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Introduction to Ohio’s Model Curriculum for Computer Science

Substitute House Bill 170 took effect in March 2018, requiring the State Board of Education of Ohio to adopt standards and a model curriculum for grade K-12 instruction in computer science. A team of Ohio educators came together to develop and write the computer science standards and model curriculum, and the State Board adopted these in December 2018.

Ohio House Bill 110, passed in July 2021, included several new provisions for K-12 computer science education. The law requires the Ohio Department of Education to update the Ohio Learning Standards and Model Curriculum for Computer Science within one year of the effective date of HB 110 (Ohio Revised Code 3301.079(A)(4)). Following the established process, a team of Ohio educators came together to develop and write the revisions for the computer science standards and model curriculum, and the State Board adopted these in 2022.

Ohio’s Standards in Computer Science are fully aligned to Ohio’s five-year strategic plan for education, Each Child, Our Future. The strategic plan acknowledges a major education policy shift around technology. A student’s ability to use technology strategically is now identified as foundational and just as important as mathematics and English language arts, from which all other learning is built.

GUIDING ASSUMPTIONS

The team of Ohio educators that developed the standards and model curriculum had a clear goal – to encourage districts and educators to give all Ohio students opportunities to learn computer science. Beginning in the earliest grades and continuing through grade 12, Ohio’s students will develop a foundation of computer science knowledge and gain experiences in computational thinking and problem solving to become creators and innovators of computing technology. Ohio’s Computer Science Standards and Model Curriculum will give students experiences that help them discover and take part in a world continually influenced by technology and to understand the role of computing in that world.

OVERVIEW OF THE COMPUTER SCIENCE STANDARDS CONTENT

The standards will support a progression of learning in each core concept or strand to provide computer science experiences for all Ohio students. The K-8 standards integrate computer science into instruction across subject areas including mathematics, science, history, English language arts, fine arts, world language and career and technology courses. The high school computer science standards provide both foundational and advanced opportunities districts can use to design as separate courses or, when appropriate, integrate into other disciplines.

Ohio’s Computer Science Standards and Model Curriculum are organized in the following strands:

- **Computing Systems** - Addresses how devices, including hardware and software, interact to accomplish tasks and how students can troubleshoot computing systems when they do not work as intended.
- **Networks and the Internet** - Addresses how devices and networks connect to share information and resources and how students can apply cybersecurity concepts to protect information.
- **Data and Analysis** - Addresses how data can be collected and stored; analyzed and communicated; and used to make more accurate predictions.
- **Algorithmic Thinking and Programming** - Addresses program development, including the use of algorithms, variables, control structures and modules.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** – Addresses machine learning, natural interaction, perception, representation and reasoning and societal impacts.
- **Impacts of Computing** – Addresses computing’s influence on our world by examining the relationship between computing and culture, computing’s impact on social interaction, and legal and ethical implications of computing.
Computational Thinking is a problem-solving process that students use to engage with concepts in the computer science standards. This thinking involves formulating problems in a way that can be carried out by a computer. Using computational thinking to solve a problem includes breaking down the problem into manageable parts, recognizing patterns, excluding irrelevant details to abstract or identify general principles that generate these patterns and developing step-by-step sequences or algorithms to solve the problem and similar problems. Computational thinking can be applied with or without computers, for example, through unplugged activities. While computational thinking is a focus in computer science, it also is used in content areas beyond computer science.

It is important that computer science not be confused with other aspects and uses of computer technology in schools, including:

- **Computer literacy** “refers to the general use of computers and programs, such as productivity software.” Examples of computer literacy include performing an internet search and creating a digital presentation.

- **Educational (computer) technology** “applies computer literacy to school subjects. For example, students in an English class can use a web-based application to collaboratively create, edit and store an essay online.”

- **Digital citizenship** “refers to the appropriate and responsible use of technology, such as choosing an appropriate password and keeping it secure.”

