

*Unless otherwise specified, "descriptions" referenced in the evidence statements could include but are not limited to written, oral, pictorial, and kinesthetic descriptions.

HS-PS3-5

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

HS-PS3-5. Develop and use a model of two objects interacting through electric or magnetic fields to illustrate the forces between objects and the changes in energy of the objects due to the interaction. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include drawings, diagrams, and texts, such as drawings of what happens when two charges of opposite polarity are near each other.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to systems containing two objects.]

The performance expectation above was developed using the following elements from A Framework for K-12 Science Education:

Science and Engineering Practices

Developing and Using Models Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed world(s).

 Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system.

Disciplinary Core Ideas

PS3.C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces

 When two objects interacting through a field change relative position, the energy stored in the field is changed.

Crosscutting Concepts

Cause and Effect

 Cause and effect relationships can be suggested and predicted for complex natural and human-designed systems by examining what is known about smaller scale mechanisms within the system.

Observable features of the student performance by the end of the course:			
1	Components of the model		
	а	Students develop a model in which they identify and describe* the relevant components to illustrate the forces and changes in energy involved when two objects interact, including:	
		 The two objects in the system, including their initial positions and velocities (limited to one dimension). 	
		ii. The nature of the interaction (electric or magnetic) between the two objects.	
		iii. The relative magnitude and the direction of the net force on each of the objects.	
		iv. Representation of a field as a quantity that has a magnitude and direction at all points in space and which contains energy.	
2	Re	Relationships	
	а	In the model, students describe* the relationships between components, including the change in the energy of the objects, given the initial and final positions and velocities of the objects.	
3	Со	nnections	
	а	Students use the model to determine whether the energy stored in the field increased, decreased, or remained the same when the objects interacted.	
	b	Students use the model to support the claim that the change in the energy stored in the field (which is qualitatively determined to be either positive, negative, or zero) is consistent with the change in energy of the objects.	
	С	Using the model, students describe* the cause and effect relationships on a qualitative level between forces produced by electric or magnetic fields and the change of energy of the objects in the system.	