

PROGRAM CONCENTRATION: Engineering and Technology
CAREER PATHWAY: Energy Systems
COURSE TITLE: Appropriate and Alternative Energy Technologies

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is the third course in the Energy Systems Pathway. It will help students develop an understanding of the differences between nonrenewable, renewable, and inexhaustible energy sources and how these energy sources affect their world. Alternative energy sources will be researched to include the regional implications and economic, environmental, and sustainability issues. Students will evaluate the positive and negative impacts of nuclear power and its relevancy to various situations in today's society. Students will explore future trends of energy, power, and transportation. Students will develop, through research, an alternative energy system that will demonstrate their understanding of a unique, as well as appropriate, approach to energy generation.

ENGR-AAE-1 Students will understand the differences between nonrenewable, renewable, and inexhaustible types of energy sources and how that affects their world.

- a. Show how nonrenewable, renewable, and inexhaustible energy sources may be used to address a particular energy need.
- b. Detail the positive and negative impacts of nonrenewable, renewable, and inexhaustible energy sources on the global environment, society, and the individual.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS:

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- a. Differentiate between renewable and nonrenewable resources including how different resources are produced, rates of use, renewal rates, and limitations of sources. Distinguish between natural and produced resources.
- b. Describe how technology is increasing the efficiency of utilization and accessibility of resources.
- c. Describe how energy and other resource utilization impact the environment and recognize that individuals as well as larger entities (businesses, governments, etc.) have impact on energy efficiency.
- d. Describe the relationship of energy consumption and the living standards of societies.
- f. Describe the need for informed decision making of resource utilization (i.e. energy and water usage allocation, conservation, food and land, and long-term depletion).

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ENGR-AAE-2 Students will define alternative energy and list several alternative sources as well as discuss the regional implications of each, including, but not limited to, economic, environmental, and sustainability issues.
a. Explain the existing and future need to develop alternatives to fossil fuels as our primary source of energy.
b. State how the wind, the earth, oceans, and waste (biomass) products can be used to supply energy.
c. Discuss how alternative energies that utilize the wind, the earth, the oceans, and waste (biomass) were developed.
d. Compare and contrast various locations throughout the world which would be best suited for utilization of the wind, the earth, the oceans, and waste as alternative energy sources.
e. Develop a spreadsheet that details the economic, environmental, and sustainability issues of several alternative forms of energy.

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SES5. Students will investigate the interaction of insolation and Earth systems to produce weather and climate.

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ENGR-AAE-3 Students will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using nuclear power in terms of its positive and negative impacts on the environment against other energy sources.

- a. Compare and contrast fusion and fission reactions as a means to generate nuclear energy.
- b. Describe the types of energy transformations that take place on a nuclear power plant to allow for the conversion of nuclear energy to electrical energy.
- c. Create a flow chart that details the Nuclear Fuel Cycle.
- d. Summarize the major characteristics of different type of nuclear reactors (e.g., thermal reactors, fast neutron reactors, and radioactive decay reactors)
- e. Discuss supply and demand for nuclear power.
- f. Create a technical report that includes international use, restrictions, and regulations of nuclear power including inequities of regulations and policies throughout the world.
- g. Develop an outline that provides information regarding present and future uses of nuclear power in the world.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS:

- SPS7. Students will relate transformations and flow of energy within a system.*
- a. *Identify energy transformations within a system (e.g. lighting of a match).*
- SP2. Students will evaluate the significance of energy in understanding the structure of matter and the universe.*
- a. *Relate the energy produced through fission and fusion by stars as a driving force in the universe.*
 - b. *Explain how the instability of radioactive isotopes results in spontaneous nuclear reactions.*
- SP3. Students will evaluate the forms and transformations of energy.*
- a. *Analyze, evaluate, and apply the principle of conservation of energy and measure the components of work-energy theorem by*
 - *describing total energy in a closed system.*
 - *identifying different types of potential energy.*
 - *calculating kinetic energy given mass and velocity.*
 - *relating transformations between potential and kinetic energy.*
 - b. *Explain the relationship between matter and energy.*
 - f. *Analyze the relationship between temperature, internal energy, and work done in a physical system.*
 - g. *Analyze and measure power.*

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- e. Describe the commonly used fuels (e.g. fossil fuels, nuclear fuels, etc.) and some alternative fuels (e.g. wind, solar, ethanol, etc.) including the required technology, availability, pollution problems and implementation problems. Recognize the origin of fossil fuels and the problems associated with our dependence on this energy source.*

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- a. Identify current trends in energy usage and explain how these trends may change in the future due to changes in energy needs and availability of new energy technologies.**
- b. Discuss the advantages of possible new energy distribution technologies over current ones.**
- c. Summarize the implications of the use of nanotechnology in increasing efficiency in the collection, consumption, and distribution of energy.**
- d. Identify careers related to the development of innovative energy sources, and distribution technologies.**

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- a. Provide a research paper that lists innovative alternative energies.
- b. Design a system, either via computer model or prototype, which will produce power for a specific need.
- c. Submit an engineering notebook which includes a daily journal, spreadsheet, and photos that show the development of this product.
- d. Document the need for this product within the community.
- e. Present data and prototype, or computer model, to a group of peers and/or school staff/community members.

