Name	School	Grade	Course/Subject	Number of Students	Interval of Instruction
		7	Science Performance Expectation		September 2018 to March 2019

Standards, Rationale, and Assessment Method
Name the content standards covered, state the rationale for how these standards are critical for the next level of the subject, other academic disciplines, and/or life/college/career. Name and briefly describe the format of the assessment method.

NEW JERSEY CORE CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS – SCIENCE K-12

1) Students provide molecular-level accounts of states of matters and changes between states, of how chemical reactions involve regrouping of atoms to form new substances, and of how atoms rearrange during chemical reactions. Students also apply their understanding of optimization design and process in engineering to chemical reaction systems. The crosscutting concept of *energy and matter* provides a framework for understanding the disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in *developing and using models, analyzing and interpreting data, designing solutions*, and *obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information*. Students are also expected to use these science and engineering practices to demonstrate understanding of the disciplinary core ideas.

   - **Develop and use a model to describe how the total number of atoms does not change in a chemical reaction and thus mass is conserved.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on law of conservation of matter and on physical models or drawings, including digital forms, that represent atoms.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the use of atomic masses, balancing symbolic equations, or intermolecular forces.]* **(MS-PS1-5)**
   - **Undertake a design project to construct, test, and modify a device that either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes. *** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the design, controlling the transfer of energy to the environment, and modification of a device using factors such as type and concentration of a substance. Examples of designs could involve chemical reactions such as dissolving ammonium chloride or calcium chloride.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to the criteria of amount, time, and temperature of substance in testing the device.]* **(MS-PS1-6)**
   - **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. (MS-ETS1-3)**

2) Students demonstrate age appropriate abilities to plan and carry out investigations to develop *evidence* that living organisms are made of cells. Students gather information to support explanations of the relationship between structure and function in cells. They are able to communicate an understanding of cell theory and understand that all organisms are made of cells. Students understand that special structures are responsible for particular functions in organisms. They then are able to use their understanding of cell theory to develop and use physical and conceptual

models of cells. The crosscutting concepts of *scale, proportion, and quantity* and *structure and function* provide a framework for understanding the disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in *planning and carrying out investigations*, *analyzing and interpreting data*, and *developing and using models*, Students are also expected to use these to use these science and engineering practices to demonstrate understanding of the disciplinary core ideas.

- **Conduct an investigation to provide evidence that living things are made of cells; either one cell or many different numbers and types of cells.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on developing evidence that living things are made of cells, distinguishing between living and non-living things, and understanding that living things may be made of one cell or many and varied cells.]* **(MS-LS1-1)**
- **Develop and use a model to describe the function of a cell as a whole and ways parts of cells contribute to the function.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the cell functioning as a whole system and the primary role of identified parts of the cell, specifically the nucleus, chloroplasts, mitochondria, cell membrane, and cell wall.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of organelle structure/function relationships is limited to the cell wall and cell membrane. Assessment of the function of the other organelles is limited to their relationship to the whole cell. Assessment does not include the biochemical function of cells or cell parts.]* **(MS-LS1-2)**

3) Students develop a basic understanding of the role of cells in body systems and how those systems work to support the life functions of the organism. Students will construct explanations for the interactions of systems in cells and organisms. Students understand that special structures are responsible for particular functions in organisms, and that for many organisms, the body is a system of multiple-interaction subsystems that form a hierarchy, from cells to the body. Students construct explanations for the interactions of systems in cells and organisms and for how organisms gather and use information from the environment. The crosscuttings concepts of *systems and system models* and *cause and effect* provide a framework for understanding the disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in *engaging in argument from evidence* and *obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information*. Students use these science and engineering practices to demonstrate understanding of the disciplinary core ideas.

- **Use argument supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells.** *[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the conceptual understanding that cells form tissues and tissues form organs specialized for particular body functions. Examples could include the interaction of subsystems within a system and the normal functioning of those systems.]* [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the mechanism of one body system independent of others. Assessment is limited to the circulatory, excretory, digestive, respiratory, muscular, and nervous systems.*]* **(MS-LS1-3)**
- **Gather and synthesize information that sensory receptors respond to stimuli by sending messages to the brain for immediate behavior or storage as memories.** *[*Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include mechanisms for the transmission of this information.*]* **(MS-LS1-8**)

Rational

The NGSS identify assessable performance expectations (PEs), or what students should know and be able to do at the end of instruction. They represent the integration of three "dimensions" of science education: scientific and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas (DCIs), and crosscutting concepts (CCCs). As such, both student learning and assessment around the NGSS should be "three dimensional".

Assessment

Authentic Assessments throughout the year will be used to measure students' growth (including Discovery Education and other NGSS-aligned assessments). The assessments will consist of selected engineering and technology tasks, which reflect higher levels of cognitive complexity.

Starting Points and Preparedness Groupings

Students will be tiered as determined by a data point systems the uses 2 points of data. Each tier group will be assigned a target level.

Data Measures used to Establish Baselines

2017-2018 Final Grade; weight (. 35)
Science Pre-Assessment; weight (.35)
Unit 1 Lab: weight (.30)

Preparedness Group	Baseline Score
Tier 1	< 0.35
Tier 2	0.35 – 0.55
Tier 3	0.55 – 0.75
Tier 4	>0.75

Student Growth Objective

By March 2019, 70% of students in each preparedness group will meet their assigned target command level for full attainment of the objective as shown in the scoring plan.

Preparedness Group (e.g. 1,2,3)	Number of Students in Each Group	Target Level of SGO Combined Assessments
Tier 1		2
Tier 2		3
Tier 3		4
Tier 4		4 or 5[1]

Scoring Plan

State the projected scores for each group and what percentage/number of students will meet this target at each attainment level. Modify the table as needed.

Preparedness Group	Student Target Command Level	Teacher SGO Score Based on Percent of Students Achieving Target Score			
		Exceptional (4) >80%	Full (3) 70-80%	Partial (2) 50-69%	Insufficient (1) <50%

Tier 1	2				
Tier 2	3				
Tier 3	4				
Tier 4	4 or 5[1]				

[1] **It is expected that students in Tier 4 maintain a level of strong command or grow to distinguished command.**

Approval of Student Growth Objective
Administrator approves scoring plan and assessment used to measure student learning.

Teacher _____ Signature_____	Date Submitted_____
Evaluator _____ Signature _____	Date Approved _____

Results of Student Growth Objective
Summarize results using weighted average as appropriate. Delete and add columns and rows as needed.

Preparedness Group	Students at Target Score	Teacher SGO Score	Weight (based on students per group)	Weighted Score	**Total Teacher SGO Score**
Tier 1					
Tier 2					
Tier 3					
Tier 4					

Notes
Describe any changes made to SGO after initial approval, e.g. because of changes in student population, other unforeseen circumstances, etc.

Review SGO at Annual Conference
Describe successes and challenges, lessons learned from SGO about teaching and student learning, and steps to improve SGOs for next year.

Teacher _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Evaluator _____ Signature _____ Date _____