

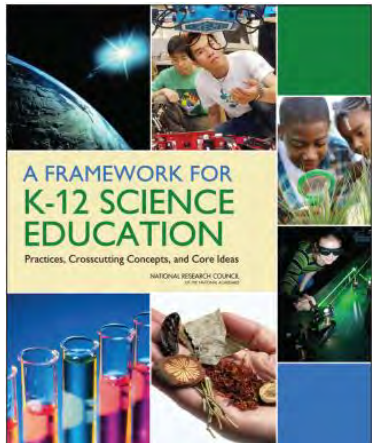
# What is so different about NGSS? - Biology

Activate  
Learning

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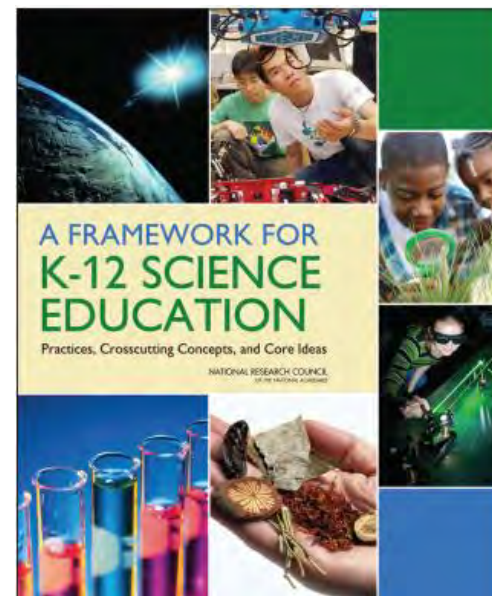
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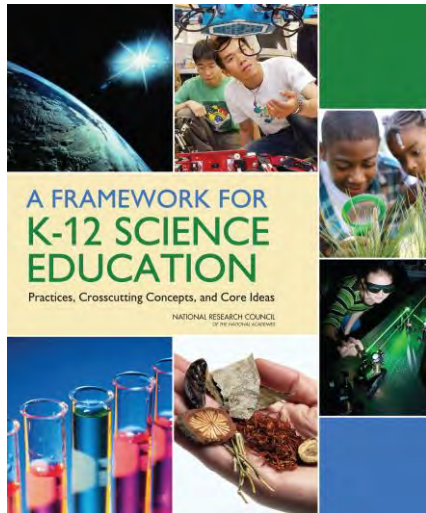


# What will we do today?

- Learn a bit more about 3-Dimensional learning
- Experience 3-Dimensional Learning
- Build understanding of Coherence
- Engage in doing a bit of science



# What's new in the Framework and NGSS?



1. Focus on explaining phenomena or designing solutions to problems
2. 3-Dimensional Learning
  1. Organized around disciplinary core explanatory ideas
  2. Central role of scientific and engineering practices
  3. Use of crosscutting concepts
3. Instructions builds towards performance expectations
4. Coherence: building and applying ideas across time

# What is three 3-Dimensional Learning Learning

- Three-dimensional learning shifts the focus of the science classroom to environments where students use disciplinary core ideas, crosscutting concepts with scientific practices to **explore, examine, and explain** how and why phenomena occur and to **design solutions** to problems



# Overview of EQuIP

I. Alignment to the NGSS	II. Instructional Supports	III. Monitoring student progress
<i>1. Three dimensional:</i> Supports students in three dimensional learning to make sense of phenomena or design solutions	Supports learning for all students through meaningful scenarios, supporting practices, supports phenomena and representations	Assessments evaluate three-dimensional learning; include formative; are accessible and unbiased
<i>2. Coherence:</i> Lessons fit together coherently, develops connections	Provides guidance for teachers to build coherence across the unit	Pre, formative, and summative aligned to three-dimensional learning

# What should we look for in designing or deciding on materials?

The lesson/unit aligns with the conceptual shifts of the NGSS:

