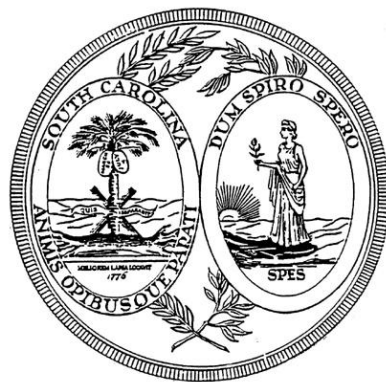


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**Instructional Unit Resource**

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As support for implementing the *South Carolina Academic Standards and Performance Indicators for Science 2014*, the standards for Physics have been grouped into possible units. In the Overview of Units below, the titles for those possible units are listed in columns. Refer to the Overview document to note these unit titles and how Standards, Conceptual Understandings, Performance Indicators, Science and Engineering Practices, and Crosscutting Concepts align. Following the Overview of Units, an Instructional Unit document is provided that delivers guidance and possible resources in teaching our new *South Carolina Academic Standards and Performance Indicators for Science 2014*. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance as to how all the standards in this grade may be grouped into units and how those units might look. Since this document is merely guidance, districts should implement the standards in a manner that addresses the district curriculum and the needs of students. This document is a living document and instructional leaders from around the state will continuously update and expand these resource documents. These documents will be released throughout the 2016-2017 school year with the intentionality of staying ahead of instruction. Teachers should also note that links to the Standards document, A Framework for K-12 Science Education: Practices, Crosscutting Concepts, and Core Ideas, the SEP Support Document, and the Support Document 2.0 are embedded throughout the Instructional Unit format for reference.

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Jean Baptiste Massieu, famous deaf educator, made a statement that is now considered a French proverb. “Gratitude is the memory of the heart. Indeed, appreciation comes when you feel grateful from the depths of your heart. The head keeps an account of all the benefits you received and gave. But the heart records the feelings of appreciation, humility, and generosity that one feels when someone showers you with kindness.” It is with sincere appreciation that we humbly acknowledge the dedication, hard work and generosity of time provided by teachers and instructional leaders across the state that have made and are continuing to make the Instructional Unit Resources possible.

## Physics Overview of Units

Unit 1		Unit 2			Unit 3			Unit 4		Unit 5		Unit 6		Unit 7	
FORCES AND MOTION		WORK, ENERGY, AND MOMENTUM			ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM			WAVES		LIGHT AND OPTICS		THERMODYNAMICS		NUCLEAR AND MODERN PHYSICS	
Standard		Standard			Standard			Standard		Standard		Standard		Standard	
H.P.1	H.P.2	H.P.1	H.P.2	H.P.3	H.P.1	H.P.2	H.P.3	H.P.1	H.P.3	H.P.1	H.P.3	H.P.1	H.P.3	H.P.1	H.P.3
Conceptual Understanding		Conceptual Understanding			Conceptual Understanding			Conceptual Understanding		Conceptual Understanding		Conceptual Understanding		Conceptual Understanding	
H.P.2A H.P.2B H.P.2C		H.P.2B H.P.3A H.P.3B			H.P.2D H.P.3E			H.P.3D		H.P.3F		H.P.3C		H.P.3G	
Performance Indicators		Performance Indicators			Performance Indicators			Performance Indicators		Performance Indicators		Performance Indicators		Performance Indicators	
H.P.2A.1	H.P.2B.8	H.P.2B.4	H.P.3A.3		H.P.2D.1	H.P.3E.5	H.P.3D.1		H.P.3F.1		H.P.3C.1		H.P.3G.1		
H.P.2A.2	H.P.2B.9	H.P.2B.5	H.P.3A.4		H.P.2D.4	H.P.3E.6	H.P.3D.2		H.P.3F.2		H.P.3C.2		H.P.3G.2		
H.P.2A.3	H.P.2B.10	H.P.2B.6	H.P.3A.5		H.P.2D.5	H.P.3E.7	H.P.3D.3		H.P.3F.3		H.P.3C.3		H.P.3G.3		
H.P.2A.4	H.P.2C.1	H.P.2B.7	H.P.3B.1		H.P.2D.7		H.P.3D.4		H.P.3F.4		H.P.3D.1		H.P.3G.4		
H.P.2A.5	H.P.2C.2	H.P.3A.1	H.P.3B.2		H.P.3E.1				H.P.3F.5				H.P.3G.5		
H.P.2A.6	H.P.2C.3	H.P.3A.2	H.P.3B.3		H.P.3E.2				H.P.3F.6						
H.P.2B.1	H.P.2C.4				H.P.3E.3										
H.P.2B.2	H.P.2C.5				H.P.3E.4										
H.P.2B.3															
*Science and Engineering Practices		*Science and Engineering Practices			*Science and Engineering Practices			*Science and Engineering Practices		*Science and Engineering Practices		*Science and Engineering Practices		*Science and Engineering Practices	
S.1A.2	S.1A.5	S.1A.2	S.1A.7		S.1A.2	S.1A.6	S.1A.2		S.1A.1	S.1A.5	S.1A.1	S.1A.4	S.1A.2	S.1A.8	
S.1A.3	S.1A.6	S.1A.3	S.1A.8		S.1A.3	S.1A.8	S.1A.5		S.1A.2	S.1A.6	S.1A.2		S.1A.5		
S.1A.4	S.1A.8	S.1A.5			S.1A.5	S.1B.1	S.1A.6		S.1A.3	S.1A.8	S.1A.3		S.1A.6		
*Crosscutting Concepts		*Crosscutting Concepts			*Crosscutting Concepts			*Crosscutting Concepts		*Crosscutting Concepts		*Crosscutting Concepts		*Crosscutting Concepts	
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		1, 2, 3, 4, 5,			2, 3, 5, 6, 7			1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7		1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7		1,2,3,4,5,6,7		1,2,3,4,5,6,7	

