



Pacing Guide

Unit : 1	Structure and Properties of Matter		Minimum Number of Instructional Days
	Common Core Standards Covered	Key Concepts	Total: 16
1-1	Atoms and Molecules <i>HS-PS1-1.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining the atom • Size of an atom • Molecules and compounds • Counting atoms in molecules and compounds 	1
1-2	The Kinetic Molecular Theory and the Properties of Matter <i>HS-PS1-3.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangement of particles in solids, liquids, gases and plasma • Properties relating to each state • The forces between particles • Define the temperature of a substance as a measure of the average kinetic energy of the particles. • Kinetic energy of each state of matter • Changes of state require energy to be added or removed. 	1
1-3	Models of an Atom <i>HS-PS1-1.</i>	The origins of the atom – Democritus and Leucippus Outline the findings of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Sphere - Dalton • Plum Pudding Model - Thomson • Nuclear Model – Rutherford • Planetary Model – Bohr • Quantum Model –Schrodinger • Discovering the neutron - James Chadwick Compare and contrast the models and identify key contributions to modern day atomic theory	2
1-4	Atomic Structure <i>HS-PS1-1.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atoms are made of a nucleus consisting of protons and neutrons. The nucleus is surrounded by electrons. • Atomic mass • Atomic and Mass numbers 	1

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protons and electrons are oppositely charged. • An atom has the same number of protons and electrons to making its overall charge zero (neutral). • Formation of Ions • Flame testing and identification of positive and negative ions 	
1-5	Isotopes <i>HS-PS1-1.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of the isotope as different forms of the same element. • Isotope notation and names – example hydrogen • Change in mass number while the number of protons and electrons (atomic number) remains the same. • Stable vs. radioactive isotopes (briefly) • Origin of isotopes (briefly)+ • Uses of isoptopes (briefly) 	1
1-6	Electron Configuration <i>HS-PS1-1.</i> <i>HS-PS1-2.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of atomic number • Atoms are most stable when they have a full shell (reference to noble gases) • Electron configuration – written and drawn • Arrangement of electrons in orbitals • First energy level is filled first - 1s orbital, • Second level, 2s and 2p orbital • Orbital notation for atoms and ions • Aufbau principle, Hund’s rule and Pauli Exclusion principle 	5
1-7	The Periodic Table of Elements <i>HS-PS1-1.</i> <i>HS-PS1-2.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of the Periodic table as proposed by early chemists such as: John Newlands and Dmitri Mendeleev • Comparison of early and current Periodic table. • Rows determine the number of orbitals present and groups organize elements based on similar properties and valence electrons. • The ‘staircase’ separates metals and non-metals • Periodic trends including atomic radius, ionization energy, electronegativity, electron affinity, melting point and metallic character (specific reference to Group I metals, Group II Alkali Earth Metals, Group 17 Halogens and Group 18 Noble Gases), ion formation • Transition metals 	5

Unit : 2	Chemical Reactions		Minimum Number of Instructional Days
	Common Core Standards Covered	Key Concepts	Total: 18
2-1	Atomic Combinations <i>HS-PS1-1.</i> <i>HS-PS1-2.</i> <i>HS-PS1-4</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atoms join together to form compounds. The properties of the compound are often very different to the individual atoms in the compound. • Different elements react, by breaking and forming bonds • Forming bonds requires atoms giving, taking or sharing electrons • Energy and bonding • Why some elements bond and others do not. • Lewis Structures 	1
2-2	Covalent Bonding <i>HS-PS1-1.</i> <i>HS-PS1-2.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occurs between non-metals • Atoms share electrons in order to fill both outer (valence) shells • Properties of covalent molecules • Important examples: H₂O, HCl, NH₃, O₂, CO₂ • Lewis Structures in covalent bonding • Multiple bonds • Polar and non-polar covalent molecules • Pauling scale of electronegativity and the bonding continuum • Giant covalent structures e.g. Graphite, Diamond 	3
2-3	Ionic Bonding <i>HS-PS1-1.</i> <i>HS-PS1-2.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms from a metal (positive ion) losing its electron(s) and a non-metal (negative ion) gaining electron(s) • Occurs to fill (or empty) the atom's valence shell • Properties of ionic compounds • Ionic compounds occur as giant molecular lattices • Compounds have strong electrostatic forces holding them together • Important examples: NaCl, NaOH • Working out ionic formulae 	4
2-4	Metallic Bonding <i>HS-PS1-1.</i> <i>HS-PS1-2.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involves free electrons which produce the properties unique to metals • Outline the properties of metals • Electrons free to move through the structure to allow conduction of 	3

