

Science and Technology

Grade 8

OVERALL AND SPECIFIC EXPECTATIONS

STRAND A: STEM Skills and Connections

A

Throughout Grade 8, in connection with the learning in the Life Systems, Matter and Energy, Structures and Mechanisms, and Earth and Space Systems strands, students will:

A1. STEM Investigation and Communication Skills: use a scientific research process, a scientific experimentation process, and an engineering design process to conduct investigations, following appropriate health and safety procedures

A1.1 use a scientific research process and associated skills to conduct investigations

A1.2 use a scientific experimentation process and associated skills to conduct investigations

A1.3 use an engineering design process and associated skills to design, build, and test devices, models, structures, and/or systems

A1.4 follow established health and safety procedures during science and technology investigations, including wearing appropriate protective equipment and clothing and safely using tools, instruments, and materials

A1.5 communicate their findings, using science and technology vocabulary and formats that are appropriate for specific audiences and purposes

A2. Coding and Emerging Technologies: use coding in investigations and to model concepts, and assess the impact of coding and of emerging technologies on everyday life and in STEM-related fields

A2.1 write and execute code in investigations and when modelling concepts, with a focus on automating large systems in action

A2.2 identify and describe impacts of coding and of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence systems, on everyday life, including skilled trades

A3. Applications, Connections, and Contributions: demonstrate an understanding of the practical applications of science and technology, and of contributions to science and technology from people with diverse lived experiences

A3.1 describe practical applications of science and technology concepts in various occupations, including skilled trades, and how these applications address real-world problems

A3.2 investigate how science and technology can be used with other subject areas to address real-world problems

A3.3 analyse contributions to science and technology from various communities

STRAND B: Life Systems

Cells

B

By the end of Grade 8, students will:

B1. Relating Science and Technology to Our Changing World: assess developments in cell biology and their impact on individuals, society, and the environment

B1.1 assess how various technologies have enhanced our understanding of cells and cellular processes

B1.2 analyse beneficial and harmful effects of developments in cell biology and associated emerging technologies on human health and the environment, while taking different perspectives into consideration

B2. Exploring and Understanding Concepts: demonstrate an understanding of the basic structure and function of plant and animal cells and cell processes

B2.1 demonstrate an understanding of cells, using cell theory

B2.2 identify organelles and other cell components, including the nucleus, cell membrane, cell wall, chloroplasts, vacuole, mitochondria, and cytoplasm, and explain their basic functions

B2.3 compare the structure and function of plant and animal cells

B2.4 explain the processes of diffusion and osmosis within a cell

B2.5 describe various unicellular and multicellular organisms, and compare ways in which these two types of organisms meet their basic needs

B2.6 describe the organization of cells into tissues, organs, and systems

STRAND C: Matter and Energy

Fluids

By the end of Grade 8, students will:

C1. Relating Science and Technology to Our Changing World: analyse uses of various technologies that rely on the properties of fluids, and assess the impact of these technologies on society and the environment

C1.1 assess the environmental, social, and economic impacts of various innovations and technologies that are based on the properties of fluids

C1.2 assess the environmental and social impacts of fluid spills, including impacts on First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities, and including the cost and technical challenges related to cleanup and remediation efforts

C2. Exploring and Understanding Concepts: demonstrate an understanding of basic fluid mechanics, including the properties and uses of fluids

C2.1 demonstrate an understanding of the factors that affect viscosity, and compare the viscosity of various fluids, including volumetric flow rate

C2.2 demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between mass, volume, and density

C2.3 explain the difference between solids, liquids, and gases in terms of their density, using the particle theory of matter

C2.4 explain the difference between liquids and gases in terms of their compressibility and how their compressibility affects their technological applications

C2.5 determine the buoyancy of an object, given its density, in a variety of fluids

C2.6 explain in qualitative terms the relationship between pressure, volume, and temperature when a liquid or a gas is compressed or heated

C2.7 describe how forces are transferred in all directions in fluids, including using Pascal's law to quantify the transfer of forces in fluids

C2.8 describe factors that affect the flow of fluids

C2.9 describe the differences between pneumatic and hydraulic systems

C2.10 compare how fluids are used and how their flow is regulated in living organisms and in mechanical devices or systems

STRAND D: Structures and Mechanisms

Systems in Action



By the end of Grade 8, students will:

D1. Relating Science and Technology to Our Changing World: assess the social and environmental impacts of various systems, and evaluate improvements to the systems or alternative ways of meeting the same needs

D1.1 assess the social, economic, and environmental impacts of automating systems

D1.2 assess the impact on individuals, society, and the environment of alternative ways of meeting needs that are currently met by existing systems, taking different points of view into consideration

D2. Exploring and Understanding Concepts: demonstrate an understanding of different types of systems and the factors that contribute to their safe and efficient operation

D2.1 identify various types of systems

D2.2 describe the purpose, inputs, and outputs of various systems, including systems related to food processing

D2.3 identify the various processes and components of a system that allow it to perform its function efficiently and safely

D2.4 use the scientific terms *displacement*, *force*, *work*, *energy*, and *efficiency* to describe everyday experiences

D2.5 demonstrate an understanding of the relationships between work, force, and displacement in simple systems

D2.6 explain the relationship between input and output forces and determine the mechanical advantage of various mechanical systems, including simple machines

D2.7 identify ways in which energy can dissipate from mechanical systems, and describe technological innovations that make these systems more efficient

D2.8 explain how providing information and support to consumers helps to ensure that the systems they use run safely and efficiently

D2.9 describe technological innovations involving mechanical systems that have increased productivity in various industries

D2.10 identify social factors that influence the evolution of a system

STRAND E: Earth and Space Systems

Water Systems

By the end of Grade 8, students will:



E1. Relating Science and Technology to Our Changing World: assess the impact of human activities and technologies on the sustainability of water resources

E1.1 assess the social and environmental impact of the scarcity of fresh water, and propose a plan of action to help address fresh water sustainability issues

E1.2 demonstrate an understanding of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit knowledges and values about water, connections to water, and ways of managing water resources sustainably

E1.3 assess the impact of scientific discoveries and technological innovations on local and global water systems

E2. Exploring and Understanding Concepts: demonstrate an understanding of the characteristics of Earth's water systems and of factors that affect these systems

E2.1 identify the states of water on Earth's surface, their distribution, relative amounts, and circulation, and the conditions under which they exist

E2.2 demonstrate an understanding of a watershed, and explain its importance to water management and planning

E2.3 explain how human activity and natural phenomena cause changes in the water table

E2.4 identify factors, including climate change, that have contributed to the melting of glaciers and polar ice-caps, and describe the effects of this phenomenon on local and global water systems

E2.5 explain changes in atmospheric conditions caused by the presence of bodies of water

E2.6 describe various indicators of water quality, and explain the impact of human activity on those indicators

E2.7 explain how municipalities process water and manage water usage