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Teaching Science in Elementary and Middle School integrates principles of learning and motivation with practical teaching ideas for implementing them. Paralleling what scientists do, project-based learning (PBL) represents the essence of inquiry and the nature of science, and engages children and teachers in investigating meaningful, real-world questions about the world around them. This text provides concrete strategies on teaching using a project-based approach and on meeting the principles in A Framework for K–12 Science Education and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Features include strategies for planning long-term, interdisciplinary, student-centered units; scenarios to help readers situate new experiences; and a wealth of supplementary material on the Companion Website. Features in the Fifth Edition: Integrates research-based findings from the National Research Council's Taking Science to School, A Framework for K–12 Science Education, and NGSS to engage learners and help them make sense of phenomena in using disciplinary core ideas, science and engineering practices, and crosscutting concepts Gives attention to cultural diversity throughout the chapters, with an added focus on working with English Language Learners Describes how to develop and use assessments that require students to make use of their knowledge to solve problems or explain phenomena Illustrates how to use PBL to make connections to Common Core Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts Provides examples of project-based lessons and projects to illustrate how teachers can support children in engaging in scientific and engineering practices, such as asking questions, designing investigations, constructing models and developing evidence-based explanation

Next Generation Science Standards identifies the science all K-12 students should know. These new standards are based on the National Research Council's A Framework for K-12 Science Education. The National Research Council, the National Science Teachers Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Achieve have partnered to create standards through a collaborative state-led process. The standards are rich in content and practice and arranged in a coherent manner across disciplines and grades to provide all students an internationally benchmarked science education. The print version of Next Generation Science Standards complements the nextgenscience.org website and: Provides an authoritative offline reference to the standards when creating lesson plans Arranged by grade level and by core discipline, making information quick and easy to find Printed in full color with a lay-flat spiral binding Allows for bookmarking, highlighting, and annotating

"Online science courses are becoming increasingly available to K-12 students in the United States. With the utilization of these courses, it is important to facilitate student completion of laboratories as well as student interest in and use of the science and engineering practices (SEPs) of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). This exploratory research provided online laboratory introductions to help students interact with the content and the instructor. The research studied if the laboratory introductions led students to ask questions about laboratories, complete laboratories, and think about and use two NGSS SEPs, specifically analyzing and interpreting data and constructing explanations and designing solutions. Archived data provided information for the background of the study. The intervention class experienced introductions to the content, procedures, and focus NGSS SEPs for online laboratories. The researcher studied qualitative and quantitative data and determined there was an increase in student completion of the laboratories in general as well as identifiable impacts on student questions and thoughts about and use of the NGSS SEPs of focus. Data included pre- and post-course surveys, student laboratory questions, laboratory completion rates, laboratory scores, and laboratory answer analyses."--Boise State University ScholarWorks.

This qualitative study examined teachers' described and observed classroom instruction around the science and engineering practices in the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Seven secondary science teachers were surveyed and interviewed about their understanding and use of the science and engineering practices in their classroom teaching and then were observed to document their actual use of these practices. This study sought to describe (1) the variety of goals that teachers pursue in their classroom instruction and (2) the variety of instructional strategies teachers use to pursue those goals. Findings suggest that there were varying degrees of alignment between the teachers' described and observed classroom instruction and between their classroom instruction and the goals of the NGSS. For example, it was easier for many teachers to describe instruction around the science and engineering practices that aligned with the goals of the NGSS than it was to enact instruction that aligned with the NGSS. I suggest that the difficulty teachers experienced with enacting these practices emerged from teachers' misunderstanding of and misalignment with the goals of the NGSS. In order to address the challenges teachers faced in incorporating the science and engineering practices into their classroom instruction, I recommend some key features of professional development that may support teachers in refining their understanding, goals, and classroom instruction around these practices.

