           |   |
|---|---------------------------|---|
|  | Draw a Picture or Diagram |  |
|  | Guess, Check & Revise     |  |
|  | Make an Organized List    |  |
|  | Use a Number Sentence     |  |
|  | Use Logical Reasoning     |  |



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## **NGSS MS-ETS1-1.**

*Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.*

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**NGSS MS-ETS1-2.**

*Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.*



## NGSS MS-ETS1-3.

*Analyze data from tests to determine similarities and differences among several design solutions to identify the best characteristics of each that can be combined into a new solution to better meet the criteria for success.*

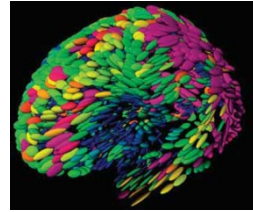
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## **NGSS MS-ETS1-4.**

Develop a model to generate data for iterative testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.

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# The Grand Challenges for Engineering

([www.engineeringchallenges.org](http://www.engineeringchallenges.org))



*Because dreams need doing*

# Why engineering in K-12?

*To solve problems creatively.*

*Because engineers are essential to our health, safety and happiness.*

*To help shape the future.*

*To make a world of difference.*

*Because dreams need doing.*

**Just a few reasons why people choose engineering.**



## HS-ETS1 Engineering Design

| <b>HS-ETS1 Engineering Design</b>  |   |   |
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| Science and Engineering Practices  | Disciplinary Core Ideas   | Crosscutting Concepts   |
| <p><b>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</b><br/>Asking questions and defining problems in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to formulating, refining, and evaluating empirically testable questions and design problems using models and simulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze complex real-world problems by specifying criteria and constraints for successful solutions. (HS-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</b><br/>Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use mathematical models and/or computer simulations to predict the effects of a design solution on systems and/or the interactions between systems. (HS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b><br/>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-ETS1-2)</li> <li>Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> | <p><b>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criteria and constraints also include satisfying any requirements set by society, such as taking issues of risk mitigation into account, and they should be quantified to the extent possible and stated in such a way that one can tell if a given design meets them. (HS-ETS1-1)</li> <li>Humanity faces major global challenges today, such as the need for supplies of clean water and food or for energy sources that minimize pollution, which can be addressed through engineering. These global challenges also may have manifestations in local communities. (HS-ETS1-1)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. (HS-ETS1-3)</li> <li>Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs. (HS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul> <p><b>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (HS-ETS1-2)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Systems and System Models</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. HS-ETS1-4)</li> </ul> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p><b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b></p> <p><b>Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New technologies can have deep impacts on society and the environment, including some that were not anticipated. Analysis of costs and benefits is a critical aspect of decisions about technology. (HS-ETS1-1) (HS-ETS1-3)</li> </ul> |
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CENTER FOR STEM EDUCATION FOR GIRLS

# Center for STEM Education for Girls

- Founded in 2011 through a leadership grant from the Edward E. Ford Foundation
- [STEM Think Tank and Conference](#) – the nation's sole conference focused on females with input from university educators , informal educators, and corporate members that has grown out of the K12 schools
- [STEM Consortium](#) – leadership board
- [STEM Summer Institute](#) – a model program for STEM integration for girls
- [STEM Resources](#) – a variety of types with research to practice highlights

<http://stemefg.org>



# Literature

- Knight and Mappen (2011) relay that increasing women involvement in STEM is successfully achieved through civic engagement.
- Contextualizing STEM subjects with practical problems can help contribute to girl's present and future interest in the subjects (Halpern et al. 2007)



# STEM Summer Institute – A Model Program For STEM Integration

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# STEM Summer Institute (SSI) 2012

- Two-week long program that focused on engaging sixteen rising 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade underrepresented girls in STEM in Davidson County, TN
- Focus on enrichment of their self-efficacy and increased knowledge of engineering

# Research Questions

- *Question 1.* How does participation in the STEM Summer Institute increase or change participants' understanding of the nature of engineering?
- *Question 2.* How does participation in the STEM Summer Institute increase participants' self-efficacy?

