

Grade 6 Earth Science

State Standard	FOSS Program
S6E1. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about	
a. Ask questions to determine changes in models of Earth's	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science
position in the solar system, and origins of the universe as	TE: Investigation 6; All Parts
evidence that scientific theories change with the addition of new	SE: The Cosmos in a Nutshell
information.	DR: Solar System Origin Card Sort
(Clarification statement: Students should consider Earth's	
position in geocentric and heliocentric models and the Big Bang	FOSS Third Edition Motion, Forces, and Models
as it describes the formation of the universe.)	SE: Scientists and Models
b. Develop a model to represent the position of the solar system	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science
in the Milky Way galaxy and in the known universe.	TE: Investigation 6; All Parts SE: The Cosmos in a Nutshell
a Analyza and interpret data to compare the planets in terms of	DR: Solar System Origin Card Sort
 c. Analyze and interpret data to compare the planets in terms of: size relative to Earth 	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science TE: Investigation 7; All Parts
	SE: A Tour of the Solar System
 surface and atmospheric features 	DR: Solar System Origin Card Sort
 relative distance from the sun, and 	DR. Solar System Origin Card Solt
ability to support life	
d. Develop and use a model to explain the interaction of gravity	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science
and inertia that governs the motion of objects in the solar	TE: Investigation 6; All Parts
system.	SE: How Earth Got and Held onto Its Moon
	DR: Origin of the Moon
e. Ask questions to compare and contrast the characteristics,	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science
composition, and location of comets, asteroids, and meteoroids.	TE: Investigation 6; All Parts
	SE: How Earth Got and Held onto Its Moon, A Tour of the
	Solar System
	DR: Origin of the Moon
S6E2. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about t moon.	he effects of the relative positions of the sun, Earth, and
a. Develop and use a model to demonstrate the phases of the	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science
moon by showing the relative positions of the sun, Earth, and	TE: Investigation 4; All Parts
moon	SE: Earth's Moon
	DR: Lunar Calendar, Day/Night, Phases of the Moon
b. Construct an explanation of the alignment of the sun, Earth,	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science
and moon during solar and lunar eclipses.	SE: Earth's Moon
c. Analyze and interpret data to relate the tilt of the Earth to the	FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science
distribution of sunlight throughout the year and its effect on	TE: Investigation 2; All Parts
seasons.	SE: Seasons on Earth
	DR: Seasons
S6E3. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to reco	
a. Ask questions to determine where water is located on Earth's	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
surface (oceans, rivers, lakes, groundwater, aquifers, and ice),	TE: Investigation 8, Part 1
and communicate the relative proportion of water at each	SE: Earth: The Water Planet
location using a circle/pie graph.	
b. Plan and carry out an investigation to illustrate the role of the	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
sun's energy in atmospheric conditions that lead to the cycling of water.	TE: Investigation 7; All Parts
(Clarification statement: The water cycle should include	Delta Science Module Oceans
evaporation, condensation, precipitation, transpiration,	TE: Activity 5
infiltration, groundwater, and runoff.)	SE: How Do Oceans Affect Weather and Climate?
c. Ask questions to identify and communicate using graphs and	Delta Science Module Oceans
maps the composition, location, and subsurface topography of	TE: Activity 4
the world's oceans.	SE: Features of the Ocean Floor
	: Student Edition-Science Resources Book • DR: Digital Resources

TE: Teacher Editions-Investigations Guide, Teacher Resources • SE: Student Edition-Science Resources Book • DR: Digital Resources

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d. Analyze and interpret data to create graphic representations of	Delta Science Module Oceans
the causes and effects of waves, currents, and tides in Earth's	TE: Activities 6-9
systems.	SE: How Does Ocean Water Move?