Why the social character of scientific knowledge makes it trustworthy Are doctors right when they tell us vaccines are safe? Should we take climate experts at their word when they warn us about the perils of global warming? Why should we trust science when so many of our political leaders don't? Naomi Oreskes offers a bold and compelling defense of science, revealing why the social character of scientific knowledge is its greatest strength—and the greatest reason we can trust it. Tracing the history and philosophy of science from the late nineteenth century to today, this timely and provocative book features a new preface by Oreskes and critical responses by climate experts Ottmar Edenhofer and

Martin Kowarsch, political scientist Jon Krosnick, philosopher of science Marc Lange, and science historian Susan Lindee, as well as a foreword by political theorist Stephen Macedo.

"This kids' book describes how scientists have used science notebooks to learn, explore, and discover."--

Helping Students Make Sense of the World Using Next Generation Science and Engineering PracticesNSTA Press

Research suggests that videogames can promote science learning; however, studies have largely focused on conceptual knowledge rather than the development of the science and engineering practices emphasized in current standards for science education. Previous studies have also tended to exclude informal learning that can occur in the spaces surrounding videogames. Given the crucial role that social context plays in scientific sensemaking, affinity spaces like online discussion forums seem to offer particular affordances for players to engage in science and engineering practices within a sphere of public reasoning. This study investigated how science and engineering practices manifested in these kinds of communities through a mixed-methods case study of two online gaming forums: the Portal 2 Steam Community and the official forum for Kerbal Space Program. After collecting the 1000 most recent posts made to each forum, I employed content analysis with an a priori protocol coding scheme based on the Next Generation Science Standards' (NGSS) Science and Engineering Practices (SEP) and Nature of Science Connections (NOS) to interpret and code forum posts. I identified whether evidence of SEP was focused on science and/or engineering, rated posts for their depth of engagement with the practices and for quality, and characterized posts as being nurturing, elitist, or neutral in terms of tone. I then used descriptive statistics to identify patterns in the data, and rich description to qualitatively analyze each online community and the games with which they are affiliated. The resulting study combined quantitative statistics to describe trends in the forums with qualitative analysis to ground the results within the context of the two specific affinity spaces. Across both forums, I found that roughly half of the posts showed evidence of science and engineering practices. Most of that evidence had an engineering focus. The most common practices evidenced in the forums were Asking Questions and Defining Problems, Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions, and Obtaining, Communicating, and Evaluating Information. I found very little evidence of engagement with the Nature of Science in either forum. Posts from KSP were twice as likely to engage with science and engineering practices compared to those for Portal 2. KSP posts showed significantly more evidence of seven out of the eight Science and Engineering practices and significantly more evidence of Nature of Science Connections overall. The depth and quality of KSP posts were significantly higher than those from the Portal 2 forum. The results of this study offer practical implications for the design of learning environments and for teacher education. The differences between posts from Portal 2 and KSP suggest that some features of games and their affiliated affinity spaces are more effective in fostering engagement with science and engineering practices than others. Educators and designers may therefore wish to leverage features that appear to be most conducive for their intended learning goals. Additionally, these spaces may offer opportunities for teachers to identify and notice authentic ways learners engage with the practices in interest-driven spaces. This study also contributes to theory by further complicating our understanding of affinity spaces and addressing the nuanced ways that learning can occur outside formal educational structures.

When it's time for a game change, you need a guide to the new rules. Helping Students Make Sense of the World Using Next Generation Science and Engineering Practices provides a play-by-play understanding of the practices strand of A Framework for K-12 Science Education and the NGSS. Written in clear, nontechnical language, this book provides a wealth of real-world examples to show you what's different about practice-centered teaching and learning at all grade levels. The book addresses three important questions: How will engaging students in science and engineering practices help improve science education? What do the eight practices look like in the classroom? How can educators teach the practices to support the NGSS? Helping Students Make Sense of the World Using Next Generation Science and Engineering Practices was developed for K-12 science teachers, curriculum developers, teacher educators, and administrators. Many of its authors contributed to the Framework's initial vision and tested their ideas in actual science classrooms. If you want a fresh game plan to help students work together to generate and revise knowledge, not just receive and repeat information, this book is for you.