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STEM Standards (Common to all Engineering & Technology Courses)

Nature of Technology

ENGR-STEM-1. Students will recognize the systems, components, and processes of a technological system.
a. Describe the core concepts of technology.
b. Identify the relationships among technologies along with connections to contemporary issues.
c. Apply lifelong learning strategies necessary to understand the characteristics and scope of technology.

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Technology and Society

ENGR-STEM-2. Students will identify the impact of engineering and technology within global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.

- a. Describe the social, economic, and environmental impacts of a technological process, product, or system.
- b. Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior in the development and use of technology.
- c. Explain the influence of technology on history and the shaping of contemporary issues.

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Design

ENGR-STEM-3. Students will design technological problem solutions using scientific investigation, analysis and interpretation of data, innovation, invention, and fabrication while considering economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability, and sustainability constraints.

- a. Demonstrate fundamental principles of design.
- b. Design and conduct experiments along with analysis and interpretation of data.
- c. Identify and consider realistic constraints relevant to the design of a system, component, or process.

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a. Build new mathematical knowledge through problem solving.
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c. Apply and adapt a variety of appropriate strategies to solve problems.

Abilities for a Technological World

- ENGR-STEM-4. Students will apply principles of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, interpersonal communication, and teamwork to the solution of technological problems.**
- Work cooperatively in multi-disciplinary teams.
 - Apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering design.
 - Demonstrate strategies for identifying, formulating, and solving technological problems.
 - Demonstrate techniques, skills, and knowledge necessary to use and maintain technological products and systems.

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The Designed World

- ENGR-STEM-5. Students will select and demonstrate techniques, skills, tools, and understanding related to energy and power, bio-related, communication, transportation, manufacturing, and construction technologies.**
- Use common tools correctly and safely.
 - Describe strategies for selecting materials and processes necessary for developing a technological system or artifact.
 - Demonstrate fundamental materials processing and assembly techniques.
 - Evaluate the interdependence of components in a technological system and identify those elements that are critical to correct functioning.
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Reading

ENGR-STEM-6. Students will enhance reading by developing vocabulary and comprehension skills associated with text materials, problem descriptions, and laboratory activities associated with engineering and technology education.

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Leadership Development

ENGR-STEM-7. Students will develop leadership and interpersonal problem-solving skills through participation in co-curricular activities associated with the Technology Student Association.

- a. Demonstrate effective communication skills.
- b. Participate in teamwork to accomplish specified organizational goals.
- c. Demonstrate cooperation and understanding with persons who are ethnically and culturally diverse.

**Characteristics of Science
Habits of Mind**

SCSh1. Students will evaluate the importance of curiosity, honesty, openness, and skepticism in science.

- a. Exhibit the above traits in their own scientific activities.
- b. Recognize that different explanations often can be given for the same evidence.
- c. Explain that further understanding of scientific problems relies on the design and execution of new experiments which may reinforce or weaken opposing explanations.

SCSh2. Students will use standard safety practices for all classroom laboratory and field investigations.

- a. Follow correct procedures for use of scientific apparatus.
- b. Demonstrate appropriate technique in all laboratory situations.
- c. Follow correct protocol for identifying and reporting safety problems and violations.

SCSh3. Students will identify and investigate problems scientifically.

- a. Suggest reasonable hypotheses for identified problems.
- b. Develop procedures for solving scientific problems.
- c. Collect, organize and record appropriate data.
- d. Graphically compare and analyze data points and/or summary statistics.
- e. Develop reasonable conclusions based on data collected.
- f. Evaluate whether conclusions are reasonable by reviewing the process and checking against other available information.

SCSh4. Students use tools and instruments for observing, measuring, and manipulating scientific equipment and materials.

- a. Develop and use systematic procedures for recording and organizing information.
- b. Use technology to produce tables and graphs.
- c. Use technology to develop, test, and revise experimental or mathematical models.

SCSh5. Students will demonstrate the computation and estimation skills necessary for analyzing data and developing reasonable scientific explanations.

- a. Trace the source on any large disparity between estimated and calculated answers to problems.
- b. Consider possible effects of measurement errors on calculations.
- c. Recognize the relationship between accuracy and precision.
- d. Express appropriate numbers of significant figures for calculated data, using scientific notation where appropriate.
- e. Solve scientific problems by substituting quantitative values, using dimensional analysis and/or simple algebraic formulas as appropriate.

SCSh6. Students will communicate scientific investigations and information clearly.

- a. Write clear, coherent laboratory reports related to scientific investigations.
- b. Write clear, coherent accounts of current scientific issues, including possible alternative interpretations of the data.

- c. Use data as evidence to support scientific arguments and claims in written or oral presentations.
- d. Participate in group discussions of scientific investigation and current scientific issues.

