4.Waves: Waves and Information

Students who demonstrate understanding can: 4-PS4-1. Develop a model of waves to describe patterns in terms of amplitude and wavelength and that waves can cause objects to move. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include diagrams, analogies, and physical models using wire to illustrate wavelength and amplitude of waves.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include interference effects, electromagnetic waves, non-periodic waves, or quantitative models of amplitude and wavelength.] 4-PS4-3. Generate and compare multiple solutions that use patterns to transfer information.* [Clarification Statement: Examples of solutions could include drums sending coded information through sound waves, using a grid of 1's and 0's representing black and white to send information about a picture, and using Morse code to send text.] **Disciplinary Core Ideas Crosscutting Concepts** Science and Engineering Practices **Developing and Using Models** PS4.A: Wave Properties Patterns Modeling in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses Waves, which are regular patterns of motion, can be made Similarities and differences in patterns can be to building and revising simple models and using models to in water by disturbing the surface. When waves move used to sort and classify natural phenomena. represent events and design solutions. across the surface of deep water, the water goes up and (4-PS4-1) Develop a model using an analogy, example, or abstract down in place; it does not move in the direction of the Similarities and differences in patterns can be wave except when the water meets the beach. (Note: This representation to describe a scientific principle. (4-PS4used to sort and classify designed products. (4-1) grade band endpoint was moved from K-2). (4-PS4-1) PS4-3) Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Waves of the same type can differ in amplitude (height of Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3-5 the wave) and wavelength (spacing between wave peaks). builds on K-2 experiences and progresses to the use of Connections to Engineering, Technology, (4-PS4-1) PS4.C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables and Applications of Science that describe and predict phenomena and in designing Digitized information transmitted over long distances multiple solutions to design problems. without significant degradation. High-tech devices, such as Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem computers or cell phones, can receive and decode based on how well they meet the criteria and information-convert it from digitized form to voice-and Knowledge of relevant scientific concepts and vice versa. (4-PS4-3) constraints of the design solution. (4-PS4-3) research findings is important in engineering. ETS1.C: Optimizing The Design Solution (4-PS4-3) Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria **Connections to Nature of Science** and the constraints. (secondary to 4-PS4-3) Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence Science findings are based on recognizing patterns. (4-

PS4-1)		
Connections to other DCIs in fourth grade: 4.PS3.A (4-PS4-1); 4.PS3.B (4-PS4-1); 4.ETS1.A (4-PS4-3)		
Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K.ETS1.A (4-PS4-3); 1.PS4.C (4-PS4-3); 2.ETS1.B (4-PS4-3); 2.ETS1.C (4-PS4-3); 3.PS2.A (4-PS4-3); MS.PS4.A (4-PS4-1); MS.PS4.C		
(4-PS4-3); MS.ETS1.B (4-PS4-3)		
Common Core State Standards Connections:		
ELA/Literacy –		
RI.4.1	Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (4-PS4-3)	
RI.4.9	Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (4-PS4-3)	
SL.4.5	5 1 7 1	tions when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes. (4-PS4-1)
Mathematics –		
MP.4	Model with mathematics. (4-PS4-1),(4-PS4-2)	
4.G.A.1	Draw points, lines, line segments, rays, angles (right, acute, obtuse), and perpendicular and parallel lines. Identify these in two-dimensional figures. (4-PS4-1)	

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