Like all enthusiastic teachers, you want your students to see the connections between important science concepts so they can grasp how the world works now, and maybe even make it work better in the future. But how exactly do you help them learn and apply these core ideas? Just as its subtitle says, this important book aims to reshape your approach to teaching and your students' way of learning. Building on the foundation provided by A Framework for K-12 Science Education, which informed the development of the Next Generation Science Standards, the book's four sections cover these broad areas: Physical science core ideas that explain phenomena as diverse as why water freezes and how information can be sent around the world wirelessly; Life science core ideas that explore phenomena such as why children look similar but not identicle to their parents and how human behaviour affects global ecosystems; Earth and space sciences core ideas focus on complex interactions in the Earth system and examine phenomena as varied as the big bang and global climate change; Engineering technology, and applications of science core ideas highlight engineering design and how it can contribute innovative solutions to society's problems. Disciplinary Core Ideas can make your science lessons more coherent and memorable, regardless of what subject matter you cover and what grade you teach. Think of it as a conceptual tool kit you can use to help your students learn important and useful science now, and continue learning throughout their lives.

The need for a scientifically literate citizenry, one that is able to think critically and engage productively in the engineering design process, has never been greater. By raising engineering design to the same level as scientific inquiry the Next Generation Science Standards' (NGSS) have signaled their commitment to the integration of engineering design into the fabric of science education. This call has raised many critical questions...How well do these new standards represent what actually engineers do? Where do the deep connections among science and engineering practices lie? To what extent can (or even should) science and engineering practices co-exist in formal and informal educational spaces? Which of the core science concepts are best to leverage in the pursuit of coherent and compelling integration of engineering practices? What science important content may be pushed aside? This book, tackles many of these tough questions head on. All of the contributing authors consider the same core question: Given the rapidly changing landscape of science education, including the elevated status of engineering design, what are the best approaches to the effective integration of the science and engineering practices? They answered with rich descriptions of pioneering approaches, critical insights, and useful practical examples of how embodying a culture of interdisciplinarity and innovation can fuel the development of a scientifically literate citizenry . This collection of work builds traversable bridges across diverse research communities and begins to break down long standing disciplinary silos that have historically often hamstrung well-meaning efforts to bring research and practice from science and engineering together in meaningful and lasting ways.

"A “Sci-Book” or “Science Notebook” serves as an essential companion to the science curriculum supplement, STEPS to STEM. As students learn key concepts in the seven “big ideas” in this program (Electricity & Magnetism; Air & Flight; Water & Weather; Plants & Animals; Earth & Space; Matter & Motion; Light & Sound), they record their ideas, plans, and evidence. There is ample space for students to keep track of their observations and findings, as well as a section to reflect upon the use of “Science and Engineering Practices” as set forth in the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Using a science notebook is reflective of the behavior of scientists. One of the pillars of the Nature of Science is that scientists must document their work to publish their research results; it is a necessary part of the scientific enterprise. This is important because STEPS to STEM is a program for young scientists who learn within a community of scientists. Helping students to think and act like scientists is a critical feature of this program. Students learn that they need to keep a written record if they are to successfully share their discoveries and curiosities with their classmates and with the teacher. Teachers should also model writing in science to help instill a sense of purpose and pride in using and maintaining a Sci-Book. Lastly, students' documentation can serve as a valuable form of authentic assessment; teachers can utilize Sci-Books to monitor the learning process and the development of science skills."

Not since the 2011 release of A Framework for K - 12 Science Education has a document held such promise and significance for the science education community as does the Next Generation Science Standards The NGSS aims to better prepare U.S. students for the rigor of career and college-level scientific study by stressing the importance and integration of the three dimensions: science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas, and crosscutting concepts. They will provide for a more integrated and cohesive approach to science instruction, leading to a more scientifically literate citizenry. However, the NGSS also marks a change in how we think about science instruction and the task at hand, the adoption of these new standards and their incorporation into instruction, will require a significant amount of support. The key to unlocking the full potential of the NGSS is a deep understanding of the interrelationship of its core ideas, scientific and engineering practices, and crosscutting concepts. This brief and easy-to-use Reaader's Guide offers teachers, principals, district and state administrators, anyone with a vested interest in improving the quality of science education, the tools they need to fully absorb the new standards and begin to implement them, effectively, into classroom practices.