# Program Participants 2012

- Of the sixteen participating girls,
  - eight were African American,
  - one was African American/Hispanic,
  - one was Hispanic,
  - two were Asian,
  - and four were Caucasian.
  - Three of these students immigrated to the US within a year of participating in the SSI.

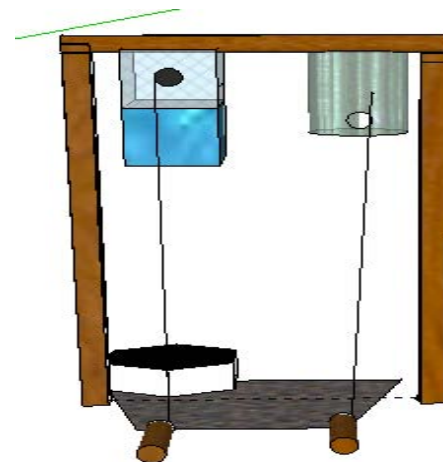


## MISSION:

To build the capacity  
of the people of  
Kamagambo, Kenya  
to advance their own  
comprehensive  
well-being

# SSI 2012

- Partner with Lwala Community Alliance
- Tippy Tap hand-washing stations need improvement
  - Soap is often stolen
  - Not kid-friendly
- Use the engineering design process
- Kenyan culture and role of women
- Build on scientific knowledge
  - Stream study
    - Analyze data with Excel
  - Wastewater treatment plant
- Google SketchUp – CAD model

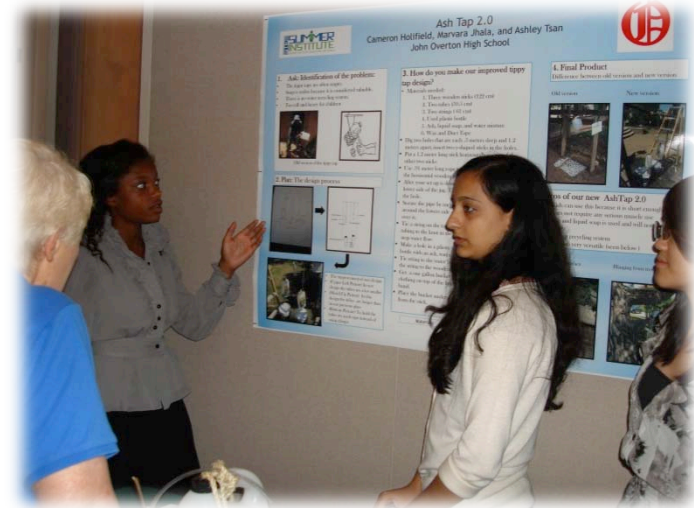






# SSI 2012

- Engineering Design Competition – last day
  - Student teams present
    - Scientific poster with EDP
    - Prototype
    - Video of working prototype
    - Oral presentation
  - Judging
    - By engineers, SSI faculty, Lwala
    - Presentation
    - Written documentation of EDP in innovation portal



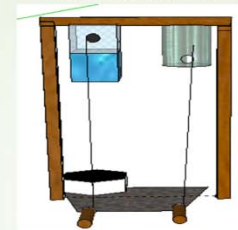
# The Winner's Prototype is off to Kenya!



## Tippy Tap 3000

Lillian Ekem, Aareon Hall, Adcola Ijiyode

A Model of Our Design of The Tippy Tap



A Real Life Model of Our Tippy Tap Design

**The Problem:** The Lwala Community Alliance is an organization that took the initiative to introduce cleanliness to the people in parts of northern Kenya. These people lacked knowledge of how bacteria can make them sick and are being taught the importance of washing their hands. The Lwala Community Alliance introduced designs of what is called the tippy tap to help support the hand washing initiative. A tippy tap consists of a jug of water and some kind of soap that is hung from a tree or on one stick balanced across two other sticks. The existing tippy tap, though, has a few complications. First, the people have been using homemade bar soap that is continually stolen. This has led to some hand washing stations not being adequately equipped. Second, the designs are not kid-friendly. Another problem that could be solved is the frequency in which the community has to refill the jugs that hold water for the tippy tap. The people need a way to both conserve and refill the water bottles easily. Our goal, as a team, is to produce a prototype that combats these needs adequately.