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<b>Standard</b>
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H.P.2 The student will demonstrate an understanding of how the interactions among objects and their subsequent motion can be explained and predicted using the concept of forces.

**Conceptual Understanding**

H.P.2D The non-contact (at a distance) interactions among objects and their subsequent motion can be explained and predicted by analyzing the gravitational, electric, and magnetic forces acting on the objects and applying Newton’s laws of motion. These non- contact forces can be represented as fields.

**New Academic Vocabulary**

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Law of Electrostatics	Friction	Conduction	Induction	Electroscope
Coulomb’s Law	Coulombs	Electrical Force	Electric Field	

**Performance Indicators**

Text highlighted below in *orange* and *italicized/underlined* shows connections to SEP’s

H.P.2D.1 *Develop and use models* (such as computer simulations, demonstrations, diagrams, and drawings) to explain how neutral objects can become charged and how objects mutually repel or attract each other and include the concept of conservation of charge in the explanation.

H.P.2D.4 *Use mathematical and computational thinking* to predict the relationships among the charges of two particles, the attractive or repulsive electrical force between them, and the distance between them (Coulomb’s Law.  $F=kq_1q_2/r^2$ ).

H.P.2D.5 *Construct explanations* for how the non-contact forces of gravity, electricity, and magnetism can be modeled as fields by sketching field diagrams for two given charges, two massive objects, or a bar magnet and use these diagrams to qualitatively interpret the direction and magnitude of the force at a particular location in the field.

H.P.2D.7 *Use a free-body diagram* to represent the electrical force on a charge.

### \*Science and Engineering Practices

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**H.P.1A.2 Develop and Use Models** to (1) understand or represent phenomena, processes, and relationships, (2) test devices or solutions, or (3) communicate ideas to others.

**H.P.1A.3 Plan and Carry Out Investigations** to answer questions, test hypotheses, and develop explanations: (1) formulate scientific questions and testable hypotheses based on credible scientific information, (2) identify materials, procedures, and variables, (3) use appropriate laboratory equipment, technology, and techniques to collect qualitative and quantitative data, and (4) record and represent data in an appropriate form. Use appropriate safety procedures.

**H.P.1A.5 Use Mathematics and Computational Thinking** to (1) use and manipulate appropriate metric units, (2) express relationships between variables for models and investigations, or (3) use grade-level appropriate statistics to analyze data.

**H.P.1A.6 Construct Explanations** of phenomena using (1) primary or secondary scientific evidence and models, (2) conclusions from scientific investigations, (3) predictions based on observations and measurements, or (4) data communicated in graphs, tables, or diagrams.

