

Next Generation Stewards

Next Generation Stewards broadens students' understanding of the connections among the parts of a Pacific Northwest forest. Students record their observations and reflections in a science journal and, during a reflective lesson, take a pledge to become a 'Next Generation Steward of the Greenway.'

Performance Expectations		
Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
5-PS3-1. Use models to describe that energy in animals' food (used for body repair, growth, motion, and to maintain body warmth) was once energy from the sun. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include diagrams, and flow charts.]		
5-LS1-1. Support an argument that plants get the materials they need for growth chiefly from air and water. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that plant matter comes mostly from air and water, not from the soil.]		
5-LS2-1. Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that matter that is not food (air, water, decomposed materials in soil) is changed by plants into matter that is food. Examples of systems could include organisms, ecosystems, and the Earth.]		
MS-LS2-3. Develop a model to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy among living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on describing the conservation of matter and flow of energy into and out of various ecosystems, and on defining the boundaries of the system.]		
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
 Asking Questions and Defining Problems Developing and Using Models Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Engaging in Argument from Evidence Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information 	 LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life 	 Patterns Cause and Effect Scale, Proportion and Quantity Systems and System Models Energy and Matter Structure and Function

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