- **Information technology** “often overlaps with computer science but is mainly focused on industrial applications of computer science, such as installing [and operating] software rather than creating it. Information technology professionals often have a background in computer science.”

(K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016, pp.13-14)
OVERVIEW OF THE COMPUTER SCIENCE STANDARDS FRAMEWORK

Ohio’s Computer Science Standards are organized by strands, topics and content statements.

Kindergarten through Grade 8 - Content statements are organized by grade level. Below is an example of a content statement for kindergarten and its corresponding content statement code. This content statement addresses the topic of Devices within the Computing Systems strand.

Grades 9-12 - Content statements are organized by grade band into two levels – Foundational and Advanced. Foundational level standards are targeted at students who have limited or no experience in Computer Science. Standards at this level ask students to demonstrate competency of one or more subsets of the standards. Advanced standards are targeted at students demonstrating mastery at the foundational level. See an example of a content statement for high school and its corresponding content statement code below. This content statement addresses the topic of Networking within the Networks and the Internet strand, at the Foundational Level.
Equity and Computer Science

COMPUTER SCIENCE FOR ALL

To help realize the vision of computer science for all students, equity must be at the forefront of the state’s efforts to implement the computer science standards. Equity is more than whether classes are available. It includes how those classes are taught, how students are recruited and how the classroom culture supports diverse learners and promotes retention. When equity exists, schools expect academic success for every student and make that success accessible to every student. The result of such equity is a classroom of diverse students based on factors such as race, gender, disability, socioeconomic status and English language proficiency. All students have high expectations and feel empowered to learn.

Computer science faces intense challenges related to access, opportunity and culture.

- The 2021 State of Computer Science report showed that only 51 percent of public high schools offer foundational computer science courses (Code.org et al, 2021). This data showed that students with the least access are Black, Latino and Native American, from lower income backgrounds and urban and rural areas.

Even when computer science courses are available, there are wide gaps in participation and the level of instruction.

- For the 2020 Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science exam, only 31 percent of students were female, 6 percent were Black or African American, 16 percent were Hispanic or Latino and 0.5 percent were Native American (College Board, 2020).

- The potential impact of these gaps in participation is illustrated in the statistic that females who take high school AP Computer Science are 10 times more likely to major in computer science in college than students who do not take this course (Morgan & Klaric, 2007).

- Especially in schools with large numbers of African American and Latino students, computer classes too commonly offer only basic, rudimentary user skills rather than engaging students in the problem-solving and computational thinking practices that form the foundation of computer science (Margolis et al., 2012).

The lack of representation in computer science after K–12 reflects the lack of access and participation in grades K–12. In 2021, only 26.2 percent of workers employed in computer and mathematical occupations were female. Only 8.5 percent were Black or African American, and only 8.3 percent were Hispanic or Latino (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021).

EFFORTS TO INCREASE EQUITY

Even when schools have made computer science courses available to students, inequity can be perpetuated at the classroom level. Educators can work to ensure equity through changes in curriculum, instruction and classroom culture.

- Educators can reach students with disabilities using learning accommodations, curricular modifications and established techniques for differentiated instruction. For example, the Quorum programming language accommodates students with visual impairments by enabling the programming language to be read by computer screen readers (Quorum, 2019). Recent research shows ways to use Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to develop and refine introductory computer science experiences for a wider range of learners (Hansen et al., 2016). Educators also can apply instructional strategies used in other content areas to support struggling learners and students with disabilities. For example, if verbal prompting helps in math instruction, it will likely help in computer science instruction (Snodgrass, Israel, & Reese, 2016).

1 The “Equity and Computer Science” section has been modified from chapter two of the K–12 Computer Science Framework, “Equity in Computer Science Education.” (K–12 Computer Science Framework. (2016).

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A variety of approaches make programming more accessible to young learners and beginners. Visual, block-based programming languages allow students to program without the obstacle of syntax errors (errors in typing commands) found in traditional text-based languages. Programming environments on tablets have made programming even more accessible to younger children by reducing the number of available commands and the amount of reading required to navigate the options (Strawhacker & Bers, 2014).