The Nature of Science

SCSh7. Students analyze how scientific knowledge is developed.

Students recognize that:

- a. The universe is a vast single system in which the basic principles are the same everywhere.
- b. Universal principles are discovered through observation and experimental verification.
- c. From time to time, major shifts occur in the scientific view of how the world works.
- d. More often, however, the changes that take place in the body of scientific knowledge are small modifications of prior knowledge. Major shifts in scientific views typically occur after the observation of a new phenomenon or an insightful interpretation of existing data by an individual or research group.
- e. Hypotheses often cause scientists to develop new experiments that produce additional data.
- f. Testing, revising, and occasionally rejecting new and old theories never ends.

SCSh8. Students will understand important features of the process of scientific inquiry.

Students will apply the following to inquiry learning practices:

- a. Scientific investigators control the conditions of their experiments in order to produce valuable data.
- b. Scientific researchers are expected to critically assess the quality of data including possible sources of bias in their investigations' hypotheses, observations, data analyses, and interpretations.
- c. Scientists use practices such as peer review and publication to reinforce the integrity of scientific activity and reporting.
- d. The merit of a new theory is judged by how well scientific data are explained by the new theory.
- e. The ultimate goal of science is to develop an understanding of the natural universe which is free of biases.
- f. Science disciplines and traditions differ from one another in what is studied, techniques used, and outcomes sought.

Reading Across the Curriculum**Reading Standard Comment**

After the elementary years, students engage in reading for learning. This process sweeps across all disciplinary domains, extending even to the area of personal they experience text in all genres and modes of discourse. In the study of various disciplines of learning (language arts, mathematics, science, social studies), students must learn through reading the communities of discourse of each of those disciplines. Each subject has its own specific vocabulary, and for students to excel in all subjects, they must learn the specific vocabulary of those subject areas in context.

Beginning with the middle grades years, students begin to self-select reading materials based on personal interests established through classroom learning. Students become curious about science, mathematics, history, and literature as they form contexts for those subjects related to their personal and classroom experiences. As students explore academic areas through reading, they develop favorite subjects and become confident in their verbal discourse about those subjects.

Reading across curriculum content develops both academic and personal interests in students. As students read, they develop both content and contextual vocabulary. They also build good habits for reading, researching, and learning. The Reading Across the Curriculum standard focuses on the academic and personal skills students acquire as they read in all areas of learning.

Students will enhance reading in all curriculum areas by:

- a. Reading in all curriculum areas
 - Read a minimum of 25 grade-level appropriate books per year from a variety of subject disciplines and participate in discussions related to curricular learning in all areas.
 - Read both informational and fictional texts in a variety of genres and modes of discourse.
 - Read technical texts related to various subject areas.
- b. Discussing books
 - Discuss messages and themes from books in all subject areas.
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 - Relate messages and themes from one subject area to messages and themes in another area.
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CTAE Foundation Skills

The Foundation Skills for Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) are critical competencies that students pursuing any career pathway should exhibit to be successful. As core standards for all career pathways in all program concentrations, these skills link career, technical and agricultural education to the state's academic performance standards.

The CTAE Foundation Skills are aligned to the foundation of the U. S. Department of Education's 16 Career Clusters. Endorsed by the National Career Technical Education Foundation (NCTEF) and the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc), the foundation skills were developed from an analysis of all pathways in the sixteen occupational areas. These standards were identified and validated by a national advisory group of employers, secondary and postsecondary educators, labor associations, and other stakeholders. The Knowledge and Skills provide learners a broad foundation for managing lifelong learning and career transitions in a rapidly changing economy.

CTAE-FS-1 Technical Skills: Learners achieve technical content skills necessary to pursue the full range of careers for all pathways in the program concentration.

CTAE-FS-2 Academic Foundations: Learners achieve state academic standards at or above grade level.

CTAE-FS-3 Communications: Learners use various communication skills in expressing and interpreting information.

CTAE-FS-4 Problem Solving and Critical Thinking: Learners define and solve problems, and use problem-solving and improvement methods and tools.

CTAE-FS-5 Information Technology Applications: Learners use multiple information technology devices to access, organize, process, transmit, and communicate information.

CTAE-FS-6 Systems: Learners understand a variety of organizational structures and functions.

CTAE-FS-7 Safety, Health and Environment: Learners employ safety, health and environmental management systems in corporations and comprehend their importance to organizational performance and regulatory compliance.

CTAE-FS-8 Leadership and Teamwork: Learners apply leadership and teamwork skills in collaborating with others to accomplish organizational goals and objectives.

CTAE-FS-9 Ethics and Legal Responsibilities: Learners commit to work ethics, behavior, and legal responsibilities in the workplace.

CTAE-FS-10 Career Development: Learners plan and manage academic-career plans and employment relations.

CTAE-FS-11 Entrepreneurship: Learners demonstrate understanding of concepts, processes, and behaviors associated with successful entrepreneurial performance.