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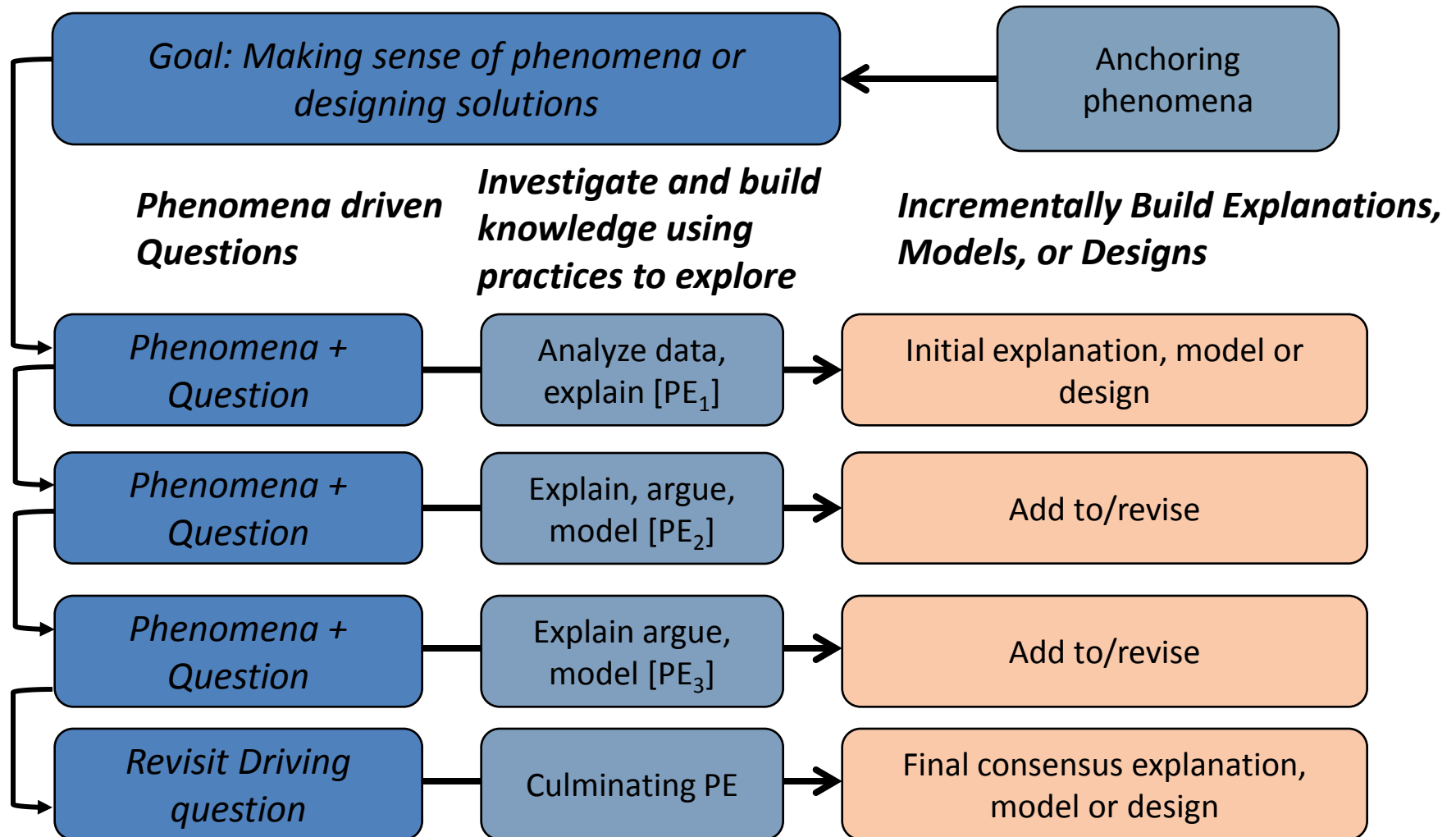


# How do we move further? How do I support students in reaching a PE?

## **Performance Expectation**



# Storyline: Question and phenomena motivate each step in building a disciplinary core idea



Thanks to Brian Reiser and Michael Novak



# Driving Question: What Is Going on Inside Me?

How does the body manages to do the complex things it does in everyday life?  
How do the different systems of the body work together to meet the body's needs.

