

Disciplinary Core Idea

3.PS2.A: Forces and Motion

Each force acts on one particular object and has both strength and a direction. An object at rest typically has multiple forces acting on it, but they add to give zero net force on the object. Forces that do not sum to zero can cause changes in the object's speed or direction of motion. (Boundary: Qualitative and conceptual, but not quantitative addition of forces are used at this level.) (3-PS2-1)

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3.PS2.A: Forces and Motion

The patterns of an object's motion in various situations can be observed and measured; when that past motion exhibits a regular pattern, future motion can be predicted from it. (Boundary: Technical terms, such as magnitude, velocity, momentum, and vector quantity, are not introduced at this level, but the concept that some quantities need both size and direction to be described is developed.) (3-PS2-2)

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3.PS2.B: Types of Interactions

Objects in contact exert forces on each other. (3-PS2-1)

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Electric, and magnetic forces between a pair of objects do not require that the objects be in contact. The sizes of the forces in each situation depend on the properties of the objects and their distances apart and, for forces between two magnets, on their orientation relative to each other. (3-PS2-3), (3-PS2-4)

Performance Expectation

3-PS2-1: Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence of the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object.

Clarification Statement: Examples could include an unbalanced force on one side of a ball can make it start moving; and, balanced forces pushing on a box from both sides will not produce any motion at all.

Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to one variable at a time: number, size, or direction of forces. Assessment does not include quantitative force size, only qualitative and relative. Assessment is limited to gravity being addressed as a force that pulls objects down.

Performance Expectation

3-PS2-2: Make observations and/or measurements of an object's motion to provide evidence that a pattern can be used to predict future motion.

Clarification Statement: Examples of motion with a predictable pattern could include a child swinging in a swing, a ball rolling back and forth in a bowl, and two children on a see-saw.

Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include technical terms such as period and frequency.

Performance Expectation

3-PS2-3: Ask questions to determine cause and effect relationships of electric or magnetic interactions between two objects not in contact with each other.

Clarification Statement: Examples of an electric force could include the force on hair from an electrically charged balloon and the electrical forces between a charged rod and pieces of paper; examples of a magnetic force could include the force between two permanent magnets, the force between an electromagnet and steel paperclips, and the force exerted by one magnet versus the force exerted by two magnets. Examples of cause and effect relationships could include how the distance between objects affects strength of the force and how the orientation of magnets affects the direction of the magnetic force.

Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to forces produced by objects that can be manipulated by students, and electrical interactions are limited to static electricity.

Performance Expectation

3-PS2-4: Define a simple design problem that can be solved by applying scientific ideas about magnets.

Clarification Statement: Examples of problems could include constructing a latch to keep a door shut and creating a device to keep two moving objects from touching each other.

Assessment Boundary: none

Science and Engineering Practice

Asking Questions and Defining Problems

Asking questions and defining problems in grades 3–5 builds from grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships.

Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. (3-PS2-4)

Science and Engineering Practice

Asking Questions and Defining Problems

Asking questions and defining problems in grades 3–5 builds from grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships.

Ask questions that can be investigated based on patterns such as cause and effect relationships. (3-PS2-3)

Science and Engineering Practice

Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions.

Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered. (3-PS2-1)

Science and Engineering Practice

Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

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Make observations and/or measurements to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence for an explanation of a phenomenon or test a design solution. (3-PS2-2)

Crosscutting Concept

Patterns

Patterns of change can be used to make predictions (3-PS2-2)

Crosscutting Concept

Cause and Effect

Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain change. (3-PS2-3)

Crosscutting Concept

Cause and Effect

Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified. (3-PS2-1)

Connection to Nature of Science

Science Knowledge Is Based on Empirical Evidence

Science findings are based on recognizing patterns. (3-PS2-2)

Connection to Nature of Science

Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods

Science investigations use a variety of methods, tools, and techniques. (3-PS2-1)

Connection to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science

Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology

Scientific discoveries about the natural world can often lead to new and improved technologies, which are developed through the engineering design process. (3-PS2-4)

Common Core State Standards for ELA/Literacy

Reading Informational Text

RI.3.1 - Key Ideas and Details

Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. (3-PS2-1), (3-PS2-3)

Common Core State Standards for ELA/Literacy

Reading Informational Text

RI.3.3 - Key Ideas and Details

Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect. (3-PS2-3)

Common Core State Standards for ELA/Literacy

Reading Informational Text

RI.3.8 - Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence). (3-PS2-3)

Common Core State Standards for ELA/Literacy

Speaking & Listening

SL.3.3 - Comprehension and Collaboration

Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail. (3-PS2-3)

Common Core State Standards for ELA/Literacy

Card Type name

W.3.7 - Research to Build and Present Knowledge

Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic. (3-PS2-1), (3-PS2-2)

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W.3.8 - Research to Build and Present Knowledge

Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories. (3-PS2-1), (3-PS2-2)

Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

Measurement & Data

3.MD.A.2 - Solve problems involving measurement and estimation.

Measure and estimate liquid volumes and masses of objects using standard units of grams (g), kilograms (kg), and liters (l). Add, subtract, multiply, or divide to solve one-step word problems involving masses or volumes that are given in the same units, e.g., by using drawings (such as a beaker with a measurement scale) to represent the problem. (3-PS2-1)

Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

Mathematical Practices

MP.2 - Reason abstractly and quantitatively

Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-PS2-1)

Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

Mathematical Practices

MP.5 - Use appropriate tools strategically

Use appropriate tools strategically. (3-PS2-1)