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Student Proficiency Goals for **NGSS K-PS3-2**



**Information about K-PS3-2**

**NGSS Performance Expectation K-PS3-2**

Use tools and materials provided to design and build a structure that will reduce the warming effect of sunlight on Earth's surface.\*

**Clarification Statement.**

*Examples of structures could include umbrellas, canopies, and tents that minimize the warming effect of the sun.*

**Assessment Limits.**

*No specific assessment limits are listed for this Performance Expectation.*

**Science and Engineering Practice (Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions)**

- Use tools and materials provided to design and build a device that solves a specific problem or a solution to a specific problem.

**Disciplinary Core Idea (PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer)**

- Sunlight warms Earth's surface.

**Crosscutting Concept (Cause and Effect)**

- Events have causes that generate observable patterns.

\* The performance expectations marked with an asterisk integrate traditional science content with engineering through a Practice or Disciplinary Core Idea.

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**Student Proficiency Goals**

**SEP (Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions):**

- Students use provided or collected observations (either firsthand or from grade-appropriate media) of Earth surfaces in both direct sunlight and shade to determine where to build a structure that will reduce the warming effect caused by sunlight.
- Students describe a solution to the problem to be solved.
- Students design a structure that will reduce the warming effect caused by sunlight.
- Using provided materials, students build a structure that will reduce the warming effect caused by sunlight.
- Students describe how well the structure reduces the warming effect caused by sunlight on the surface that is protected by the structure.

**DCI (PS3.B Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer):**

- Students know that sunlight warms Earth's surface.

**CCC (Cause and Effect):**

- Students consider the pattern of Earth surfaces often being warmer in direct sunlight than they are in the shade.
- Students use cause-and-effect to think about causes for the pattern of temperatures of Earth surfaces in both direct sunlight and shade.