*Everyday activities that our bodies do.*

## ***Phenomena driven Questions***

What Is Inside Me? *Similar microscopic structures when we looked at small samples of our skin*

Conduct an investigation, construct a model

*All living things are made of cells, all living things made of many cells*

What is Breaking Food Down Inside Me? Changes that occur when chewing a cracker; egg in stomach acid over night

Conduct an investigation. Analyze data

*For the body to use food for energy and building materials, the food must be mechanically and chemically broken down into smaller particles*

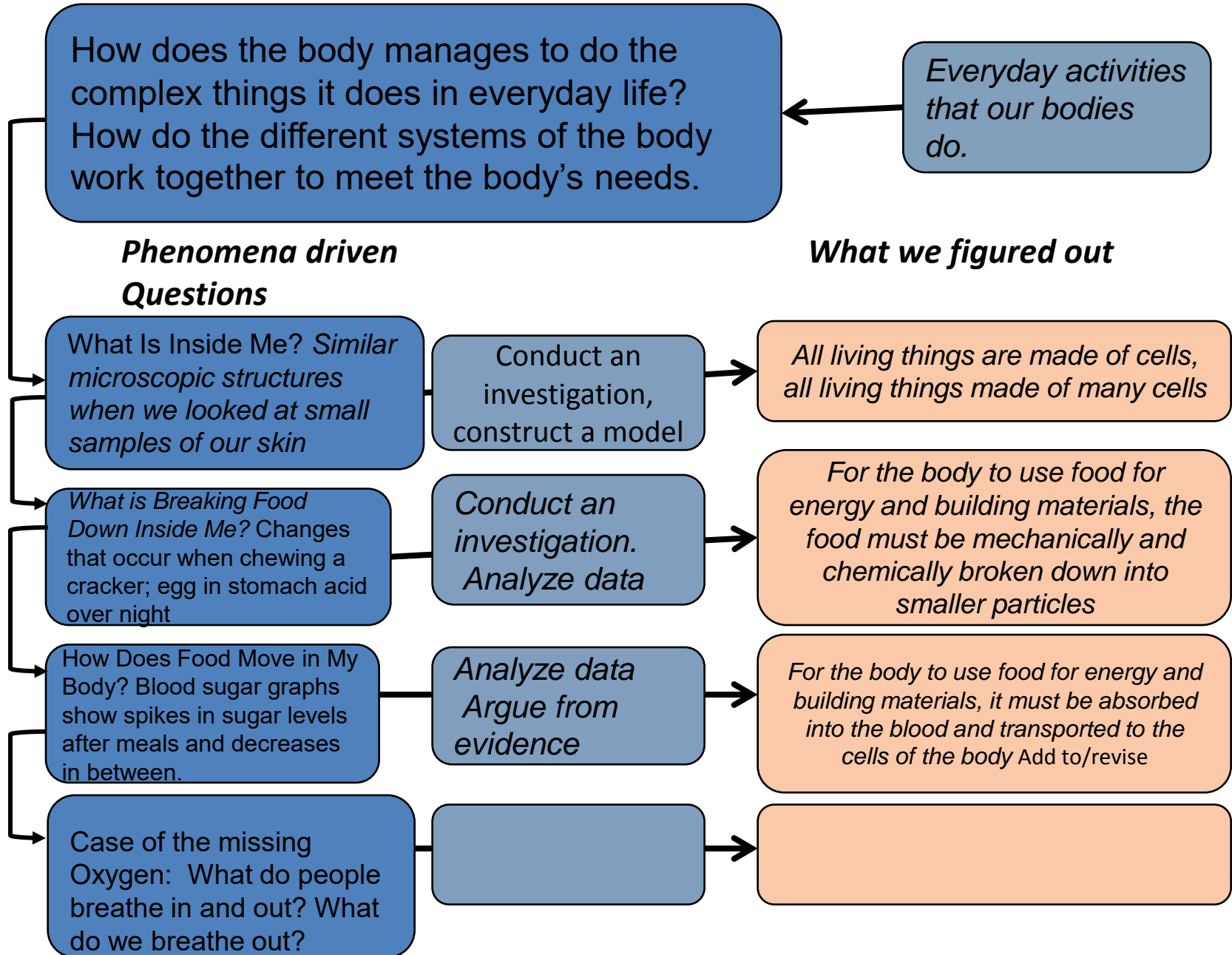
How Does Food Move in My Body? Blood sugar graphs show spikes in sugar levels after meals and decreases in between.