	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
	TE: Investigation 8, Parts 2-3 and Extensions
	SE: Ocean Currents and Gyres; El Nino
	DR: Tides and Perpetual Ocean
S6E4. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about h	
a. Analyze and interpret data to compare and contrast the	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
Earth's atmospheric layers (including the ozone layer) and	TE: Investigation 1, Part 3
greenhouse gases.	Investigation 9, Part 2
(<u>Clarification statement</u> : Earth's atmospheric layers include the	SE: What's in the Air? and A Thin Blue Veil, Heating the
troposphere, stratosphere, mesosphere, and thermosphere.)	Atmosphere
b. Plan and carry out an investigation to demonstrate how	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
energy from the sun transfers heat to air, land and water at	TE: Investigations 3-5; all parts
different rates.	SE: Density
(Clarification statement: Heat transfer should include the	
processes of conduction, convection and radiation.)	
c. Develop a model demonstrating the interaction between	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
unequal heating and the rotation of the Earth that causes local	TE: Investigation 4; all parts
and global wind systems.	TE: Investigation 6; all parts
	SE: Heating the Atmosphere and Wind on Earth
d. Construct an explanation of the relationship between air	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
pressure, fronts, and air masses and meteorological events such	TE: Investigation 1; all parts
as tornadoes and thunderstorms.	
	Investigation 6; all parts
	Investigation 10; Part 1
	SE: Severe Weather, Heating the Atmosphere and Wind on
	Earth, Climates: Past and Future
	DR: Hurricanes and Tornadoes, Weather Maps
e. Analyze and interpret weather data to explain the effects of	FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water
moisture evaporating from the ocean on weather patterns and	TE: Investigation 9, all parts
weather events such as hurricanes.	SE: Climates: Past, Present and Future
S6E5. Obtain, evaluate and communicate information to s	how how Earth's surface is formed.
a. Ask questions to compare and contrast the Earth's crust,	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
mantle, inner and outer core, including temperature, density,	TE: Investigation 5; all parts
thickness, and composition.	DR: Earth's Interior, slide show
b. Plan and carry out an investigation of the characteristics of	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
minerals and how minerals contribute to rock composition.	TE: Investigation 5; all parts
	SE: Minerals, Crystals, and Rocks
c. Construct an explanation of how to classify rocks by their	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
formation and how rocks change through geologic processes in	TE: Investigation 3; all parts
the rock cycle.	Investigation 5; all parts
	Investigation 7; all parts
	SE: Where in the World Is Calcium Carbonate?, Minerals,
	Crystals, and Rocks, Rock Transformations and How One
	Rock Became Another Rock and Typical Earth Rocks
	DR : Sandstone Formation, Shale Formation and Limestone
	Formations, Sedimentary Rocks Tour, Extrusive Rock
	Formation and Intrusive Rock Formation, Rock Database,
	How Metamorphic Rocks Form
d. Ask questions to identify types of weathering, agents of	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
erosion and transportation, and environments of deposition.	TE: Investigation 2; all parts
(<u>Clarification statement:</u> Environments of deposition include	Investigation 3; all parts
	SE: Grand Canyon Flood; Weathering and Erosion; Modern
deltas, barrier islands, beaches, marshes, and rivers.)	
	Sedimentary Environments, Where in the World Is Calcium
	Carbonate?
	DR: Stream Tables, Debris Flow, Freezing Glass, Frost
	Wedging and Rock Falls, Sandstone Formation, Shale





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	Formation and Limestone Formation, Sedimentary Rocks
e. Develop a model to demonstrate how natural processes	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
(weathering, erosion, and deposition) and human activity change	TE: Investigation 2; all parts
rocks and the surface of the Earth.	Investigation 3; all parts
	SE: Grand Canyon Flood; Weathering and Erosion; Modern
	Sedimentary Environments, Where in the World Is Calcium
	Carbonate?
