### A Practical Guide for Aligning Existing Materials to the NGSS



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# Timeline

- Introduction (10 min)
  - Project NEURON
  - Brief overview of NGSS
  - The EQuIP rubric
- Step 1: Review materials (10 min)
  - Review materials: rubric, lesson materials, NGSS
  - Presented lesson overview
- Step 2: Apply Category 1 criteria
  - Individually (10 min)
  - As a team (10 min)
- Step 3: Apply Category 2 & 3 criteria
  - Individually (10 min)
  - As a team (10 min)
- Debrief: Share out and feedback (10 min)



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### Introduction

# What is Project NEURON?

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Educators, scientists, and graduate students
- Curriculum development
  - Inquiry-based
  - Connect to standards
- Professional development
  - Summer institutes
  - Conferences





### DEVELOPMENT OF NGSS for K-12 SCIENCE









DEVELOPING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS





# Key Elements of NGSS

# Integrating the three dimensions:

- Science and Engineering Practices
- Disciplinary Core Ideas
- Crosscutting Concepts

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### Tool to support implementation: EQuIP

- EQuIP: Educators Evaluating Quality Instructional Products
- Developed by Achieve + NSTA involving Framework and NGSS writers
- Analyze curriculum materials individual lessons, sequences of lessons, units
- Evaluate how well do the materials help achieve the important conceptual shifts in NGSS?

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### Overview of EQuIP

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



The EQuIP Rubric

### Step 1: Review Materials

### Overview of Unit/Lesson

#### Do you see what I see?

- 1. What do I see?
- 2. How does biology affect perception?
- 3. How does the environment affect perception?
- 4. What are color and light?
- 5. What is a fish's favorite color?
- 6. Why do guppies have favorite colors?
- 7. What do you see?



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# Step 1 – Review Materials

Become familiar with the **rubric**, the **lesson or unit**, and the **practices**, **disciplinary core ideas**, **and crosscutting concepts targeted in the lesson**.

#### 1. Review the rubric

1. Record the grade and title of the lesson or unit

#### 2. Scan to see:

- 1. What the lesson or unit contains
- 2. What dimension components are targeted: Examine the PEs found on ngss.nsta.org (or other NGSS site)
- 3. How it is organized

#### 3. Read key materials



The EQuIP Rubric

### Step 2: Apply Category 1 Criteria

# Identifying Targeted NGSS (Specific PEs or Dimensions)

To which aspect(s) in each of the dimensions is the lesson aligned?

- Scientific Practices
- Disciplinary Core Ideas
- Crosscutting Concepts

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### Step 2 – Apply Criteria in Category I: Alignment to the NGSS

Examine lesson through the "lens" of each criterion

### 1. Individually,

- 1. check each criterion for which *clear and substantial* evidence is found and
- 2. record the evidence and your reasoning

### 2. As a team, discuss

- 1. criteria for which clear and substantial evidence is found and
- 2. criterion-based suggestions for specific improvements that might be needed to meet criteria



# Stop and Ask...

 Is this lesson aligned enough to the NGSS to warrant further examination?

"If the lesson or unit is not closely aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards, it may not be appropriate to move on to the second and third categories. Professional judgment should be used when weighing the individual criterion."



The EQuIP Rubric

### Step 3: Apply Category 2 & 3 Criteria

### Step 3 – Apply Criteria in Categories II & III: Instructional Supports and Monitoring Student Progress

Examine the lesson through the "lens" of each criterion in the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> categories

### 1. Individually,

- 1. check each criterion on the response form for which clear and substantial evidence is found and
- 2. record the evidence and reasoning

#### 2. As a team, discuss

- 1. criteria for which clear and substantial evidence is found
- 2. criterion-based suggestions for specific improvements that might be needed to meet criteria.



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### Share-out and Debrief

### Share out

- To which aspect(s) of each dimension did the lesson most closely align?
- If you could suggest only one improvement (the best of several your group discussed), what would it be?



	Old unit location		New unit location				
Activity Name	Lesson	Activity	Lesson	Activity			
Paint Chip Sorting	1	1	1	1			
NEW Initial Model of Color Perception	NA	NA	1	2			
Optical Illusions	1	2	NA	NA			
Cow Eye Dissection	1	3	2	3			
Colorblindness Test	1	4	2	1			
Language and color video	NA	NA	3	1			
Candy Sorting (Colorful Candies)	2	1	3	2			
Spectrophotometer (Light emission,	3	1–3	4	1-4			
reflection, transmission, & absorption)							
Hypothesis Development and Experimental	4	1	5	1 or Extension			
Design							
Penny-Pecking Observations	4	2	5	Extension			
Penny-Pecking Activity	5	1	5	Extension			
NEW Revised Model of Color Perception	NA	NA	5	1			
NEW Simulated Guppy Experiment	NA	NA	5	2			
Connections to Model of Coor Perception							
The Guppy Game	6	1	Same	Same			
Advantage of Color Vision	7	1	Same	Same			
Vision Adaptation	7	2	Same	Same			
NEW Evolution of Color Vision in Mammals	NA	NA	7	3			

### More questions

- Do you feel like you have a better understanding of the EQuIP rubric than when you started?
- Do you have a curriculum on which you'd like to try using the EQuIP rubric?

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