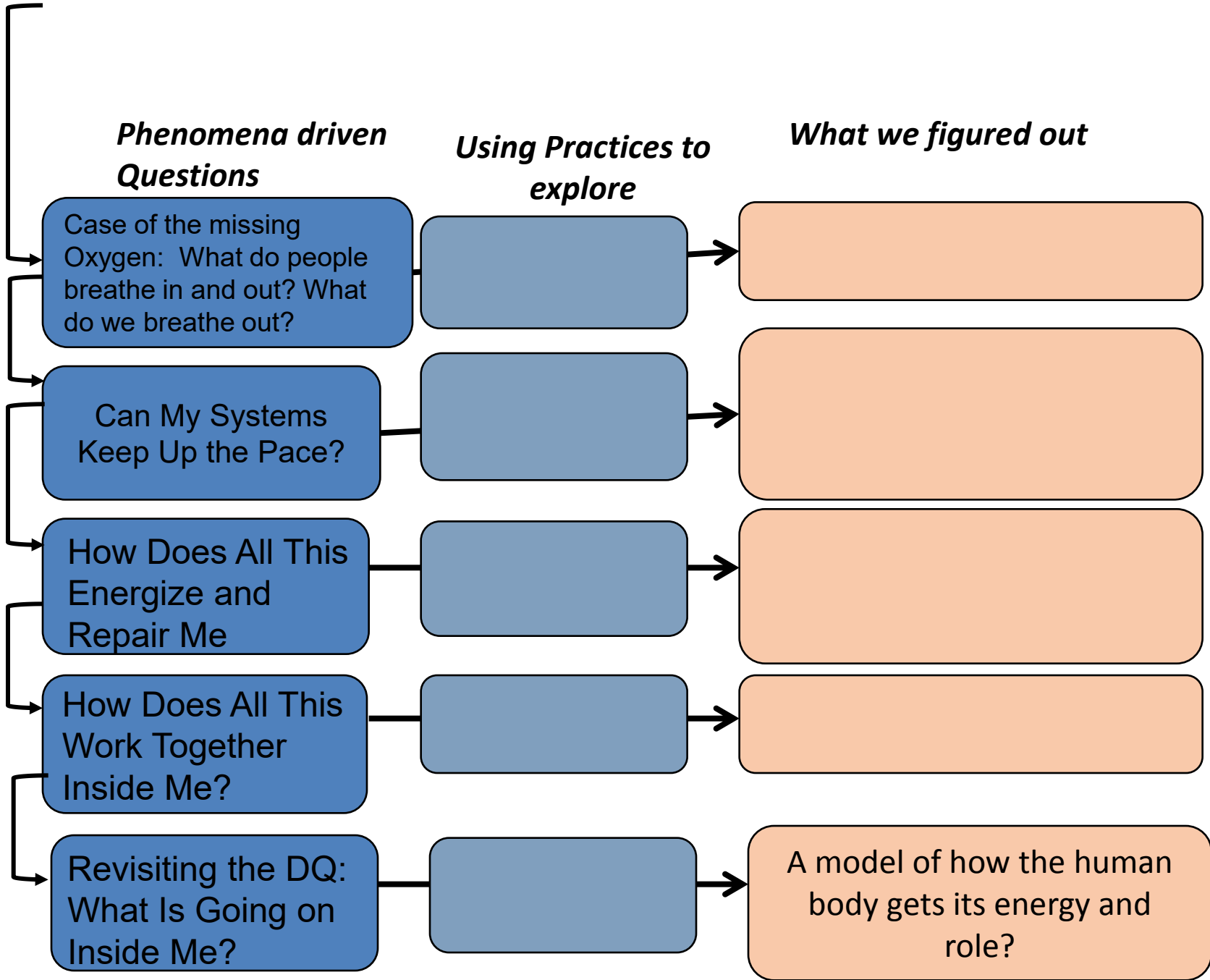
Analyze data Argue from evidence

*For the body to use food for energy and building materials, it must be absorbed into the blood and transported to the cells of the body Add to/revise*

Case of the missing Oxygen: What do people breathe in and out? What do we breathe out?

## ***What we figured out***





# Build toward the following PE

## MS Structure, Function, and Information Processing

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**MS-LS1-2. Develop and use a model to describe the function of a cell as a whole and ways parts of cells contribute to the function.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the cell functioning as a whole system and the primary role of identified parts of the cell, specifically the nucleus, chloroplasts, mitochondria, cell membrane, and cell wall.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of organelle structure/function relationships is limited to the cell wall and cell membrane. Assessment of the function of the other organelles is limited to their relationship to the whole cell. Assessment does not include the biochemical function of cells or cell parts.]

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#### Developing and Using Models

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- Develop and use a model to describe phenomena.

### Disciplinary Core Idea

#### LS1.A: Structure and Function

- Within cells, special structures are responsible for particular functions, and the cell membrane forms the boundary that controls what enters and leaves the cell.

### Crosscutting Concepts

#### Structure and Function

- Complex and microscopic structures and systems can be visualized, modeled, and used to describe how their function depends on the relationships among its parts, therefore complex natural structures/systems can be analyzed to determine how they function.

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#### Energy and Matter

- Matter is conserved because atoms are conserved in physical and chemical processes.

Driving question:

## What Is Going on Inside Me?

- What happens to food and oxygen to enable the body to meet our energy needs.
- Students track what happens to food as it goes through the digestive system to the circulatory system and is delivered to the cells all over the body. Tracing the transformation of food to energy raises questions about how this happens, leading to the coordination of systems.
- Students pursue an explanatory account that provides a reason to understand each of the systems and the role it plays.