To address a lack of computer and internet access, educators can help students learn many computer science topics, such as algorithmic thinking, searching, sorting and logic through “unplugged” activities. Ohio’s initiative, InnovateOhio, strives to transform Ohio’s communities and bring opportunity for growth in the rural and urban areas through a statewide broadband strategy to improve access to high-speed internet (InnovateOhio, 2022).

To reach females and underrepresented minorities, teachers can use strategies to work against issues such as the threat of stereotyping or bias. For example, stereotype threats can be mitigated by altering the wording of test questions to be gender-neutral and using examples that are equally relevant to both males and females (Kumar, 2012). It also is important for students to have diverse role models in the field so they can imagine themselves as a computer scientist. Role models also help dispel stereotypes of how computer scientists look and act (Goode, 2008).

Below, are other practices that teachers can adopt and adapt to change classroom culture and broaden participation in computer science:

- Connect computer science to concepts that motivate children, like fairness and social justice (Denner et al., 2015).

- Practice culturally relevant pedagogy to tie computer science to students’ experiences, culture and interests (Margolis et al., 2014). Designing projects and instruction to be socially relevant and meaningful for diverse students helps them “build personal relationships with CS concepts and applications -- an important process for discovering the relevance of CS for their own lives.” (Margolis et al., 2012, p. 76)

- Reflect on beliefs and actions to address stereotypes among students and teachers (Margolis et al., 2014).

**EQUITY AND THE COMPUTER SCIENCE STANDARDS**

The computer science standards reflect the writing team’s considerations on equity. The standards describe concepts and skills all students can benefit from, regardless of whether they go on to postsecondary computer-science education or a career in computer science.

Equity is woven into the computer science concepts and skills across grade levels. This is especially apparent in the core concept or strand involving Impacts of Computing. Here, students examine the social implications of the digital world, including their impacts on equity and access to computing. Specific content statements address equity directly. For example, in grade 3, students identify diverse user needs and “how computing devices have built-in features to increase accessibility to all users.” In grade 7, students “evaluate various technologies to identify issues of bias and accessibility.” Students in grade 8 build on prior learning to work against existing inequities, they propose guidelines “to positively impact bias and accessibility in the design of future technologies.”

As students design computational products, they engage in computer science practices that also directly involve consideration of equity, inclusion and diversity. Students foster inclusion as they develop products that “include the unique perspectives of others” and “address the needs of diverse end-users.” Students encourage diversity through working in teams “with individuals possessing diverse perspectives.” Involving students in such practices stresses the need to practice equity when doing computer science. Through such practices, students can see the benefit of, for example, considering the products they develop from the perspectives of a diverse group of end-users, such as those with visual impairments and English language learners.
Ohio’s Model Curriculum & Instructional Supports for Computer Science

OVERVIEW OF THE MODEL CURRICULUM

The purpose of the model curriculum is to provide clarity on Ohio’s Computer Science Standards and set the foundation for planning and developing instruction to implement these standards. The model curriculum reflects the expertise of Ohio educators. It is not a collection of lessons or a full curriculum. It does not suggest pace, sequence or the amount of time teachers should spend on topics.

The model curriculum contains two sections: Expectations for Learning and Content Elaborations.

Information about learning progressions, important concepts and key skills and procedures clarifies the expectations for student learning and guides teachers in developing lessons and assessments, both formative and summative.

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OVERVIEW OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORTS

Instructional supports will offer instructional strategies and resources that target specific content statements. The Department will add instructional supports as they are identified and developed, after careful vetting and review.

These supports will include descriptive examples of instructional strategies. Supports will also identify connections to other content statements in Computer Science, across content areas and to careers to help teachers plan instruction and incorporate computer science content into their curricula. Other supports woven throughout will include descriptions of common misconceptions and ways to structure computer science experiences that are equitable and accessible to all students.
Computer Science Model Curriculum: Career Connections

It is important for students to understand how the knowledge and skills they acquire in school apply to their ultimate career and life goals. Ohio’s Model Curriculum for Computer Science provides examples of Career Connections. These Career Connections are a starting point for teachers to begin drawing connections to careers for students. The Instructional Supports mentioned earlier will continue this work and address Career Connections more fully.