### \*Cross Cutting Concepts (<http://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8>)

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2. **Cause and effect:** The National Research Council (2012) states “events have causes, sometimes simple, sometimes multifaceted. A major activity of science is investigating and explaining causal relationships and the mechanisms by which they are mediated. Such mechanisms can then be tested across given contexts and used to predict and explain events in new contexts” (p. 84). ***If a charged object comes in contact with an object that does not have charge (neutral charge), then the electrons are transferred to the neutral object. It receives the same charge.***

3. **Scale, proportion, and quantity:** The National Research Council (2012) states that “in considering phenomena, it is critical to recognize what is relevant at different measures of size, time, and energy and to recognize how changes in scale, proportion, or quantity affect a system’s structure or performance” (p. 84). ***When the distance between two charges doubles, the force is cut in half.***

5. **Energy and matter: Flows, cycles, and conservation:** The National Research Council (2012) states “Fully develop energy transfers. Introduce

nuclear substructure and conservation laws for nuclear processes” (p. 84). [Charge is conserved.](#)

6. **Structure and function:** The National Research Council (2012) states that “the way in which an object or living thing is shaped and its substructure determine many of its properties and functions ” (p. 84). [An object that has a negative charge has a surplus of electrons. An object that has a positive charge is lacking electrons.](#)

7. **Stability and change:** The National Research Council (2012) states that “For natural and built systems alike, conditions of stability and determinants of rates of change or evolution of a system are critical elements of study” (p. 84). [Positive-charge objects have electric force field lines and they end in a negative-charge objects.](#)

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#### **Prior Knowledge**

- 7.P.2 Parts of the Atom
- H.C.2 Structure of the Atom
- 2.P.4 Forces
- 5.P.5 Forces

#### **Subsequent Knowledge**

- N/A

#### **Possible Instructional Strategies/Lessons**

**Strategies and lessons that will enable students to master the standard and/or indicator.**

- **Electrostatics and Coulomb’s Law** This activity allows students to use computational and mathematical thinking to determine the force acting between a balloon and another object. Activity is available at <http://www.myips.org/cms/lib8/IN01906626/Centricity/Domain/8123/Coulombs%20Law%20E1.pdf>
- **Newton’s Law of Gravitation** This activity allows students to use computational and mathematical thinking to predict the relationship between the masses of two tangible objects. This activity is available at [http://swift.sonoma.edu/education/newton/newton\\_4/nlawpost406ptb508a.pdf](http://swift.sonoma.edu/education/newton/newton_4/nlawpost406ptb508a.pdf)
- **Visualizing Gravity** This activity will assist students in being able to communicate about long-term gravitational interactions. This activity can be found at <http://www.cpalms.org/uploads/resources/152051/Visualizing%20Gravity%20Investigation%20Sheet.pdf>

- Electric Field Drawing Practice Students will diagram electric fields to interpret the direction and magnitude of the force at a particular location in the field. Link available at <http://physics.info/electric-field/practice.shtml>
- The Electric Force: Concepts and Principles In this activity, students will use a free-body diagram to represent the magnitude and direction of the electric force. In addition, this activity will allow students to model the non-contact forces as fields, given two charges. The activity is contained in p. 6-24 with some analogies to gravity prior to the activity. This activity can be found at <http://web.monroecc.edu/manila/webfiles/spiral/2.ElectricForceNC.pdf>

### Resources

- Virtual Investigations: Universal Gravitation These investigations allow students to use computational and mathematical thinking to determine the force acting between two masses. There are three investigations: lab, conceptual activity, and quantitative activity. These investigations can be found at [http://www.mhhe.com/biosci/genbio/virtual\\_labs/universal\\_gravitation/main.html](http://www.mhhe.com/biosci/genbio/virtual_labs/universal_gravitation/main.html)
- Gravity Force Lab This activity forces students to use computational and mathematical thinking to determine the force acting between two masses. Activity is available at [https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/gravity-force-lab/latest/gravity-force-lab\\_en.html](https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/gravity-force-lab/latest/gravity-force-lab_en.html)
- Balloons and Static Electricity PhET Students will use this interactive to develop a model to explain how a neutral object becomes charged. This interactive is available at <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/balloons>

### Sample Formative Assessment Tasks/Questions

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([http://ed.sc.gov/scdoe/assets/File/Instruction/standards/Science/Support%20Documents/Complete\\_2014SEPsGuide\\_SupportDoc2\\_0.pdf](http://ed.sc.gov/scdoe/assets/File/Instruction/standards/Science/Support%20Documents/Complete_2014SEPsGuide_SupportDoc2_0.pdf))

- Whiteboard Drawings - Students can draw the field lines to help determine the direction of a force at a particular location in a field.
- Whiteboard Drawings - Students can practice drawing free-body diagrams of the gravitational force acting on an object and electric force on a charge.
- Electric Stations - Students are able to study induction by using a new comb and inducing charge to tissue paper squares, stream of water, etc. Students will write an explanation for what is happening using the terms charge, force, and induction.
- Practice Problems with the Universal Law of Gravitation and Coulomb's Law - Coulomb's Law Practice Problems can be found at <http://images.pcmac.org/SiSFiles/Schools/TX/DesotoISD/DHS/Uploads/DocumentsCategories/Documents/coulomb-law-practice-with->