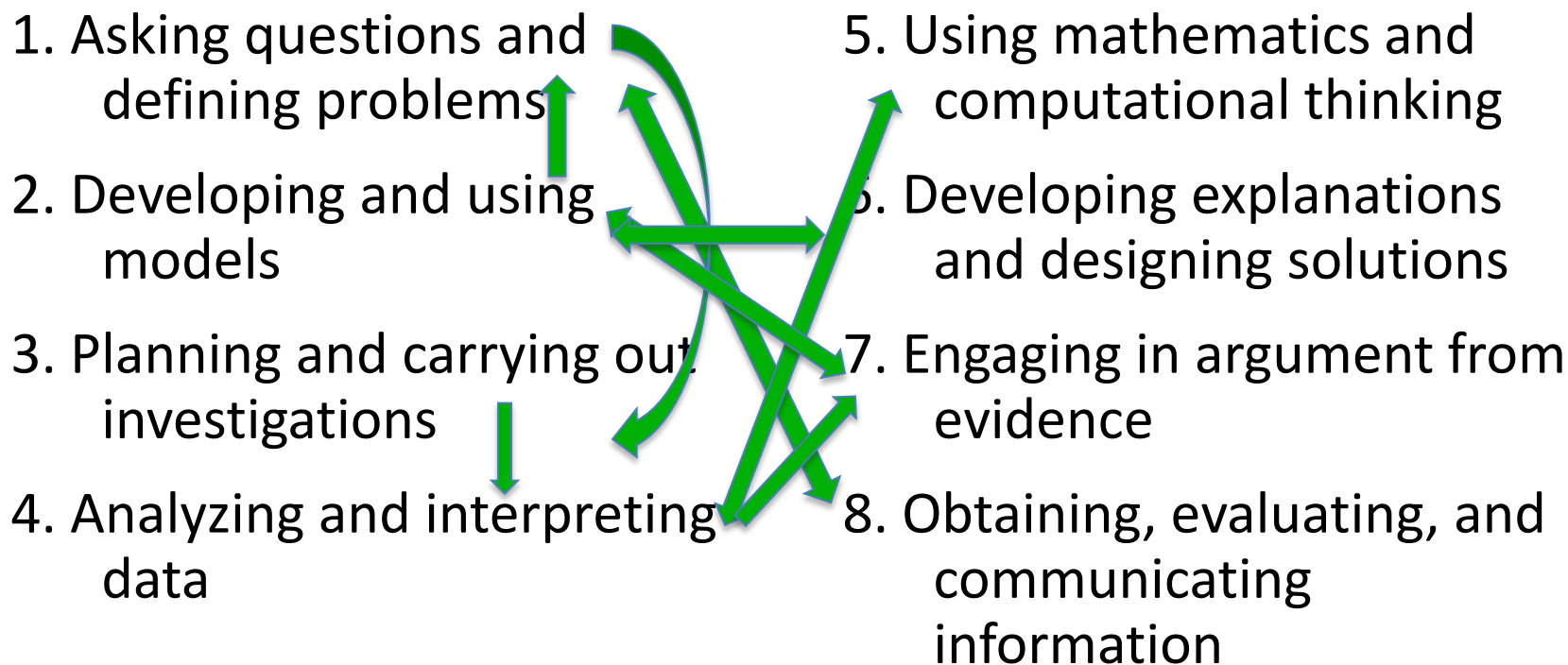


# Let's engage in some phenomena!

# What are Scientific and Engineering Practices?

The multiple ways of knowing and doing that scientists and engineers use to study the natural world and design world.

The practices work together – they are not separated!



# Why Use Crosscutting Concepts?

Ideas that cut across and are important to all the science disciplines

Provide different lenses to examine phenomena

1. Patterns
2. Cause and effect
3. Scale, proportion and quantity
4. Systems and system models
5. Energy and matter
6. Structure and function
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Poll

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- No

# Summary: Evaluating the focus on 3-dimensional learning

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Poll

