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**Trimester 1**

Universe-Space Systems

 ***Space Systems***

 MS-ESS1-1 Develop and use a model of the Earth-sun-moon system to describe the cyclic patterns of lunar phases, eclipses of the sun and moon, and seasons.

 MS-ESS1-2 Develop and use a model to describe the role of gravity in the motions within galaxies and the solar system.

 MS-ESS1-3 Analyze and interpret data to determine scale properties of objects in the solar system.

 ***Forces and Interactions***

 MS-PS2-4 Construct and present arguments using evidence to support the claim that gravitational interactions are attractive and depend on the masses of interacting objects.

Atmosphere-Weather

 ***Weather and Climate***

 MS-ESS2-5 Collect data to provide evidence for how the motions and complex interactions of air masses results in changes in weather conditions.

 ![C:\Users\Taylor\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\5MZAHRQ3\michigan_rbh2[1].jpg]() MI Collect data to provide evidence for how the motions and complex interactions of air masses results in changes in weather conditions in Michigan due to the Great Lakes and regional geography.

 MS-ESS2-6 Develop and use a model to describe how unequal heating and rotation of the Earth cause patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine regional climates.

 MS-ESS3-5 Ask questions to clarify evidence of the factors that have caused the rise in global temperatures over the past century.

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**Trimester 2**

History of Earth

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 MS-ESS1-4 Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence from rock strata for how the geologic time scale is used to organize Earth’s 4.6-billion-year-old history.

 MS-ESS2-2 Construct an explanation based on evidence for how geoscience processes have changed Earth’s surface at varying time and spatial scales.

 MS-ESS2-3 Analyze and interpret data on the distribution of fossils and rocks, continental shapes, and seafloor structures to provide evidence of the past plate motions.

 ***Natural Selection and Adaptations***

 MS-LS4-1 Analyze and interpret data for patterns in the fossil record that document the existence, diversity, extinction, and change of life forms throughout the history of life on Earth under the assumption that natural laws operate today as in the past. \*\*

 MS-LS4-2 Apply scientific ideas to construct an explanation for the anatomical similarities and differences among modern organisms and between modern and fossil organisms to infer evolutionary relationships.

 MS-LS4-3 Analyze displays of pictorial data to compare patterns of similarities in the embryological development across multiple species to identify relationships not evident in the fully formed anatomy.

 MS-LS4-4 Construct an explanation based on evidence that describes how genetic variations of traits in a population increase some individuals’ probability of surviving and reproducing in a specific environment.

Human Impact

 ***Human Impacts***

 MS-ESS3-2 Analyze and interpret data on natural hazards to forecast future catastrophic events and inform the development of technologies to mitigate their effects.

 MS-ESS3-3 Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment. \* \*\*

 MS-ESS3-4 Construct an argument supported by evidence for how increases in human population and per-capita consumption of natural resources impact Earth’s systems.

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**Trimester 3**

Plate Tectonics

 ***History of Earth***

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 ***Earth’s Systems***

 MS-ESS2-1 Develop a model to describe the cycling of Earth’s materials and the flow of energy that drives this process. \*\*

 MS-ESS2-4 Develop a model to describe the cycling of water through Earth’s systems driven by energy from the sun and the force of gravity. \*\*

 MS-ESS3-1 Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how the uneven distributions of Earth’s mineral, energy, and groundwater resources are the result of past and current geoscience processes. \*\*

Volcanoes & Earthquakes

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**Engineering Principles:**

The following Michigan Science Standards are embedded throughout the year in the eighth grade science curriculum.

 ***Engineering Design***

 MS-ETS1-1 Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.

 MS-ETS1-2 Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.

 MS-ETS1-3 Analyze data from tests to determine similarities and differences among several design solutions to identify the best characteristics of each that can be combined into a new solution to better meet the criteria for success.

 MS-ETS1-4 Develop a model to generate data for iterative testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.