	DR: Stream Tables, Debris Flow Freezing Glass, Frost
	Wedging, and Rock Falls, Sandstone Formation, Shale
	Formation, and Limestone Formation, Sedimentary Rocks
	Tour
f. Construct an explanation of how the movement of lithospheric	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
plates (convergent boundary, divergent boundary, transform	TE: Investigation 6; parts 2 and 3
boundary), called plate tectonics, is due to convection currents	Investigation 7; part 1
below the lithosphere, and can cause major geologic events	SE: The History of Plate Tectonics, Earth's Dynamic
such as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.	Systems
	DR: Plate Tectonics: The Scientist Behind the Theory,
	Earthquakes Around the World, Plate Boundaries Map, Faul
	Types; Convergent, Divergent, Transform and Folding,
	Mountain Types
g. Construct an argument using maps and data collected to	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
support a claim of how fossils show evidence of the changing	TE: Investigation 4; all parts
surface and climate of the Earth.	Investigation 6; all parts
	SE: Rocks, Fossils, and Time and Floating on a Prehistoric
	Sea, The History of Plate Tectonics
h. Plan and carry out an investigation to provide evidence that	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
soil is composed of layers of weathered rocks and decomposed	TE: Investigation 2, Part 3
organic material.	SE: Soil Stories
	out the uses and conservation of various natural resources
and now they impact the Farth	
and how they impact the Earth.	FOSS Next Generation Farth History
a. Ask questions to determine the differences between	FOSS Next Generation Earth History TE: Investigation 8: all parts
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 a. Ask questions to determine the differences between renewable/sustainable energy resources (i.e. hydro, solar, wind, geothermal, tidal, and biomass) and nonrenewable energy resources (i.e. nuclear: uranium, and fossil fuels: oil coal, and natural gas), and how they are used in our everyday lives. b. Design and evaluate solutions for sustaining the quality and supply of natural resources such as water, soil, and air. c. Construct an argument evaluating contributions to a rise in global temperatures over the past century. (<i>Clarification statement</i>: Tables, graphs, and maps of global and regional temperatures, and atmospheric levels of greenhouse 	 TE: Investigation 8; all parts SE: Geoscenarios DR: Geoscenarios FOSS Next Generation Planetary Science TE: Investigation 7; all parts FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water TE: Investigation 9; parts 2 and 3 Investigation 8; all parts SE: Climates: Past, Present, and Future, Geoscenarios DR: Climate Change Basics, Geoscenarios FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water TE: Investigation 9; all parts SE: Climate Change Basics, Geoscenarios FOSS Next Generation Weather and Water TE: Investigation 9; all parts SE: Climates: Past, Present, and Future (see Images and Data section for tables and graphs of climate data)





Grade 7 Life Science

State Standard	FOSS Program
S7L1. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to invest	
compared scientifically.	
a. Develop and defend a model that categorizes organisms based on common characteristics.	FOSS Next Generation Diversity of Life TE: Investigations 1, 3-5, 9; all parts SE: Characteristics of Life on Earth, The Amazing Paramecium, Bacteria Around Us, The Water Conservation Problem, Biodiversity at Home and Abroad
b. Evaluate historical models of how organisms were classified	FOSS Next Generation Diversity of Life
based on physical characteristics and how that led to the six- kingdom system (currently archaea, bacteria, protists, fungi, plants, and animals). (Clarification statement: This includes common examples and characteristics such as, but not limited to, prokaryotic, eukaryotic, unicellular, multicellular, asexual reproduction, sexual reproduction, autotroph, heterotroph, and unique cell structures. Modern classification will be addressed in high school.)	TE: Investigations 3-4; all parts SE: The Amazing Paramecium, Bacteria Around Us
S7L2. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to cons	
cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems interact to maintain	
a. Develop a model and construct an explanation of how cell structures (specifically the nucleus, cytoplasm, cell membrane, cell wall, chloroplasts, lysosome, and mitochondria) contribute to the function of the cell as a system in obtaining nutrients in order to grow, reproduce, make needed materials, and process waste. (<i>Clarification statement:</i> The intent is for students to demonstrate how the component structures of the cell interact and work together to allow the cell as a whole to carry out various processes. Additional structures, beyond those listed, will be addressed in high school Biology.)	FOSS Next Generation Diversity of Life TE: Investigation 3; all parts SE: The Amazing Paramecium DR: Levels of Complexity
b. Develop and use a conceptual model of how cells are	FOSS Next Generation Human Systems Interactions
organized into tissues, tissues into organs, organs into	TE: Investigation 1; all parts
systems, and systems into organisms.	DR: Levels of Complexity, Structural Levels Cards
	FOSS Next Generation Diversity of Life TE: Investigation 3; all parts SE: The Amazing Paramecium
c. Construct an argument that systems of the body	FOSS Next Generation Human Systems Interactions
(Cardiovascular, Excretory, Digestive, Respiratory,	TE: Investigations 1-3; All Parts
Muscular, Nervous, and Immune) interact with one another	DR: Structural Levels, Digestive and Excretory Systems,
to carry out life processes. (<i>Clarification statement:</i> The emphasis is not on learning	Circulatory and Respiratory Systems, Human Cardiovascular Systems, Senses Menus, Brain Synapse
individual structures and functions associated with each	Function, Brain Neuron Growth, Reaction Timer
system, but on how systems interact to support life processes.)	