		<p>electricity, malleability etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrons hold the metal together in a fixed shape through strong electrostatic forces. • Alloys are mixtures which make the new metal harder than the original elements. • Examples of alloys used in industry 	
2-5	<p>Molecular Substances <i>HS-PS1-1.</i> <i>HS-PS1-2.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solids made of separate substances packed together • Intramolecular and intermolecular forces • Van der Waals forces • Properties of molecular substances – electrical conductivity, solubility • Examples: Solid CO₂, ammonia, iodine • Comparisons with ionic, giant covalent and metallic solids • Determining bond type 	2
2-6	<p>Writing Chemical Formula <i>HS-PS1-1.</i> <i>HS-PS1-2.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ionic and covalent compounds • Review of subscripts and coefficients • Shows the type and number of atoms in a substance • Cancellation of charges (ionic formula) • Use of brackets • Correct naming conventions e.g. -ate, -ide, etc. 	2
2-7	<p>Molecular Shape and VESPR Theory <i>HS-PS1-1.</i> <i>HS-PS1-2.</i> <i>HS-PS1-4</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electron pairs in bonds and lone pairs repel thus adopting the specific geometric shapes so that electron pairs are as far apart as possible. • Polar vs non-polar molecules • Lewis structures for compounds • Linear (180°) E.g. CO₂ • Bent (119.3°) E.g. SO₂ • Trigonal pyramidal (106.7°) E.g. NH₃ • Trigonal Planar (120°) E.g. BCl₃ • Tetrahedral E.g. CCl₄ • Wedge and dash diagrams • Testing for polarity 	3

Unit : 3	Changes in Matter		Minimum Number of Instructional Days
	Common Core Standards Covered	Key Concepts	Total: 14
3-1	Physical and Chemical Change <i>HS-PS1-4</i> <i>HS-PS1-5</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical change – permanent, involving new substances being made, indicated by color change, smell • Physical Change – requires adding or removing heat to cause a change in state. • Physical changes are reversible • Identify chemical and physical change from experiments • Examples of chemical and physical Change 	2
3-2	Conservation of Energy in Chemical Reactions <i>HS-PS1-4</i> <i>HS-PS1-5</i> <i>HS-PS1-7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical reactions involve energy which is used to break bonds in reactants. • Energy is released when new bonds form in products. • Endothermic reactions absorb energy • Exothermic reactions release energy. • The law of conservation of energy – matter cannot be created or destroyed 	3
3-3	Conservation of Mass in Chemical Reactions <i>HS-PS1-6.</i> <i>HS-PS1-7.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass is always conserved in a chemical reaction, due to no atoms being created or destroyed • Same number and types of atoms will be present in the reactants as well as the products • Adding up masses on both sides of the equation to observe the conservation of mass. • Calculating mass in reactions 	1
3-4	Law of Constant Composition <i>HS-PS1-6.</i> <i>HS-PS1-7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proust's Law • Mass ratios • Important example – H₂O 	1
3-5	Chemical Change Representation <i>HS-PS1-7.</i>	6 types of chemical reactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis • Combustion • Decomposition 	5

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single displacement• Double displacement• Acid-base	
3-6	Balancing Chemical Equations <i>HS-PS1-7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Placing numbers in front of the compounds (stoichiometric coefficients)• Balancing one type of atom at a time• Reactants equal products• Net ionic equations	2

Unit : 4	The Mole Concept		Minimum Number of Instructional Days
	Common Core Standards Covered	Key Concepts	Total: 12
4-1	The Mole and Molar Mass <i>HS-PS1-7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding Relative atomic mass (A_r) Defining the mole as: One mole of a substance equals its M_r in grams Calculating Molar mass (M) and Relative formula mass (M_r) Isotopes and molar mass Defining Avogadro number 	2
4-2	Mole Concept for Elements <i>HS-PS1-7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of moles = mass of element (grams)/M_r Mass conversions between tone, kg, g , mg Relating number of moles to number of atoms Formula triangles 	2
4-3	Mole Concept for Molecules and Compounds <i>HS-PS1-7.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of moles = mass of compound (grams)/M_r Relating number of moles to number of atoms 	2
4-4	Molecular and Empirical Formula <i>HS-PS1-7.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculating percentage composition Calculating empirical formulas from masses or percentages Understanding the difference between molecular and empirical formula Calculating molecular formula Water of crystallization 	4
4-5	Stoichiometry <i>HS-PS1-7.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mole ratios Relating amounts and masses in equations Percentage yield Limiting reagents 	2

