

7th Grade Science Curriculum & Instruction Unit Development



Unit Title: Matter & Energy in Digestive System	Time Frame: 1 week
Six Weeks: 3 rd	Unit Number: 3.2
Curriculum	
 Enduring Understandings (Big Ideas): All organisms convert matter and energy from one form to another. 	 The student will know: Large molecules are broken down through chemical and physical changes to provide energy. Energy transformation takes place during digestion. Identify carbon as the primary element of an organic compound.
	 The student will be able to: Distinguish between physical and chemical changes during digestion.

Essential Questions:

• What changes take place in order to get energy from food?

Student Understanding (student friendly TEKS):

- I can tell the difference between a chemical change and a physical change during digestion.
- I can recognize how large molecules are broken down into smaller molecules.
- I can show how energy is transferred from the food I eat.



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TEKS: Objectives/TEKS 1A, 4B, 6A, B, C, 7B PROCESS SKILLS

- 1A demonstrate safe practices during laboratory and field investigations as outlined in the Texas Safety Standards.
- 4B use models to represent aspects of the natural world such as human body systems and plant and animal cells.

CONTENT

- 6A Supporting Standard- identify that organic compounds contain carbon and other elements such as hydrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, nitrogen, or sulfur.
- 6B Supporting Standard– Distinguish between physical and chemical changes in matter in the digestive system.
- 6C Recognize how large molecules are broken down into smaller molecules such as carbohydrates can be broken down into sugars.
- 7B Illustrate the transformation of energy within an organism such as the transfer from chemical energy to heat and thermal energy in digestion.

Targeted College Readiness Standards:

VII.A.1; VII.E.1; VII.E.5; VIII.D.2

Targeted ELPs:

Learning Strategies: C1D Listening:C2D, C2G, C2H, C2I Speaking: C3D, C3E, C3H Reading:C4D, C4G, C4J Writing: C5B, C5G

Academic Vocabulary:

physical property/change	
chemical property/change	
molecule	
carbohydrate	

Language of Instruction:

sugars, thermal energy, chemical energy, transfer of energy



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Instruction		
Instructional Resources:	Lab Activities:	
Digestive System Wksht	Cracker Lab (possible Engage)	
Digestive Diagram	Digestion Lab/Digestion Lab Data Table	
Digestive PPT	It's All Mouth	
Digestive PPT 2		
100 Activities Blue Book for 7 th grade *NEW edition (2010 TEKS)		
pp.100-103		
Technology: PASCOs	Career Connections/Real Life Application:	
Exemplar Lessons:	Research Based Instructional Strategies:	
Assessment		
Student self-assessment & reflection:	Acceptable evidence or artifacts:	