Biology for NGSS is an entirely new resource, and has been developed in consultation with practising teachers in the USA. It has been specifically written to meet the high school life science requirements (HSLS) of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The three dimensions of the standards are integrated throughout the workbook:The Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCIs) provide the structural framework for the workbook, dividing it into four sections. Each chapter provides activities to specifically address the performance expectations arising from the DCIs.Science and Engineering Practices are supported throughout with activities to develop skills in analyzing and interpreting data, developing and using models, and constructing explanations from evidence. A supporting introductory chapter provides students with additional opportunities to practice the mathematical and inquiry- based skills required at this level.Crosscutting concepts are identified throughout, allowing students to make connections between core ideas in different topics.

Is it time to refresh the way you think about teaching Earth science? Learning to Read the Earth and Sky is the multifaceted resource you need to bring authentic science—and enthusiasm—into your classroom. It offers inspiration for reaching beyond prepared curricula, engaging in discovery along with your students, and using your lessons to support the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The book provides • examples of Earth science labs and activities you and your students can do as co-investigators; • insights into student expectations and misconceptions, plus ideas for inspiring true investigation; • stories of real scientific discovery translated for classroom consideration; • exploration of how you can mentor students as a teacher-scholar; and • guidance on how to translate the sweeping core ideas of the NGSS into specific examples students can touch, see, and experience. The authors of Learning to Read the Earth and Sky are husband-and-wife educators who promote science as something to figure out, not just something to know. They write, “It is our hope that readers will find our book short on ‘edu-speak,’ long on the joy of doing science, and full of stories of students, classrooms, scientists, and Earth and sky.”

2018 Outstanding Academic Title, Choice Ambitious Science Teaching outlines a powerful framework for science teaching to ensure that instruction is rigorous and equitable for students from all backgrounds. The practices presented in the book are being used in schools and districts that seek to improve science teaching at scale, and a wide range of science subjects and grade levels are represented. The book is organized around four sets of core teaching practices: planning for engagement with big ideas; eliciting student thinking; supporting changes in students’ thinking; and drawing together evidence-based explanations. Discussion of each practice includes tools and routines that teachers can use to support students’ participation, transcripts of actual student-teacher dialogue and descriptions of teachers’ thinking as it unfolds, and examples of student work. The book also provides explicit guidance for “opportunity to learn” strategies that can help scaffold the participation of diverse students. Since the success of these practices depends so heavily on discourse among students, Ambitious Science Teaching includes chapters on productive classroom talk. Science-specific skills such as modeling and scientific argument are also covered. Drawing on the emerging research on core teaching practices and their extensive work with preservice and in-service teachers, Ambitious Science Teaching presents a coherent and aligned set of resources for educators striving to meet the considerable challenges that have been set for them.

Despite an enduring belief that science should be taught, there has been no enduring consensus about how or why. This is especially true when it comes to teaching scientific process. John Rudolph shows that how we think about and teach science will either sustain or thwart future innovation, and determine how science is perceived by the public.

Time-tested activities to teach the key ideas of science—and turn students into scientists! This witty book adapts classic investigations to help students in grades 3 through 8 truly think and act like scientists. Chapter by chapter, this accessible primer illustrates a “big idea” about the nature of science and offers clear links to the Next Generation Science Standards and its Science and Engineering Practices. You’ll also find: A reader-friendly overview of the NGSS Guidance on adapting the activities to your grade level, including communicating instructions, facilitating discussions, and managing safety concerns Case studies of working scientists to highlight specifics about the science and engineering practices

Represents the content of science education and includes the essential skills and knowledge students will need to be scientically