[answers.pdf](#). Law of Universal Gravitation problems can be found at <http://www.acschools.org/cms/lib07/PA01916405/Centricity/Domain/362/8.1%20Math%20Problems%20Answers.pdf>

- Using a Venn Diagram, Double Bubble, T chart (mechanism to compare and contrast), enumerate the similarities and differences between the Universal Law of Gravitation and Coulomb’s Law. Make sure to include units, formula, components of the formula, etc.

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H.P.3 The student will demonstrate an understanding of how the interactions among objects can be explained and predicted using the concept of the conservation of energy.

<b>Conceptual Understanding</b>				
H.P.3E During electric circuit interactions, electrical energy (energy stored in a battery or energy transmitted by a current) is transformed into other forms of energy and transferred to circuit devices and the surroundings. Charged particles and magnets create fields that store energy. Magnetic fields exert forces on moving charged particles. Changing magnetic fields cause electrons in wires to move, creating current.				
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Electric Current	Amperes	Electric Resistance	Ohms	Voltage
Volts	Resistor	Conductor	Electric Circuit	Voltage Source
Switch	Load	Circuit Diagram	Series Circuit	Parallel Circuit
Electric Charge	Electric Potential Energy	Electric Potential	Power	Watts
Chemical Cells	Magnetic Field	Electromagnet	Electric Motor	Armature
<b>Performance Indicators</b>				
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H.P.3E.1 Plan and conduct controlled scientific investigations to determine the relationship between the current and potential drop (voltage) across an Ohmic resistor. Analyze and interpret data to verify Ohm's law, including constructing an appropriate graph in order to draw a line-of-best-fit whose calculated slope will yield R, the resistance of the resistor.

H.P.3E.2 Develop and use models (such as circuit drawings and mathematical representations) to explain how an electric circuit works by tracing the path of the electrons and including concepts of energy transformation, transfer, and the conservation of energy and electric charge.

H.P.3E.3 Use mathematical and computational thinking to analyze problems dealing with current, electric potential, resistance, and electric charge.

H.P.3E.4 Use mathematical and computational thinking to analyze problems dealing with the power output of electric devices.

H.P.3E.5 Plan and conduct controlled scientific investigations to determine how connecting resistors in series and in parallel affects the power (brightness) of light bulbs.

H.P.3E.6 Obtain and communicate information about the relationship between magnetism and electric currents to explain the role of magnets and coils of wire in microphones, speakers, generators, and motors.

H.P.3E.7 Design a simple motor and construct an explanation of how this motor transforms electrical energy into mechanical energy and work.

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H.P.1A.8 Obtain, Evaluate, and Communicate Information to (1) answer questions, (2) explain or describe phenomena, (3) develop models, (4) evaluate hypotheses, explanations, claims, or designs or (5) identify and/or fill gaps in knowledge. Communicate using the conventions and expectations of scientific writing or oral presentations by (1) evaluating grade-appropriate primary or secondary scientific literature, or (2) reporting

the results of student experimental investigations.

**H.P.1B.1 Construct Devices or Design Solutions** using scientific knowledge to solve specific problems or needs: (1) ask questions to identify problems or needs, (2) ask questions about the criteria and constraints of the device or solutions, (3) generate and communicate ideas for possible devices or solutions, (4) build and test devices or solutions, (5) determine if the devices or solutions solved the problem and refine the design if needed, and (6) communicate the results.

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3. **Scale, proportion, and quantity:** The National Research Council (2012) states that “in considering phenomena, it is critical to recognize what is relevant at different measures of size, time, and energy and to recognize how changes in scale, proportion, or quantity affect a system’s structure or performance” (p. 84). *If the current doubles, then the resistance is divided in half.*

5. **Energy and matter: Flows, cycles, and conservation** - The National Research Council (2012) states “Fully develop energy transfers. Introduce nuclear substructure and conservation laws for nuclear processes” (p. 84). *Energy transformations can occur in circuits. Electric energy can be converted to thermal energy, chemical energy, light energy, etc.*

6. **Structure and function:** The National Research Council (2012) states that “the way in which an object or living thing is shaped and its substructure determine many of its properties and functions” (p. 84). *The components of circuits can be arranged in series or parallel.*

7. **Stability and change:** The National Research Council (2012) states that “For natural and built systems alike, conditions of stability and determinants of rates of change or evolution of a system are critical elements of study” (p. 84). *If resistors parallel to one another, then the equivalent resistance is less than the resistance of any one resistor.*

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### **Prior Knowledge**

- 3.P.3 Basic Circuits and Electricity

- 6.P.3 Electrical Circuits and Current

#### Subsequent Knowledge

- N/A

#### Possible Instructional Strategies/Lessons

Strategies and lessons that will enable students to master the standard and/or indicator.

