Unit: Testing, Evaluating, and Refining

Concept: Optimization

Standard

• 3.5-9-12.W Optimize a design by addressing desired qualities within criteria and constraints while considering trade-offs.

Key Learning

 (LTTG) Students will be able to investigate better solutions through a belief that opportunities can be found in every challenge.

Unit Essential Question

 How can I investigate better solutions through a belief that opportunities can be found in every challenge?

Essential Question

How do criteria and constraints drive design?

Key Vocabulary

• Making, Criteria, Constraints, Optimal, Optimize, Approach, Solution, and Trade-off

Learning Experience

- Students who demonstrate understanding can optimize a design by addressing desired qualities within criteria and constraints while considering trade-offs.
- Clarifying Statement: Students evaluate criteria and constraints in the technology and engineering design process to select optimal approaches for their design solutions. Students at this level should be able to articulate a rationale (e.g., design matrix) for their decisions in the design, construction, and implementation of their solution.

(Big Idea) Technology & Engineering Curriculum Framework Big Ideas

• Design optimization is driven by criteria and constraints.

(SEP) Science and Engineering Practices

 Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions - Design, evaluate, and/or refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and trade-off considerations.

(DCI) Disciplinary Core Ideas

• ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution - 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.

(TEP) Technology and Engineering Practices

Optimism - Shows persistence in addressing technological problems and finding solutions to those problems.

Terms

- (ETS) Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Standards applicable across the Science, Environmental Literacy & Sustainability, and Technology & Engineering content areas.
- (LTTG) PDE Technology & Engineering Long Term Transfer Goals
- (Learning Experience) A learning experience refers to any interaction, activity, or other experience in which students acquire new understanding, knowledge, behaviors, or skills.
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