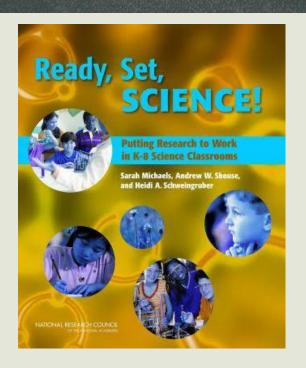
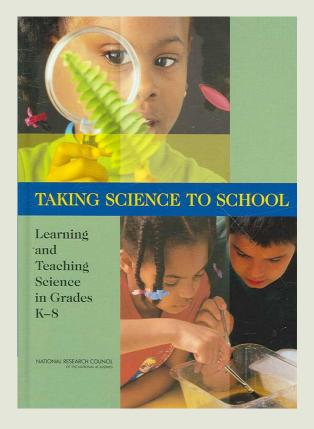
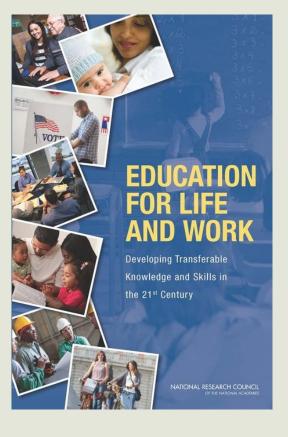
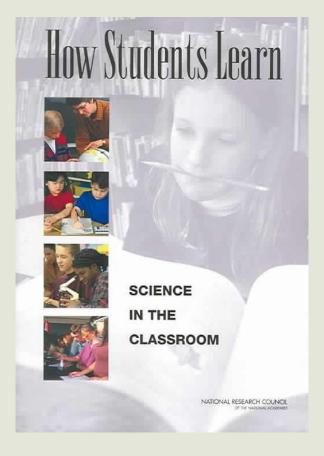


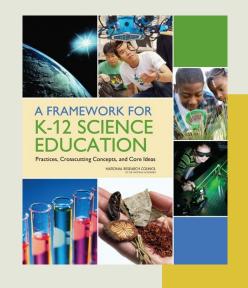
NRC Research and NGSS Development











By the end of 12th grade all students:

- have an appreciation of the beauty and wonder of science; possess sufficient knowledge of science and engineering to engage in public discussions on related issues
- are careful consumers of scientific and technological information related to their everyday lives
- are able to continue to learn about science outside school
- have skills to enter careers of their choice, including but not limited to careers in science, technology, and engineering

Conceptual Shifts

- Preparing students for college, careers, and citizenship
- Practicing science and engineering through real world application
- Encouraging teaching in context and integrating core concepts (aligned with ELA and Math standards)
- Building concepts coherently K-12 to generate deeper understanding and application – our focus is not just the "what" but also the "how" and the "why"
- Raising engineering to the same level as inquiry science; integrated K-12
- Teaching the three dimensions of each standard: Science and Engineering Practice, Disciplinary Core Idea, and a Cross Cutting Concept

Old vs New

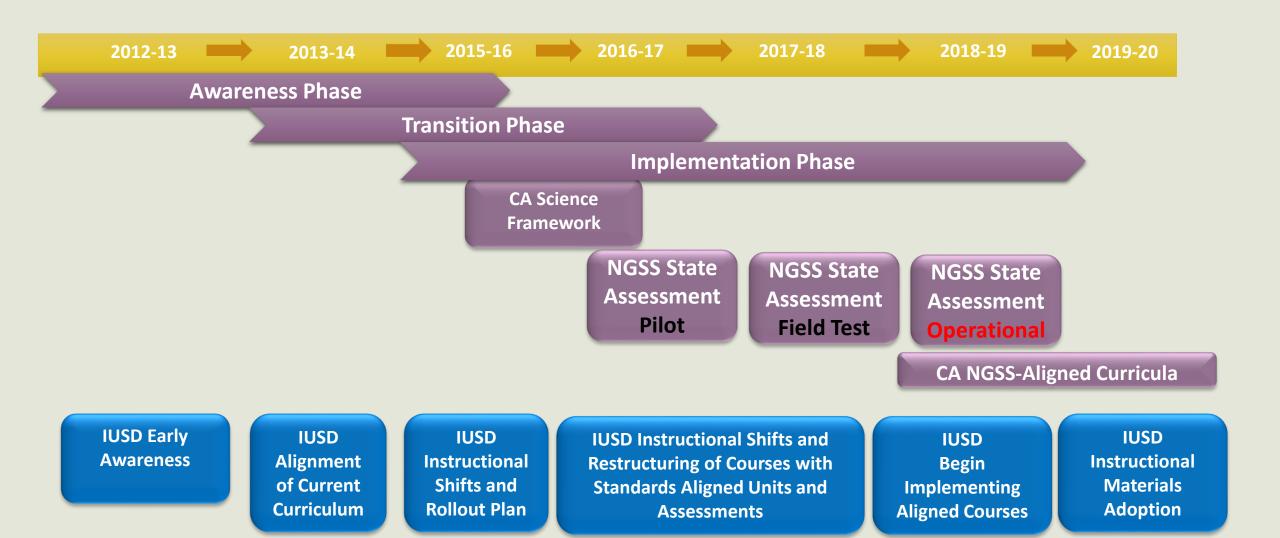
Old (1998) Middle School Science Standards