The original tippy tap

**Journey to the Solution:** We brainstormed together and came to many different solutions that compiled to make our final design. Our final design is a variation of the initial tippy tap. We decided upon this so Lwala Community Alliance would not have to spend much financial and time resources to introduce a whole new design. Our design is easy to comprehend and is easily added to original tippy tap. We decided upon converting to just liquid soap that would be held in a smaller jug that have the same lever design as the original tippy tap. We also wanted to introduce the idea of using the prickly pear cactus to purify water that was collected below the water jug by a bucket. This new concept would help tremendously with the reuse of the water collected and would reduce the amount of water used on the tippy tap. Our design is the easiest to adjust and provides an innovative way to reuse the water.

### Materials:

- Two pieces of rope 70.5 cm long
- one 22oz(946.353 ml) bottle with handle
- a one gallon(3.8 liters) milk jug with handle
- string(12.7 cm)
- Two wooden rectangular prism(17 cm)
- Any container
- T-shirt material that covers the container

### Dimensions:

- Sticks: Length: 1.0 meter Width: 2.5 cm Thickness of Stick: 70.5 cm Thickness of Pedal: 2.5 cm

### Procedure:

1. Collect your materials.
2. Set up two 1.067 meters tall sticks 70.5 cm apart.
3. Take 70.5 cm, long stick and balance it sideways across the upright sticks.
4. Get a 3.8 liter jug(fill with water) and an 946 ml jug (fill with liquid soap).
5. Poke a hole in the top and side each jug.
6. Slide the two pieces of rope into the top of each jug and knot it on the end.
7. Tie a the pieces of smaller string onto the end of each rope.
8. Tie to the other ends of the strings to the wooden blocks.
9. Slide each jug contraption onto sideways stick of the tippy tap.
10. Stretch the T-shirt material over the container and keep in place with the rubber band. Place this under the water jug.

### The Use of Prickly Pear Cactus As a Purifier

We did some background research on ways to make the water cleaner after hand washing so the people could reuse the water for other needs. We stumbled upon the prickly pear cactus. Researchers at the University of South Florida conducted an experiment that produced the results that supported the concept of the prickly pear cactus contributing to the purification of water. We hoped to introduce this as a part of our design so it could serve as a way to be able to purify the water collected after a person washes their hands.



Prickly Pear Cactus

The mucilage of the cactus, a gummy substance given off when boiled, is what actually purifies the water. So, we boiled the cactus for 15 minutes.



Cactus Boiling

Then we placed it in a container of contaminated water and collected samples of the water before and after the cactus. We placed these samples and petri plates and left the bacteria to grow.



Container of Water with Cactus in It



Petri Plates With Bacteria After 24 Hours

Our one trial did not support the hypothesis that was supported by the University of South Florida. We also only used a variation of the prickly pear cactus. The concept of the cactus does work and could be used as an easy way water can be purified by the people of Kenya.

# Details

- Two weeks in June
- Full day, non-residential
- Optional transportation assistance
- Lunch and snacks provided
- \$300 registration fee
- Optional scholarship application
- Harpeth Hall faculty and Vanderbilt University School of Engineering faculty and graduate students



# Innovation Portal and EDPPSR

- [http://  
innovationportal.org](http://innovationportal.org)
- Engineering Design  
Process Portfolio  
Scoring Rubric
- Use for formative and  
summative assessment



# Understanding of Engineering Post-SSI

- Engineering design is not always creating something but it is more often improving what already exists.
- Engineering includes creating things to solve a problem.
- Engineering that is beyond such superficial ideas that suggest that engineers fix cars or build houses and bridges.
- Engineering comprises multiple disciplines and subject areas (such as math and science).
- **By the SSI introducing the girls to real-world issues in which they can offer applicable solutions, the girls were able to make feasible connections to engineering.**

# Self-Efficacy Conclusions

- The SSI was effective in increasing the girl's self-efficacy
  - a greater belief in their success within STEM courses.
  - a greater feeling of inclusion both inside and outside the classroom
  - greater expectations in the outcomes of taking math courses and doing well in math.
  - confident in completing an engineering program.