S7L3. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to expla	in how organisms reproduce either sexually or asexually and
transfer genetic information to determine the traits of their off	
a. Construct an explanation supported with scientific evidence	FOSS Next Generation Heredity and Adaptation
of the role of genes and chromosomes in the process of	TE: Investigation 2, all parts
inheriting a specific trait.	SE: Earth: The Water Planet
	DR: Heredity Slide Show
b. Develop and use a model to describe how asexual	FOSS Next Generation Diversity of Life
reproduction can result in offspring with identical genetic information while sexual reproduction results in genetic	TE: Investigations 6-7; all parts SE: The Amazing Paramecium
variation.	DR: Levels of Complexity
(<u>Clarification statement:</u> Models could include, but are not	
limited to, the use of monohybrid Punnett squares to	FOSS Next Generation Heredity and Adaptation
demonstrate the heritability of genes and the resulting genetic	TE: Investigation 2; all parts
variation, identification of heterozygous and homozygous, and	SE: Tree Thinking

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rade 7 comparison of genotype vs. phenotype.)	DR: A Model for Predicting Genetic Variation, Larkey
	Impossible Traits, Lareky Punnett Square
 Ask questions to gather and synthesize information about 	FOSS Next Generation Heredity and Adaptation
the ways humans influence the inheritance of desired traits in	TE: Investigation 3; all parts
organisms through selective breeding. (<i>Clarification</i>	SE: Adaptation
statement: The element specifically refers to artificial selection	DR: Genetic Technology Resources
and the ways in which it is fundamentally different than	
natural selection.)	
S7L4. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to exan	ine the interdependence of organisms with one another and
their environments. a. Construct an explanation to describe the patterns of	FOSS Next Generation Populations and Ecosystems
interactions in different ecosystems in terms of the	TE: Investigations 2-4; all parts
relationships among and between organisms and abiotic	SE : Life in a Community, An Introduction to Mono Lake,
components of the ecosystem.	Biosphere 2: An Experiment in Isolation
(<u>Clarification statement:</u> The interactions include, but are not	DR: Ecoscenarios, The Mono Lake Story, The Mono Lake
limited to, predator- prey relationships, competition, mutualism,	Food Web
parasitism, and commensalism.)	
b. Develop a model to describe the cycling of matter and the flow	FOSS Next Generation Populations and Ecosystems
of energy among biotic and abiotic components of an	TE: Investigations 3, 5-6; all parts
ecosystem.	SE: An Intro to Mono Lake, Energy and Life, Trophic Level
(Clarification statement: Emphasis is on tracing movement of	DR: The Mono Lake Food Web
matter and flow of energy, not on the biochemical	
mechanisms of photosynthesis and cellular respiration.)	
c. Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for how	FOSS Next Generation Populations and Ecosystems
resource availability, disease, climate, and human activity	TE: Investigations 7-9; all parts
affect individual organisms, populations, communities, and	SE: Limiting Factors, Biodiversity, Trophic Levels
ecosystems.	DR: Milkweed Bugs, Hawaii: Strangers in Paradise and Th
,	Mono Lake Story, Ecoscenario Research Center
d. Ask questions to gather and synthesize information from	FOSS Next Generation Populations and Ecosystems
multiple sources to differentiate between Earth's major	TE: Investigations 2-3, 9; all parts
terrestrial biomes (i.e., tropical rain forest, savanna,	SE: Life in a Community, An Intro to Mono Lake, Trophic
temperate forest, desert, grassland, taiga, and tundra) and	Levels
aquatic ecosystems (i.e., freshwater, estuaries, and marine).	DR: Ecoscenarios, Ecoscenario Research Center
(Clarification statement: Emphasis is on the factors that	DR. Ecoscentrios, Ecoscentrio Research Center
influence patterns across biomes such as the climate,	
availability of food and water, and location.	