literate citizens. Includes grade-level specific content for kindergarten through eighth grade, with sixth grade focus on earth science, seventh grade focus on life science, eighth grade focus on physical science. Standards for grades nine through twelve are divided into four content strands: physics, chemistry, biology/life sciences, and earth sciences.
The addition of the arts to STEM education, now known as STEAM, adds a new dimension to problem-solving within those fields, offering students tools such as imagination and resourcefulness to incorporate into their designs. However, the shift from STEM to STEAM has changed what it means for students to learn within and across these disciplines. Redesigning curricula to include the arts is the next step in preparing students throughout all levels of education. Challenges and Opportunities for Transforming From STEM to STEAM Education is a pivotal reference source that examines the challenges and opportunities presented in redesigning STEM education to include creativity, innovation, and design from the arts including new approaches to STEAM and their practical applications in the classroom. While highlighting topics including curriculum design, teacher preparation, and PreK-20 education, this book is ideally designed for teachers, curriculum developers, instructional designers, deans, museum educators, policymakers, administrators, researchers, academicians, and students.
Physical Sciences for NGSS has been specifically written to meet the requirements of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for High School Physical Sciences (HS-PS). It encompasses all three dimensions of the standards (science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and disciplinary core ideas), addressing the program content through a wide range of engaging student-focused activities and investigations.Through completion of these activities, students build a sound understanding of science and engineering practices, recognize and understand the concepts that link all domains of science, and build the knowledge base required to integrate the three dimensions of the standards to meet the program's performance expectations.
The authors provide teachers and staff developers with a research-based process for establishing quality instructional goals and implementing ongoing formative assessment to help students reach learning goals.
If you’re charged with helping educators achieve the vision of the new science standards, this is the professional development resource you need. This book is chock-full of activities and useful advice for guiding teachers and administrators as they put the standards into practice in the classroom. Written by three experts in professional development for science teachers, Introducing Teachers and Administrators to the NGSS • Introduces the vocabulary, structure, and conceptual shifts of the NGSS • Explores the three dimensions of the Framework—science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and disciplinary core ideas—and how they’re integrated in the NGSS • Provides classroom case studies of instructional approaches for students challenged by traditional science teaching • Covers curricular decisions involving course mapping, designing essential questions and performance assessments, and using the NGSS to plan units of instruction • Examines the connections between the NGSS and the Common Core State Standards • Offers advice for getting past common professional development sticking points and finding further resources Given the widespread changes in today’s education landscape, teachers and administrators may feel

overwhelmed by the prospect of putting the new standards into practice. If you're a science specialist, curriculum coordinator, or instructional coach who provides professional development, you will find this collection immensely helpful for heading off "initiative fatigue," whether in an individual school or throughout a district.

"If you've been trying to figure out how crosscutting concepts (CCCs) fit into three-dimensional learning, this in-depth resource will show you their usefulness across the sciences. Crosscutting Concepts: Strengthening Science and Engineering Learning is designed to help teachers at all grade levels (1) promote students' sensemaking and problem-solving abilities by integrating CCCs with science and engineering practices and disciplinary core ideas; (2) support connections across multiple disciplines and diverse contexts; and (3) use CCCs as a set of lenses through which students can learn about the world around them. The book is divided into the following four sections. Foundational issues that undergird crosscutting concepts. You'll see how CCCs can change your instruction, engage your students in science, and broaden access and inclusion for all students in the science classroom. An in-depth look at individual CCCs. You'll learn to use each CCC across disciplines, understand the challenges students face in learning CCCs, and adopt exemplary teaching strategies. Ways to use CCCs to strengthen how you teach key topics in science. These topics include the nature of matter, plant growth, and weather and climate, as well as engineering design. Ways that CCCs can enhance the work of science teaching. These topics include student assessment and teacher professional collaboration. Throughout the book, vignettes drawn from the authors' own classroom experiences will help you put theory into practice. Instructional Applications show how CCCs can strengthen your planning. Classroom Snapshots offer practical ways to use CCCs in discussions and lessons. No matter how you use this book to enrich your thinking, it will help you leverage the power of CCCs to strengthen students' science and engineering learning. As the book says, "CCCs can often provide deeper insight into phenomena and problems by providing complementary perspectives that both broaden and sharpen our view on the rapidly changing world that students will inherit.""--

