CSDE Model Curricula Quick Start Guide

Science 3-5

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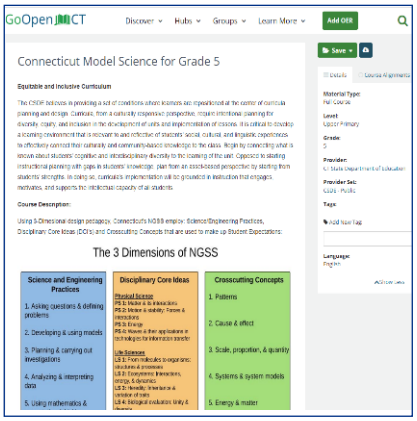
Key Components

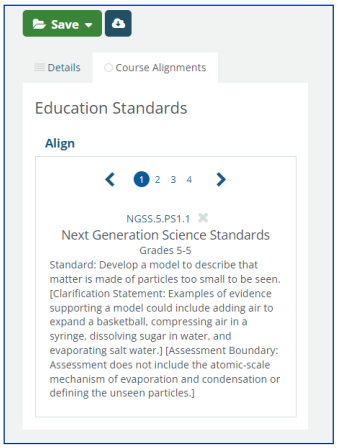
Course Description:

Overview of the entire course



Course Alignments:

Standards connected to the course

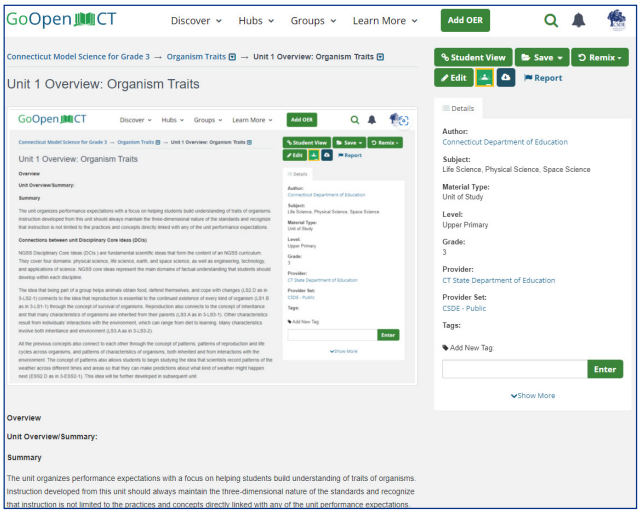


Unit:

A list of lessons will appear when selected.

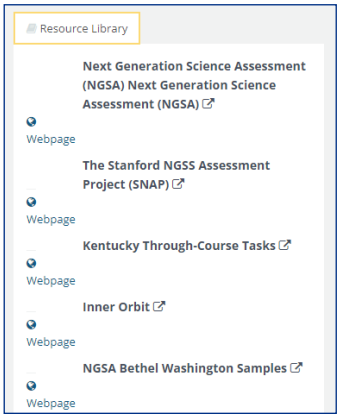
Lesson:

Lesson 0 provides the full unit layout when selected.



Resource Library:

Resources for teachers to help educators assess the progress of student learning.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can I download the unit?

A: Yes. Select the cloud icon with the arrow pointing down on the right-hand side of the screen to generate a PDF version of the unit.

Q: Can I print the unit?

A: Yes. The unit will need to be downloaded first, and then the unit(s) can be printed.

Q: Is there a help center if I want to learn more?

A: Yes. On the GoOpen CT homepage, there are four headings along the top. Select "Learn More" to find the Help Center.

Q: How can I access the CSDE, NGSS interim assessment blocks (IAB's)?

A: To register, you must go through your district test coordinator to create an account to access the materials at: Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments.

Q: Can I modify the unit?

A: Users cannot modify in CSDE-designed courses and units published in GoOpen CT. Users should consult local curricular leaders to understand the district curriculum development process before making decision to modify or adapt. The process for implementation of the CSDE K-8 model curricula is a local decision.

Q: Can I teach the units out of order?

A: Sequencing of units can be done at the local level. It is critical to ensure that the progression of science is maintained if units are moved.

Q: What if I find an error in the science content any question with regards to science content or instruction?

A: Please email Ronald.Michaels@ct.gov, K-12 science education consultant.

Q: Do I have to use all the assessments provided?

A: No, this is a model curriculum. Assessment decisions and implementation should be done at the local level using data and evidence to determine the best measures of student learning outcomes.

Q: Do I have to do all the Application for Learning Activities?

A: No. This is a model curricula. The tasks provided are rigorous aligned tasks that districts may want to include as they implement the units.

Q: Will the state be providing lesson plans for each unit?

A: No, not at this time. Development and implementation of lessons will be done at the local level.

Q: What if I don't have time to complete all of the units?

A: The course is aligned to grade level standards through the completion of all units. If all units are not completed, grade level standards may be compromised, therefore, local curriculum leaders should assist in developing an implementation plan to ensure that all students have access to grade level standards and the major work of the grade is the focus.

Q: If I have any questions about CSDE NGSS Assessments?

A: Please email Jeff.Greig@ct.gov, science assessment consultant.