

Essential Standard	Found in CST Blueprint?	Student Friendly Language	Benchmark Period
<b>1. The periodic table displays the elements in increasing atomic number and shows how periodicity of the physical and chemical properties of the elements relates to atomic structure. As a basis for understanding this concept:</b>	10% 6 items		
a <i>Students know</i> how to relate the position of an element in the periodic table to its atomic number and atomic mass.		Not essential	
b <i>Students know</i> how to use the periodic table to identify metals, semimetals, nonmetals, and halogens.		Not essential	
c <i>Students know</i> how to use the periodic table to identify alkali metals, alkaline earth metals and transition metals, trends in ionization energy, electronegativity, and the relative sizes of ions and atoms.			2
d <i>Students know</i> how to use the periodic table to determine the number of electrons available for bonding.			2
e <i>Students know</i> the nucleus of the atom is much smaller than the atom, yet contains most of its mass.			2
<b>2. Biological, chemical, and physical properties of matter result from the ability of atoms to form bonds from electrostatic forces between electrons and protons and between atoms and molecules.</b>	12% 7 items		
a <i>Students know</i> atoms combine to form molecules by sharing electrons to form covalent or metallic bonds or by exchanging electrons to form ionic bonds			3
b <i>Students know</i> chemical bonds between atoms in molecules such as H <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , NH <sub>3</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> CCH <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> , Cl <sub>2</sub> , and many large biological molecules are covalent.		Not essential	
c <i>Students know</i> salt crystals, such as NaCl, are repeating patterns of positive and negative ions held together by electrostatic attraction.		Not essential	
d <i>Students know</i> the atoms and molecules in liquids move in a random pattern relative to one another because the intermolecular forces are too weak to hold the atoms or molecules in a solid form.		Not essential	
e <i>Students know</i> how to draw Lewis dot structures.			3
f*. <i>Students know</i> how to predict the shape of simple molecules and their polarity from Lewis dot structures.			3
<b>3. The conservation of atoms in chemical reactions leads to the principle of conservation of matter and the ability to calculate the mass of products and reactants.</b>	17% 10 items		
a <i>Students know</i> how to describe chemical reactions by writing balanced equations.		Not essential	
b <i>Students know</i> the quantity one mole is set by defining one mole of carbon 12 atoms to a mass of exactly 12 grams.		Not essential	
c <i>Students know</i> one mole equals 6.02x10 <sup>23</sup> particles (atoms or molecules).			1
d <i>Students know</i> how to determine the molar mass of a molecule from its chemical formula & a table of atomic masses, how to convert the mass of a molecular substance to moles, number of particles, or volume of gas at STP.			3
e <i>Students know</i> how to calculate the masses of reactants and products in a chemical reaction from the mass of one of the reactants or products and the relevant atomic masses.			3