- Yes
- No

- Business is not the same!
- NGSS is different!
- Revolution and not evolution



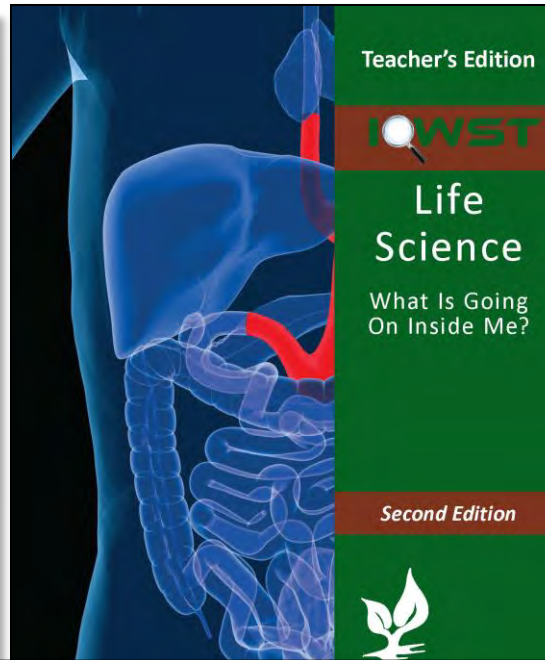
# A concluding message

- By focusing on core ideas integrated with practices and crosscutting concepts, classrooms become learning environments where teachers and students have time to engage in science by designing and carrying-out investigations and making and debating claims supported by evidence and reasoning.



Thanks to!

# Activate Learning



*Middle school curriculum materials supporting students using science practices to construct and apply disciplinary core ideas*

*IQWST: Investigating and Questioning our World through Science and Technology (Krajcik, Reiser, Sutherland, & Fortus, 2013)*