A Framework for K-12 Science Education and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) describe a new vision for science learning and teaching that is catalyzing improvements in science classrooms across the United States. Achieving this new vision will require time, resources, and ongoing commitment from state, district, and school leaders, as well as classroom teachers. Successful implementation of the NGSS will ensure that all K-12 students have high-quality opportunities to learn science. Guide to Implementing the Next Generation Science Standards provides guidance to district and school leaders and teachers charged with developing a plan and implementing the NGSS as they change their curriculum, instruction, professional learning, policies, and assessment to align with the new standards. For each of these elements, this report lays out recommendations for action around key issues and cautions about potential pitfalls. Coordinating changes in these aspects of the education system is challenging. As a foundation for that process, Guide to Implementing the Next Generation Science Standards identifies some overarching principles that should guide the planning and implementation process. The new standards present a vision of science and engineering learning designed to bring these subjects alive for all students, emphasizing the satisfaction of pursuing compelling questions and the joy of discovery and invention. Achieving this vision in all science classrooms will be a major undertaking and will require changes to many aspects of science education. Guide to Implementing the Next Generation Science Standards will be a valuable resource for states, districts, and schools charged with planning and implementing changes, to help them achieve the goal of teaching science for the 21st century.

It is often claimed that engineering projects improve student achievement in mathematics and science, but research on this topic has shown that many projects do not live up to the claim (Teacher Advisory Council, 2009). Ideally, undertaking a science project should be motivating, while also helping students to understand the interplay between science concepts (like energy transformation) and engineering design decisions. This dissertation research investigates ways to integrate engineering practices and science concepts (like energy transformation) in classroom settings. I investigate ways to integrate the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) science and engineering practices while simultaneously expanding the knowledge integration theory (Linn & Eylon, 2011). I refine knowledge integration design principles in classroom studies, comparing alternative forms of instruction where students integrate engineering design and science disciplinary concepts. I accomplish this by creating new technologies to support students in building solar ovens while testing their design ideas in an interactive computer model that connects science concepts and design decisions. When students build a physical model they may neglect the scientific basis for their decisions, instead focusing on details of construction that may be superficial rather than scientifically based. Educational tools, like interactive computer models, can help students connect science principles and design decisions by making mechanisms such as energy transformation visible. The NGSS envision that instruction would combine practices including modeling, data, analysis, computational thinking, and design to enable students to integrate their scientific and engineering ideas (NGSS Lead States, 2013). This research identifies optimal ways to integrate science and engineering practices by taking advantage of interactive models, automated guidance for student short essays, and supports for making evidence centered decisions. The investigations are guided by the knowledge integration theory and the results expand the theory into the engineering domain. In this dissertation, I present five empirical chapters. Each study uses a solar ovens curriculum in which students use a virtual model to design and explore energy transformation, then build and test a physical solar oven. These studies investigate ways to support students in integrating their ideas about energy transformation with ideas about engineering design. The first empirical chapter investigates how computer models function in hands-on curriculum to aid in the knowledge integration process. The second and third empirical chapters investigate supports for students while they use computer models. These chapters document how students interact with the model. Because the computer model aids in both design and reflection, there are three chapters devoted to investigations of how the computer model aids students in knowledge integration. A fourth empirical chapter investigates the non-normative, yet common, idea that shiny or dark objects “attract” light to them, causing them to heat up. I first collect data about the ideas students present around this non-normative idea, then present a method to automatically score student written responses for the presence of this idea. This automatic scoring algorithm could support the development of automated guidance that could then encourage students to refine their ideas. The fifth empirical chapter investigates two ways to frame the curriculum. Since the goal of this curriculum is to integrate both science content ideas and engineering design ideas, I investigate two different frameworks for presenting the curriculum – science-centered or engineering-centered. Together, these chapters suggest guidelines for the structure of hands-on projects that aim to teach both science concepts and engineering design. First, creating dynamic computer models that allow students to test their design ideas has proven useful in helping students integrate science disciplinary ideas and engineering practices. However, students need scaffolding to integrate these ideas and practices. To ensure that the virtual models inform student designs in a meaningful way (and vice versa), there should be careful consideration about when during the curriculum they are introduced. Including science content in a meaningful way and supporting the integration of science ideas is also critical for the success of projects that are intended to support the integration of science and engineering. To help students make sense of key scientific phenomena, designers need to identify ideas that are challenging for students to distinguish among, like that of light propagation (e.g., is light reflected, absorbed, or “attracted”?). Creating opportunities for students to follow the knowledge integration process is important with these types of ideas, in order to give students the opportunity to integrate their disparate and perhaps contradictory ideas. Specifically, students need to generate multiple ideas so that those ideas can be inspected, added to through the use of inquiry activities, and then they can distinguish among their entire corpus of ideas. This process helps students to make sense of their ideas; the addition of an engineering project provides further evidence for students to reflect upon. It is also important to consider the goals for learning when framing curriculum as either an engineering or a science project. Different ways of framing the same type of project may lead to different learning outcomes. If a project is framed around engineering design, students are likely to develop stronger engineering practices, but their understanding of scientific content may not be as deep. If a project is framed as a scientific investigation, students may integrate their science ideas, but not develop a strong sense of engineering practices.