- Electricity Dream House Students will use computational and mathematical thinking as well as research to calculate the electric power produced by their student created “dream house.” This activity requires students to create a blueprint drawing with schematic diagrams of their electrical loads. Students must build two rooms of the dream house and provide the circuitry for the rooms. They will also select the appliances, lighting, and amenities with which to calculate the electricity bill. In December, students can build a Gingerbread House. The guidelines for the Dream House can be found at <http://pleasanton.k12.ca.us/avhsweb/barnettDreyfuss/Physics/Documents/Electric%20House%20Project%2011.pdf>
- Electric Circuits and Current Students will conduct this investigative inquiry activity to determine how the battery strength can affect the electric current. This activity can be found at [http://homepage.smc.edu/kocharian\\_armen/Physics14/03\\_C5Act3-%20STRAW%20LAB.pdf](http://homepage.smc.edu/kocharian_armen/Physics14/03_C5Act3-%20STRAW%20LAB.pdf)
- Series and Parallel Resistors Activity This activity will allow students to conduct an investigation to determine how resistors in series and resistors in parallel affect voltage and current. This activity can be extended by using different types of resistors. This activity is available at <http://www.auburn.edu/cosam//departments/physics/intro-courses/ugrad-lab/physics1500/activities/files/Series%20and%20Parallel%20Resistors%20Activity.pdf>
- Circuit Construction Kit (DC Only), Virtual Lab PhET simulation in which students can plan and conduct controlled scientific investigations to determine how connecting resistors in series and in parallel affects the power (brightness) of light bulbs. This simulation can be found at <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/legacy/circuit-construction-kit-dc-virtual-lab>.
- Hand-made manipulatives In order to help students analyze current, electric potential, resistance, and charge, teachers can create their own manipulatives for charge, voltage source, conductors, electric load, etc. and arrange them into a circuit. The manipulatives can be symbols for the components of the circuit, i.e. clipart fuzzy monsters for charge, clipart battery for voltage source, clipart light bulb for the load. Each charge is “carrying” a beaker of energy from the battery, through the light, and completing the circuit back to the battery.

## Resources

- Electric Current Interactive - Students will use the interactive to determine the relationship between voltage, current, and resistance. This interactive can be found at <https://concord.org/stem-resources/electric-current>
- Electric Current and Potential Difference Video - This video explains electric current and potential difference in an effort to prepare students to investigate the relationship between the two. This video can be found at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zsfgr82/activity>
- The Physics Classroom- This website is an excellent resource to use for mathematical thinking between electric current, potential, resistance, and charge. This link is found at <http://www.physicsclassroom.com/>
- Ohm's Law Simulation - PhET simulation in which students can manipulate voltage and resistance to see the effect on current. This simulation can be found at <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/ohms-law>.

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- Practice Problems with Ohm's Law, Electric Power, Series/Parallel/Complex Circuits
  - Circuits website found at [http://camillasenior.homestead.com/middle\\_school\\_science\\_-\\_basic\\_circuits.pdf](http://camillasenior.homestead.com/middle_school_science_-_basic_circuits.pdf)
  - Ohm's Law worksheet found at [http://www.edu.pe.ca/queencharlotte/homework/morrison/9science/electricity/Ohms\\_Law\\_Worksheet.pdf](http://www.edu.pe.ca/queencharlotte/homework/morrison/9science/electricity/Ohms_Law_Worksheet.pdf)
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  - Students put problems on the board for discussion.
- Whiteboard sketches - schematic diagrams with simple, series, and parallel circuits
- Make a circuit (simple, series, parallel) lab practical - Students will select appropriate components to make a simple, series, and parallel circuit. Teacher will monitor students as they are working. Teacher will check off whether the students have completed a task.
- Exit Slips:
  - What is the relationship between current and resistance?
  - What is the difference between an ohmic appliance and a non-ohmic appliance?
  - Compare and Contrast series and parallel circuits in terms of structure, current, voltage, resistance, and brightness.

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