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<b>4. The kinetic molecular theory describes the motion of atoms and molecules and explains the properties of gases.</b>	10% 6 items		
a <i>Students know</i> the random motion of molecules and their collisions with a surface create the pressure on that surface.			3
b <i>Students know</i> the random motion of molecules explains the diffusion of gases.		Not essential	
c <i>Students know</i> how to apply the gas laws to relations between the pressure, temperature, and volume of any amount of an ideal gas or any mixture of ideal gases.			3
d <i>Students know</i> the values and meanings of standard temperature and pressure (STP).		Not essential	
e <i>Students know</i> how to convert between the Celsius and Kelvin temperature scales.		Not essential	
f <i>Students know</i> there is no temperature lower than 0 Kelvin.		Not essential	
<b>5. Acids, bases, and salts are three classes of compounds that form ions in water solutions.</b>	8% 5 items		
a <i>Students know</i> the observable properties of acids, bases, and salt solutions.			3
b <i>Students know</i> acids are hydrogen-ion-donating and bases are hydrogen-ion-accepting substances.			3
c <i>Students know</i> strong acids and bases fully dissociate and weak acids and bases partially dissociate.		Not essential	
d <i>Students know</i> how to use the pH scale to characterize acid and base solutions.			3
<b>6. Solutions are homogeneous mixtures of two or more substances.</b>	5% 3 items		
a <i>Students know</i> the definitions of solute and solvent.			1
b <i>Students know</i> how to describe the dissolving process at the molecular level by using the concept of molecular motion.		Not essential	
c <i>Students know</i> temperature, pressure, and surface area affect the dissolving process.		Not essential	
d <i>Students know</i> how to calculate the concentration of a solute in terms of grams per liter, molarity, and % composition.			3
<b>7. Energy is exchanged or transformed in all chemical reactions and physical changes of matter.</b>	8% 5 items		
a <i>Students know</i> how to describe temperature and heat flow in terms of the motion of molecules (or atoms).		Not essential	
b <i>Students know</i> chemical processes can either release (exothermic) or absorb (endothermic) thermal energy.			1
c <i>Students know</i> energy is released when a material condenses/freezes and is absorbed when a it evaporates/melts.			3
d <i>Students know</i> how to solve problems involving heat flow and temperature changes, using known values of specific heat and latent heat of phase change.			3
<b>8. Chemical reaction rates depend on factors that influence the frequency of collision of reactant molecules.</b>	7% 4 items		
a <i>Students know</i> the rate of reaction is the decrease in concentration of reactants or the increase in concentration of products with time.			3
b <i>Students know</i> how reaction rates depend on such factors as concentration, temperature, and pressure.			3
c <i>Students know</i> the role a catalyst plays in increasing the reaction rate.			3
d. <i>Students know</i> the definition and role of activation energy in a chemical reaction.		Not essential	

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<b>9. Chemical equilibrium is a dynamic process at the molecular level.</b>	7% 4 items		
a <i>Students know</i> how to use Le Chatelier's principle to predict the effect of changes in concentration, temperature, and pressure.			3
b <i>Students know</i> equilibrium is established when forward and reverse reaction rates are equal.			3
<b>10. The bonding characteristics of carbon allow the formation of many different organic molecules of varied sizes, shapes, and chemical properties and provide the biochemical basis of life. As a basis for understanding this concept:</b>	3% 2 items		
a <i>Students know</i> large molecules (polymers), such as proteins, nucleic acids, and starch, are formed by repetitive combinations of simple subunits.		Not essential	
b <i>Students know</i> the bonding characteristics of carbon that result in the formation of a large variety of structures ranging from simple hydrocarbons to complex polymers and biological molecules.		Not essential	
c <i>Students know</i> amino acids are the building blocks of proteins.		Not essential	
<b>11. Nuclear processes are those in which an atomic nucleus changes, including radioactive decay of naturally occurring and human-made isotopes, nuclear fission, and nuclear fusion. As a basis for understanding this concept:</b>	3% 2 items		
a <i>Students know</i> protons and neutrons in the nucleus are held together by nuclear forces that overcome the electromagnetic repulsion between the protons.		Not essential	
b <i>Students know</i> the energy release per gram of material is much larger in nuclear fusion or fission reactions than in chemical reactions. The change in mass (calculated by $E = mc^2$ ) is small but significant in nuclear reactions.		Not essential	
c <i>Students know</i> some naturally occurring isotopes of elements are radioactive, as are isotopes formed in nuclear reactions.		Not essential	
d <i>Students know</i> the three most common forms of radioactive decay (alpha, beta, and gamma) and know how the nucleus changes in each type of decay.			1
e <i>Students know</i> alpha, beta, and gamma radiation produce different amounts and kinds of damage in matter and have different penetrations.			1
<b>Scientific progress is made by asking meaningful questions and conducting careful investigations. As a basis for understanding this concept and addressing the content in the other four strands, students should develop their own questions and perform investigations.</b>	10% 6 items		