This dissertation is a case study of a school district in the Pacific Northwest that developed three-year high school science curricula using a Physics First course sequence (Physics, Chemistry, Biology), with the crosscutting concept Patterns as the central theme of the courses. The purpose of the study was to examine the impact of the implementation of the 9th grade course, Patterns Physics, on teacher practice and beliefs about science teaching and determine whether this new approach facilitated teacher classroom practices and beliefs congruent with those expressed in A Framework for K-12 Science Education and the Next Generation Science Standards. Results from this study indicate that the implementation of Patterns Physics positively impacted teacher confidence in teaching the NGSS science and engineering practices. Professional development that provided teachers multiple opportunities to engage with the curriculum--in the role of a student, in professional discussions with colleagues, and over several years were critical to support a change in practice consistent with three-dimensional (3D) teaching called for by the Framework and NGSS. Teacher participants viewed the Patterns PCB (Physics, Chemistry, and Biology) sequence as an appropriate course sequence, with strong agreement that a 9th grade physics course needs to be tailored to the needs of students, such as added support for students with minimal mathematics skills. The NGSS, with an emphasis on 3D learning (science content knowledge, crosscutting concepts, and science and engineering practices), had a significant positive impact on instructional practice.

Grounded in empirical research, this book offers concrete pathways to redirect attention away from activity-oriented and vocabulary-centered elementary science teaching and towards elementary science teaching that privileges sensemaking. Outlining a clear vision for this shift using empirically-grounded tools, pedagogies and practices to support teacher learning and development, this edited volume reveals how teachers can best engage in teaching that supports meaningful learning and understanding in elementary science classrooms. Divided into three sections, this book demonstrates the skills, knowledge bases and research-driven practices necessary to make a fundamental shift towards a focus on students' ideas and reasoning and covers topics such as: An introduction to sensemaking in elementary science Positioning students at the center of sensemaking Planning and enacting investigation-based science discussions Designing a practice-based elementary teacher education program Reflections on science teacher education and professional development for reform-based elementary science In line with current reform efforts, including the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), Sensemaking in Elementary Science is the perfect addition for graduate students and researchers in science education, elementary education and STEM education, who are looking to explore effective practice, approaches and development within the elementary science classroom.

Using probes as diagnostic tools that identify and analyze students’ preconceptions, teachers can easily move students from where they are in their current thinking to where they need to be to achieve scientific understanding.

Teaching your students to think like scientists starts here! Use this straightforward, easy-to-follow guide to give your students the scientific practice of critical thinking today's science standards require. Ready-to-implement strategies and activities help you effortlessly engage students in arguments about competing data sets, opposing scientific ideas, applying evidence to support specific claims, and more. Use these 24 activities drawn from the physical sciences, life sciences, and earth and space sciences to: Engage students in 8 NGSS science and engineering practices Establish rich, productive classroom discourse Extend and employ argumentation and modeling strategies Clarify the difference between argumentation and explanation Stanford University professor, Jonathan Osborne, co-author of The National Resource Council’s A Framework for K-12 Science Education—the basis for the Next Generation Science Standards—brings together a prominent author team that includes Brian M. Donovan (Biological Sciences Curriculum Study), J. Bryan Henderson (Arizona State University, Tempe), Anna C. MacPherson (American Museum of Natural History) and Andrew Wild (Stanford University Student) in this new, accessible book to help you teach your middle school students to think and argue like scientists!