# NGSS Standards Met – Tippy Tap

- **HS-ETS1-1. Analyze a major global challenge to specify qualitative and quantitative criteria and constraints for solutions that account for societal needs and wants.**
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# 2013: Creating a Fish Farm Pond

- Partner with Lwala Community Alliance
- Residents of Lwala wish to become fish farmers
  - Problems with dry season and evaporation
  - Current model is a hole in the ground!
  - Using materials found naturally in Kenya, design a fish farm pond





# NGSS Standards Met – Fish Pond

- HS-LS1-3. Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis.
- HS-LS2-1. Use mathematical and/or computational representations to support explanations of factors that affect carrying capacity of ecosystems at different scales.
- HS-LS2-2. Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations in ecosystems of different scales.
- HS-LS2-7. Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.
- HS-ESS3-4. Evaluate or refine a technological solution that reduces impacts of human activities on natural systems.

# 2013: Creating an Oven for Making Muffins

- Partner with Lwala Community Alliance
- Residents of Lwala wish to sell corn muffins
  - Women desire income to support their family
  - Using materials found naturally in Kenya, design an oven for baking corn muffins





# NGSS Standards Met – Oven

- HS-PS3-3. Design, build, and refine a device that works within given constraints to convert one form of energy into another form of energy.

# Implications and Suggestions

- Focus on service learning, learning within a context, and other unique needs of female and minority learners is critical.
- SSI can serve as an effective model for STEM-integrated curriculum both in summer programs and particularly in the classroom.



# Implications and Suggestions

- Partner with area schools, informal educators, etc.
- Partner with community serving organizations
- **Look specifically at NGSS Disciplinary Core Ideas and the Engineering & Technology Standards – Teachers will appreciate the integration most as they have no time to spare!**

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# Leveraging NGSS To Advance K-12 Engineering Education

- K-12 students will be exposed to disciplinary core ideas in engineering, engineering practices, and the engineering design process
- Curriculum developers will need assistance creating meaningful K-12 engineering instructional materials
- Engineering educators can contribute to K-12 teacher preparation and professional development
- Engineering educators can assist with engineering-related teaching and learning in both formal and informal settings
- Engineers and engineering educators can serve as community resources, role models, and active participants in future K-12 education

# Research & Evaluation

- ◆ Need To Measure NGSS Impacts As Implemented
  - General interpretation/implementation of NGSS
  - Specific interpretation/implementation of Engineering practices and standards
  - Teacher professional development
  - New curricula and other instructional materials
  - Impacts on student learning, performance
  
- ◆ Great Opportunity For Higher Education Institutions To Contribute To Advancing The Field

# Research & Evaluation

## ◆ Front-End Evaluation

- Target audience interests, needs, and expectations
- Testing preliminary program concepts, assumptions
- Informs project planning and initial design

## ◆ Formative Evaluation

- Testing/prototyping initial program products, strategies
- Informs project refinement

## ◆ Summative Evaluation

- Measuring program outcomes and impacts
- Reporting to project partners, funders

# Research & Evaluation

- ◆ Join An Existing Network Or Collaborative
  - Field-test site for emerging program
  - Implementation site for existing program
  - Research and/or evaluation partner
  
- ◆ Sharing Research & Evaluation Findings
  - Regional and National Conferences
    - ASEE K-12 and Pre-College Engineering Division
    - National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
    - American Evaluation Association (AEA)
  - Publications focused on science and engineering education
  - Public funding agencies and private foundations