S7L5. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information from m	ultiple sources to explain the theory of evolution of living
organisms through inherited characteristics.	FOCO Next Conception Forth History
a. Use mathematical representations to evaluate explanations	FOSS Next Generation Earth History
of how natural selection leads to changes in specific traits of	TE: Investigation 5; all parts
populations over successive generations.	DR: Earth's Interior, slide show
(<u>Clarification statement:</u> Referencing data should be obtained	
from multiple sources including, but not limited to, existing	
research and simulations. Students should be able to calculate	
means, represent this data in a table or graph, and reference it	
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State Standard	FOSS Program
S8P1. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about	the structure and properties of matter.
a. Develop and use a model to compare and contrast pure	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions
substances (elements and compounds) and mixtures.	TE: Investigations 1-2; all parts
(Clarification statement: Include heterogeneous and	SE: Elements; Substances on Earth; Substances in the
homogeneous mixtures. Types of bonds and compounds will be	Universe
addressed in high school physical science.)	
b. Develop and use models to describe the movement of	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions
particles in solids, liquids, gases, and plasma states when	TE: Investigations 3-6, 8; all parts
thermal energy is added or removed.	SE: Particles; Three Phases of Matter, Particles in Motion;
	Expansion and Contraction, Engineering a Better Design,
	Energy on the Move, Rock Solid; Heat of Fusion
	DR: Particles in Solids, Liquids, and Gases, Energy Flow;
	Mixing Hot and Cold Water; Thermometer
c. Plan and carry out investigations to compare and contrast	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions
chemical (i.e., reactivity, combustibility) and physical properties	TE: Investigations 7-10; all parts
of matter (i.e., density, melting point, boiling point).	SE: How Things Dissolve; Concentration, Rock Solid; Heat
	of Fusion, How Do Atoms Rearrange; Fireworks; Antoine-
	Laurent Lavoisier
d. Construct an argument to support the claim that when a	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions
change occurs it is either chemical or physical. (Clarification statement: Evidence could include ability to separate mixtures,	TE: Investigations 7-10; all parts
	SE: How Things Dissolve; Concentration, Rock Solid; Heat of Fusion, How Do Atoms Rearrange; Fireworks; Antoine-
development of a gas, formation of a precipitate, change in energy, color, and/or form.)	Laurent Lavoisier
e. Develop models (e.g., atomic-level models, including	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions
drawings, and computer representations) by analyzing patterns	TE: Investigations 1-2, 9; all parts
within the periodic table that illustrate the structure,	SE: Elements, How Do Atoms Rearrange; Fireworks;
composition, and characteristics of atoms (including protons,	Antoine-Laurent Lavoisier
neutrons, and electrons) and simple molecules.	DR: Periodic Table
	Delta Science Reader Matter and Change
	SE: What Makes Up Matter?
f. Construct an explanation based on evidence to describe	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions
conservation of matter and mass in a chemical reaction	TE: Investigations 9-10; all parts
including the resulting differences between products and	SE: How Do Atoms Rearrange; Fireworks; Antoine-Laurent
reactants.	Lavoisier
(Clarification statement: Evidence could include models with	
balanced chemical equations.)	
S8P2. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about	the law of conservation of energy to develop arguments that
energy can transform from one form to another within a syste	
a Applyze and interpret data to proote graphical diaplays that	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy
a. Analyze and interpret data to create graphical displays that	TE: Investigation 3; parts 1 and 2
illustrate the relationships of kinetic energy to mass and speed and potential energy to mass and height of an object.	
and potential energy to mass and neight of an object.	
b. Plan and carry out an investigation to explain the	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy
transformation between kinetic and potential energy within a	TE: Investigation 3; parts 1 and 2
system (e.g., roller coasters, pendulums, rubber bands).	
c. Construct an explanation about energy transformations	FOSS Next Generation Electromagnetic Force
within a system [e.g., lighting a match (light to heat), turning on	TE: Investigation 3; parts 2 and 3
a light (electrical to light)].	Investigation 4; all parts
	SE: Electromagnetism; Electromagnetism Engineering,
	Rebirth of Electric Cars; Where We Get Energy
d. Plan and carry out investigations on the effects of heat	FOSS Next Generation Chemical Interactions
transfer on molecular motion as it relates to the collision of	TE: Investigations 4-6; all parts
atoms (conduction), through space (radiation), or in currents in	
a liquid or a gas (convection).	