Unit : 5	Energy Changes in Chemical Reactions		Minimum Number of Instructional Days
	Common Core Standards Covered	Key Concepts	Total: 9
5-1	Bond Energy and the Types of Reactions <i>HS-PS1-4</i> <i>HS-PS1-5</i> <i>HS-PS1-6</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heat energy and kinetic energy • What causes energy changes in chemical reactions? • Defining bond energy • Outline the factors that affect the strength of the chemical bond (bond length, bond energy, bond order) • Calculating bond energy • Endothermic and exothermic reactions • Dissolving and energy 	3
5-2	Heat of Reaction <i>HS-PS1-4</i> <i>HS-PS1-5</i> <i>HS-PS1-6</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enthalpy of a reaction • Energy level diagrams – interpretation and drawing • Thermochemical equations • Using n=m/M and stoichiometry • Calculating overall energy change of a reaction 	3
5-3	Spontaneous and Non-Spontaneous Reactions <i>HS-PS1-4</i> <i>HS-PS1-5</i> <i>HS-PS1-6</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spontaneous reactions (exothermic reactions) are favored when they result in a decrease in enthalpy and an increase in entropy of the system. Energy is released to the surroundings as heat. • Non-spontaneous reactions (endothermic reactions), decreases the entropy. • The driving force of a reaction • Entropy and factors affecting it. • Gibbs free energy and using $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$ 	3

Unit : 6	Reaction Rate		Number of Instructional Minimum Number of Instructional Days
	Common Core Standards Covered	Key Concepts	Total: 24
6-1	Reaction Rate and Factors Affecting It <i>HS-PS1-4</i> <i>HS-PS1-5</i> <i>HS-PS1-6</i>	Defining rate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instantaneous rate Calculating rate Reaction rate is affected by changes in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature Catalysts Concentration or pressure Surface area 	6
6-2	Reaction Rate and the Collision Theory <i>HS-PS1-4</i> <i>HS-PS1-5</i> <i>HS-PS1-6</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collision theory Particles are in constant motion Reactions occur when particles collide with sufficient force and in the correct orientation. Activation energy Comparing exothermic and endothermic reactions Describing particle behavior when factors affecting the rate of reaction are changed. 	2
6-3	Measuring Reaction Rates <i>HS-PS1-4</i> <i>HS-PS1-5</i> <i>HS-PS1-6</i>	Planning a rates investigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of variables Writing a method Observations of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precipitation Change in mass Volume of gas given off Interpreting data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tables Graphs 	2
6-4	Catalysts and Reaction Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not participate in reaction 	3

	<i>HS-PS1-4</i> <i>HS-PS1-5</i> <i>HS-PS1-6</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific • Reduces energy requirement • Increases number of successful collisions Key examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalysts in industry • Surface catalysts in catalytic converters • Enzymes as an example of a biological catalyst 	
6-5	Chemical Equilibrium <i>HS-PS1-4</i> <i>HS-PS1-5</i> <i>HS-PS1-6</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rate of a reversible reaction in a closed system • Occurs when the forward and backward reactions occur at the same rate. • As reactants react concentration of these falls so forward reaction slows down. • Equilibrium position right vs. left based on the amounts of reactants and products • Le Chateliers Principle – Factors which change equilibrium – temperature, pressure, concentration • The Haber process as an example of equilibrium • Calculating equilibrium constants and quotients 	5
6-6	Acids and Bases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acid Base chemistry • Strong vs weak acids and bases • Conjugate acid-base pairs • pH scale • Calculating pH • Kw 	6

Unit : 7	Nuclear Processes		Minimum Number of Instructional Days
	Common Core Standards Covered	Key Concepts	Total: 8
7-1	Nuclear Structure and Radiation <i>HS-PS1-8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unstable nuclei release particles • Strong Nuclear force vs electromagnetic force • Neutron to proton ratio • Band of stability • Magic numbers 	1
7-2	Types of Radiation <i>HS-PS1-8</i>	Compare and contrast types of radiation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpha (helium nuclei) • Beta (electrons) • Gamma (short wavelength EM waves) • Balancing nuclear equations • Materials which block radiation • Effects of magnetic fields on radiation • Nuclear equations 	1
7-3	Half-Life <i>HS-PS1-8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defined as the average time taken to halve the number of radioactive nuclei in an isotope • Short vs. long half-life • Calculating number of half lives in a sample • Finding amount of an isotope left through calculation 	1
7-4	Sources of Radiation <i>HS-PS1-8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unstable Isotopes • Space • Background radiation • Artificial sources 	1
7-5	Dangers and Uses of Radiation <i>HS-PS1-8</i>	Dangers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harms living tissue Uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoke detectors 	1

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical tracers • Sterilization • X-Rays • Radioactive dating • Radiotherapy/cancer treatment • Power stations 	
7-6	Nuclear Fission <i>HS-PS1-8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Splitting/subdivision of nuclei into two nuclei of roughly even mass. • Occurs in nuclear reactors and atomic bombs 	1
7-7	Nuclear Fusion <i>HS-PS1-8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joining of two or more nuclei together • Requirements of a fusion reaction • Occurs in stars • Comparison with fission reaction 	1
7-8	Nucleosynthesis <i>HS-PS1-8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New nuclei formed from pre-existing nuclei • Big Bang theory • Stellar Nucleosynthesis • Supernova nucleosynthesis 	1