- Distinguish between atom and molecules
- Describe the difference between pure substances (elements and compounds) and mixtures
- Describe the movement of particles in solid, liquid, gas, and plasma states
- Recognize that there are more than 100 elements and some have similar properties as shown on the Periodic Table of Elements

New (NGSS) Middle School Science Standards

- Construct and use models to explain that atoms combine to form new substances of carrying complexity
- Plan investigations to generate evidence supporting the claim that one pure substance can be distinguished form another based on characteristic properties
- Construct an argument that explains the effect of adding or removing thermal energy to a pure substance in different phases and during a phase change in terms of atomic and molecular motion

NGSS Timeline



The Journey



Next Generation Science Standards Implementation Committee



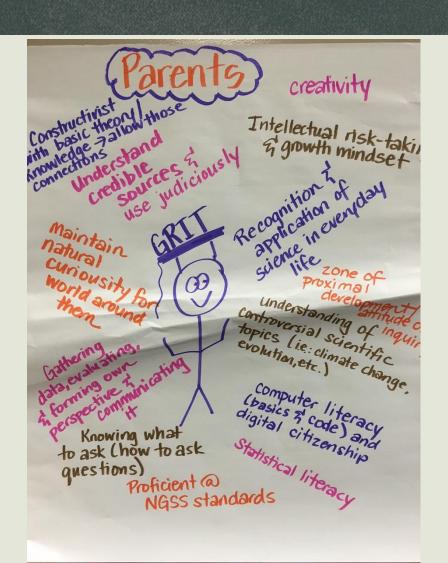


- Current reality of science education in IUSD
- Develop a vision of what a rigorous 21st century Science education looks like
- Identified the needs of all stakeholders

Student Voice



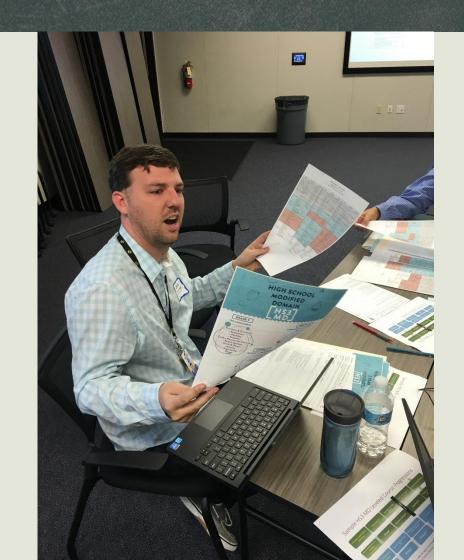
Identified Implementation Needs



- College and Career Readiness for All
- Equity of Access and Experiences
- Engaging Science Courses with Real World Application
- Meet the Instructional Needs of All Students
- Manageable and Strategic Transition
- Teacher and Administrator Efficacy and Preparedness
- Clear Communication

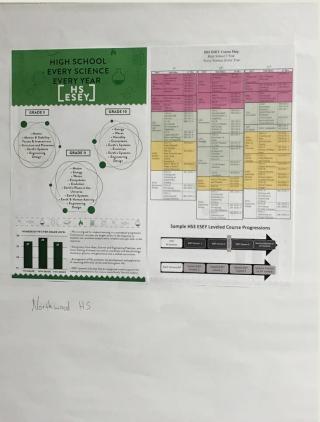
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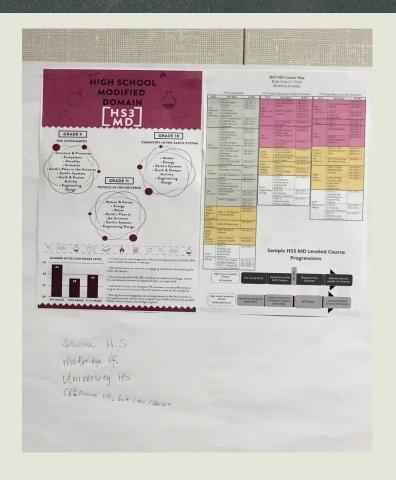
Transition Timeline
Instructional Agreements
Course Sequences
Professional Development



Course Model Decisions







Resources to Support a Smooth Transition

Designated Science Lead Teachers:

- Develop course scope and sequences, identify resources
- Develop exemplary units and collaborative assessments
- Finalize timeline for implementation, professional development, and instructional recommendations



