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Mass, Velocity, & Kinetic Energy Lab Activity

Aligned with All Published National Standards

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curriculum alignment

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* The Dimension I practices listed below are called out as **bold** words throughout the activity.

DIMENSION 1 Science and Engineering Practices	×	Asking questions (for science) and defining problems (for engineering)	×	Use mathematics and computational thinking
	×	Developing and using models	×	Constructing explanations (for science) and designing solutions (for engineering)
	×	Planning and carrying out investigations	×	Engaging in argument from evidence
	×	Analyzing and interpreting data	×	Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information
DIMENSION 2 Cross Cutting Concepts	×	Patterns	×	Energy and matter: Flows, cycles, and conservation
	×	Cause and effect: Mechanism and explanation		Structure and function
	×	Scale, proportion, and quantity	×	Stability and change
		Systems and system models		
DIMENSION 3 Core Concepts	Discipline		Core Idea Focus	
	Physical Science		PS2: Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions	
			PS3: Energy	

✗ Indicates standards covered in activity

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NGSS STANDARDS	Middle School Standards Covered	High School Standards Covered
	MS.PS2-2: Plan an investigation to provide evidence that the change in an object's motion depends on the sum of the forces on the object and the mass of the object.	HS.PS2-1: Analyze data to support the claim that Newton's second law of motion describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on a macroscopic object, its mass, and its acceleration.
	MS.PS3-1: Construct and interpret graphical displays of data to describe the relationships of kinetic energy to the mass of an object and to the speed of an object.	HS.PS3-3: Design, build, and refine a device that works with given constraints to convert one form of energy into another form of energy.
	MS.PS3-5: Construct, use, and present arguments to support the claim that when the motion energy of an object changes, energy is transferred to or from the object.	

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standards and learning objectives

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Content Standards (K-12)			
×	Systems, order, and organization		Evolution and equilibrium
×	Evidence, models, and explanation	×	Form and Function
×	Constancy, change, and measurement		

Physical Science Standards Middle School		Physical Science Standards High School	
×	Motions and Forces	×	Motions and Forces
×	Transfer of Energy	×	Interactions of Energy and Matter

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benchmarks for science literacy (AAAS, © 1993)

1. The Nature of Science	1B: Scientific Inquiry
2. The Nature of Mathematics	2C: Mathematical Inquiry
4. The Physical Setting	4E: Energy Transformations
	4F: Motion
9. The Mathematical World	9B: Symbolic Relationships
11. Common Themes	11B: Models
	11C: Constancy and Change
	11D: Scale

activity objectives:

- Understand the concepts of potential and kinetic energy in objects, and recognize the relationship between kinetic energy, mass, distance travelled, and velocity.
- Make and test predictions based on experimental results.

time requirement:

This activity can be completed in one or two 45 minute class periods.