"STEPS (Science Tasks Enhance Process Skills) to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) is an inquiry-based science curriculum supplement focused on developing upper elementary and middle students’ process skills and problem-solving abilities characteristic of how scientists think and act. Students learn key concepts in seven “big ideas” in science: Electricity & Magnetism; Air & Flight; Water & Weather; Plants & Animals; Earth & Space; Matter & Motion; and Light & Sound. Using simple, readily available materials, teachers facilitate learning experiences using the following structure: STEP 1: Investigate – Hypothesis – TestSTEP 2: Observe – Record – PredictSTEP 3: Gather – Make – Try Once students complete a set of STEP activities aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), they are ready to collaborate using a STEM Center. STEM Centers provide students with the opportunity for extended investigations focused on a single problem or “team challenge.” Students utilize science and engineering practices while collaboratively conducting research to gather information. Once a plan is made, the team attempts to solve the problem or complete the open-ended task. In addition, a Science Notebook or Sci-Book serves as an essential companion to STEPS to STEM; students maintain a written record of their completed activities which can serve as a form of authentic assessment. STEPS to STEM aims to help students find enjoyment in science and in the process of problem-solving – there are things to do, discoveries to be made, and problems to solve. Ideally, these experiences will lead to more explorations and questions about the world around them."

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Framework for K–12 Science Education (Framework) and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Written in clear, nontechnical language, this book provides a wealth of real-world examples to show you what's different about practice-centered teaching and learning at all grade levels. The book addresses three important questions: 1. How will engaging students in science and engineering practices help improve science education? 2. What do the eight practices look like in the classroom? 3. How can educators engage students in practices to bring the NGSS to life? Helping Students Make Sense of the World Using Next Generation Science and Engineering Practices was developed for K–12 science teachers, curriculum developers, teacher educators, and administrators. Many of its authors contributed to the Framework's initial vision and tested their ideas in actual science classrooms. If you want a fresh game plan to help students work together to generate and revise knowledge—not just receive and repeat information—this book is for you.

A Teacher's Guide to Using the Next Generation Science Standards With Gifted and Advanced Learners provides teachers and administrators with practical examples of ways to build comprehensive, coherent, and rigorous science learning experiences for gifted and advanced students from kindergarten to high school. It provides an array of examples across the four domains of science: physical sciences; Earth and space sciences; life sciences; and engineering, technology, and applications of science. Each learning experience indicates the performance expectation addressed and includes a sequence of activities, implementation examples, connections to the CCSS-Math and CCSS-ELA, and formative assessments. Chapters on specific instructional and management strategies, assessment, and professional development suggestions for implementing the standards within the classroom will be helpful for both teachers and administrators.

What are scientific inquiry practices like today? How should schools approach inquiry in science education? Teaching Science Inquiry presents the scholarly papers and practical conversations that emerged from the exchanges at a two-day conference of distinctive North American 'science studies' and 'learning science'scholars.

The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) is the most recent reform in science education across the United States. The NGSS demands a shift in both teaching and learning. Yet there is no direction on how teachers are to implement this shift in their classrooms. This mixed-methods study examined 12 middle school teachers' perceptions and the instructional practices within the NGSS Science and Engineering Practices (SEPs) by using interviews and classroom observations. Findings suggest that there was a shift in instructional practices and a varying degree of implementation of the eight SEPs. The data analysis identified ongoing needs related to specific professional development. The researcher concluded that district leaders and school principals need to provide tangible supports to teachers in order to successfully meet the demands of this new vision of science education.

How Students Learn: Science in the Classroom builds on the discoveries detailed in the best-selling How People Learn. Now these findings are presented in a way that teachers can use immediately, to revitalize their work in the classroom for even greater effectiveness. Organized for utility, the book explores how the principles of learning can be applied in science at three levels: elementary, middle, and high school. Leading educators explain in detail how they developed successful curricula and teaching approaches, presenting strategies that serve as models for curriculum development and classroom instruction. Their recounting of personal teaching experiences lends strength and warmth to this volume. This book discusses how to build straightforward science experiments into true understanding of scientific principles. It also features illustrated suggestions for classroom activities.