PLTW Launch Standards Connection



Animal Adaptations

Connections to Standards in PLTW Launch

PLTW curriculum is designed to empower students to thrive in an evolving world. As a part of the design process when developing and updating our curriculum, we focus on connections to a variety of standards. This PLTW Launch module connects to standards in the following:

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Next Generation Science Standards

From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

1-LS1-1

Use materials to design a solution to a human problem by mimicking how plants and/or animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow, and meet their needs.

Engineering Design

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.

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.

Science and Engineering Practices: Asking Questions and Defining Problems

Asking questions and defining problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions that can be tested.

Science and Engineering Practices: Developing and Using Models

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.

Science and Engineering Practices: Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions.

Science and Engineering Practices: Analyzing and Interpreting Data

Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.

Science and Engineering Practices: Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking

Mathematical and computational thinking in K–2 builds on prior experience and progresses to recognizing that mathematics can be used to describe the natural and designed world(s).

Science and Engineering Practices: Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions.

• Use tools and/or materials to design and/or build a device that solves a specific problem or a solution to a specific problem.

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Science and Engineering Practices: Engaging in Argument from Evidence

Engaging in argument from evidence in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to comparing ideas and representations about the natural and designed world(s).

Science and Engineering Practices: Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information

Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in K–2 builds on prior experiences and uses observations and texts to communicate new information.

Disciplinary Core Ideas (K-2)

Life Science

LS1.A Structure and Function

• All organisms have external parts. Different animals use their body parts in different ways to see, hear, grasp objects, protect themselves, move from place to place, and seek, find, and take in food, water and air. Plants also have different parts (roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits) that help them survive and grow.

LS1.D Information Processing

• Animals have body parts that capture and convey different kinds of information needed for growth and survival. Animals respond to these inputs with behaviors that help them survive. Plants also respond to some external inputs.

Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science

ETS1.A Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems

 Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems.

ETS1.A Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems

• Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem.

ETS1.B Developing Possible Solutions

• 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.

ETS1.C Optimizing the Design Solution

• Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs.

Crosscutting Concepts (K-2)

Systems and System Models – A system is an organized group of related objects or components; models can be used for understanding and predicting the behavior of systems.

- Objects and organisms can be described in terms of their parts.
- Systems in the natural and designed world have parts that work together.

Next Generation Science Standards

Structure and Function – The way an object is shaped or structured determines many of its properties and functions.

• The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s).

Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science (K-2)

Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World

• Every human-made product is designed by applying some knowledge of the natural world and is built using materials derived from the natural world.

Computer Science Teachers Association K-12 Computer Science

In Spring 2023 PLTW submitted all necessary documentation required by the Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA) for a crosswalk review of our Launch and Gateway curricula by the CSTA Standards Review Team. While we anticipate approval and validation by CSTA, the review is pending.

Data and Analysis

Inference & Models

1A-DA-07

Identify and describe patterns in data visualizations, such as charts or graphs, to make predictions.

Algorithms and Programming

Modularity

1A-AP-11

Decompose (break down) the steps needed to solve a problem into a precise sequence of instructions.

Impacts of Computing

Social Interactions

1A-IC-17

Work respectfully and responsibly with others online.

Safety Law & Ethics

1A-IC-18

Keep login information private, and log off of devices appropriately.

Common Core State Standards English Language Arts - First Grade

Reading Standards for Literature

Key Ideas and Details

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.1

Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.

Reading Informational Text

Key Ideas and Details

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.1.1

Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.

Writing Standards

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.1.8

With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.

Speaking and Listening

Comprehension and Collaboration

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.2

Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.

Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.5

Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.6

Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation.

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Common Core State Standards Mathematics - First Grade

Number and Operations in Base Ten

Use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.1.NBT.C.4

Add within 100, including adding a two-digit number and a one-digit number, and adding a two-digit number and a multiple of 10, using concrete models or drawings and strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction; relate the strategy to a written method and explain the reasoning used. Understand that in adding two-digit numbers, one adds tens and tens, ones and ones; and sometimes it is necessary to compose a ten.

Measurement and Data

Represent and interpret data.

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.1.MD.C.4

Organize, represent, and interpret data with up to three categories; ask and answer questions about the total number of data points, how many in each category, and how many more or less are in one category than in another.

Mathematical Practices

CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP1

Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP2

Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP3

Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.

CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP4

Model with mathematics.

CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP5

Use appropriate tools strategically.

CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP6

Attend to precision.

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Included in Optional Extensions

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

Add and subtract within 20.

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.1.OA.C.6

Add and subtract within 20, demonstrating fluency for addition and subtraction within 10. Use strategies such as counting on; making ten (e.g., 8 + 6 = 8 + 2 + 4 = 10 + 4 = 14); decomposing a number leading to a ten (e.g., 13 - 4 = 13 - 3 - 1 = 10 -

Work with addition and subtraction equations.

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.1.OA.D.8

Determine the unknown whole number in an addition or subtraction equation relating three whole numbers. For example, determine the unknown number that makes the equation true in each of the equations 8 + ? = 11, $5 = _ - 3$, $6 + 6 = _$.

Number and Operations in Base Ten

Understand place value.

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.1.NBT.B.3

Compare two two-digit numbers based on meanings of the tens and ones digits, recording the results of comparisons with the symbols >, =, and <.

Number and Operations in Base Ten

Use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.1.NBT.C.6

Subtract multiples of 10 in the range 10-90 from multiples of 10 in the range 10-90 (positive or zero differences), using concrete models or drawings and strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addit

Measurement and Data

Measure lengths indirectly and by iterating length units.

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.1.MD.A.1

Order three objects by length; compare the lengths of two objects indirectly by using a third object.

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.1.MD.A.2

Express the length of an object as a whole number of length units, by laying multiple copies of a shorter object (the length unit) end to end; understand that the length measuerment of an object is the number of same-size length uni

Tell and write time.

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.1.MD.B.3

Tell and write time in hours and half-hours using analog and digital clocks.

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