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S8P3. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about o motion of objects.	cause and effect relationships between force, mass, and the
a.Analyze and interpret data to identify patterns in the relationships between speed and distance, and velocity and acceleration. (Clarification statement: Students should be able to analyze motion graphs, but students should not be expected to calculate velocity or acceleration.)	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy TE: Investigation 1, all parts SE: Faster and Faster; Gravity: It's the Law; A Weighty Matter
b. Construct an explanation using Newton's Laws of Motion to describe the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object.	FOSS Next Generation Electromagnetic Force TE: Investigation 1; Part 3 SE: The Discovery of Friction; Net Force
	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy TE: Investigation 2-3; all parts SE: Newton's Laws
c. Construct an argument from evidence to support the claim that heavier objects require a greater force to accelerate (inertia).	FOSS Next Generation Electromagnetic Force TE: Investigation 1; Part 3 SE: The Discovery of Friction
	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy TE: Investigation 3; Parts 1 and 2 SE: The Discovery of Friction;
S8P4. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to supp differently than mechanical (sound) waves.	port the claim that electromagnetic (light) waves behave
a. Ask questions to develop explanations about the similarities and differences between electromagnetic and mechanical waves. (Clarification statement: Include transverse and longitudinal waves and wave parts such as crest, trough, compressions, and rarefactions.)	FOSS Next Generation Waves TE: Investigation 2; all parts SE: Transverse and Compression Waves
b. Construct an explanation using data to illustrate the relationship between the electromagnet spectrum and energy.	FOSS Next Generation Waves TE: Investigation 3; all parts SE: Electromagnetic Spectra; Wave-Energy Key Points
c. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to explain practical applications of the electromagnetic spectrum (e.g., communication, medical, military).	FOSS Next Generation Waves TE: Investigation 4; all parts SE: Lasers
d. Develop and use a model to compare and contrast how light and sound waves are reflected, refracted, absorbed, diffracted, or transmitted through various materials. (Clarification statement: Include echo and how color is seen but not interference and scattering.)	FOSS Next Generation Waves TE: Investigation 1; all parts Investigation 2; all parts Investigation 3; all parts SE: Transverse and Compression Waves; Sound Waves; Reflecting on Life; Throw a Little Light on Sight!;Seismic Waves DR: Refraction
e. Analyze and interpret data to predict patterns in the relationship between density of media and wave behavior (i.e., speed).	FOSS Next Generation Waves TE: Investigation 3; all parts
f. Develop and use a model (e.g., simulations, graphs, illustrations) to predict and describe the relationships between wave properties (e.g., frequency, amplitude, and wavelength) and energy.	FOSS Next Generation Waves TE: Investigation 1; Part 2 Investigation 2; Part 3 Investigation 3; all parts SE: Ocean Waves, Electromagnetic Spectra; Wave-Energy
	Key Points; Electromagnetic DR: Oscilloscope FOSS Next Generation Waves





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S8P5. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the phenomena of gravity, electricity, and magnetism as major forces acting in nature.	
a. Construct an argument using evidence to support the claim that fields (i.e., magnetic fields, gravitational fields, and electric fields) exist between objects exerting forces on each other even when the objects are not in contact.	FOSS Next Generation Electromagnetic Force TE: Investigations 1-2; all parts Investigation 3; Parts 2 and 3 SE: The Force Is with You, The Discovery of Friction, Magnetic Force, Electromagnetism
	FOSS Next Generation Gravity and Kinetic Energy TE: Investigations 1-2; all parts SE: Gravity: It's the Law, Gravity in Space
b. Plan and carry out investigations to demonstrate the distribution of charge in conductors and insulators. (Clarification statement: Include conduction, induction, and friction.)	FOSS Next Generation Electromagnetic Force TE: Investigation 3; all parts SE: Circuitry and Lightbulbs; What Is Electricity?; Electromagnetic Engineering
c. Plan and carry out investigations to identify factors (e.g., distance between objects, magnetic force produced by an electromagnet with varying number of wire turns, varying number or size of dry cells, and varying size of iron core) that affect the strength of electric and magnetic forces. (<i>Clarification statement:</i> The investigations included, but are not limited to, generators or motors.)	FOSS Next Generation Electromagnetic Force TE: Investigation 3; Parts 2 and 3 SE: Electromagnetism; Electromagnetic Engineering