When developing Career Connections, schools and districts may consider using the Career Connections Framework. The framework is a planning tool districts and schools can use to provide students with opportunities to develop a vision and realistic plans for their future. It aligns the many efforts around college and career readiness to support students in becoming productive and engaged citizens. While many of the career connections throughout this model curriculum are designed to help students become aware, explore and plan for specific careers, it is understood that students often will change career pathways of interest over time.

Throughout Ohio’s Learning Standards and Model Curriculum for Computer Science, many of the skills students are beginning to learn and refine can be associated with work environments. Career Connections in this model curriculum are organized by the Computer Science Standards Strands, providing one example per grade band for each strand. In this way, teachers can see how these connections relate to key computer science knowledge and skills in each strand and progress by grade band. The Career Connections lend themselves to interdisciplinary connections and students explore careers that go well beyond those involving information Computer Science. Again, these are suggested starting points for educators and can be modified or expanded. Career Connections are in a separate section within those model curriculum entries that contain them.

An example of a Career Connections entry in the Model Curriculum is shown on the next page.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 2, students compare and contrast how technology use has changed and the impact it has had on their personal lives. In grade 3, students identify the impact technology has on everyday life in the local community. In grade 4, students will recognize the impact of technology on the global community.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- People within a local community use technology in various ways
- Daily life is influenced by the technology in a community

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Identify specific types of technology used in the local community
- Describe ways that various technology resources impact daily life in a local community

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

New computing technology is created, and existing technologies are modified for many reasons, including to increase their benefits, decrease their risks, and meet societal needs. Students explore topics that relate to the history of technology and the changes in the world due to technology. Topics could be based on current news content, such as robotics, wireless internet, mobile computing devices, GPS systems, wearable computing, or ways social media has influenced social and political changes. (CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards, 2017)

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on the impacts of technology on the local community.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

1. Include the unique perspective of others and reflect on one’s own perspectives when designing and developing computational products.

**Career Connections**

**CAREER AWARENESS**

Using a resource such as Smithsonian Institute, students learn about computing technologies from the past. Students choose one type of technology to research to see how it has changed society and how people work. Students create an artifact such as a timeline or presentation to share their findings.
Career Connections Across K-12

CAREER AWARENESS - ELEMENTARY GRADES (K-5)

Students become familiar with careers through learning that connects classroom instruction to future work. Career awareness strategies show students various types of careers and stimulate interest in future work.

Computer Science Model Curriculum Example: Giving elementary students opportunities to learn about work environments and discover unique career opportunities associated with the Computer Science skills they are learning will aid in stimulating student interest in future work. Discussing careers that use digital tools can be an effective way to tie Computer Science to career awareness.

Career exploration strategies are opportunities for students to discover work environments and understand the various aspects of the workplace. Strategies include tools and instruments that help students understand and appreciate their strengths and interests. Students start plans for their future with career information and postsecondary education data. Plans include course selection and planning as well as career aspirations and goals.

Computer Science Model Curriculum Example: Middle school is an important time for students to begin refining their interests and furthering their understanding of the workplace. These are prime grades to begin having students use their Computer Science knowledge and skills to explore career options in the Computer Science fields.

(ATP.PD.7.a) Students explore careers in coding like computer programming as well as those careers that support creative professions such as filmmaker, podcaster, digital imaging specialist, and other creative professions. Students present or create an artifact showing their learning.

CAREER PLANNING - HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

Students continue career exploration while focusing on career planning. Activities provide advanced experiences that offer hands-on opportunities in the workplace. Career planning strategies focus on making clear links between career options and educational decisions. Students develop the skills to revisit previous exploration and planning strategies as they face career changes throughout life.

Computer Science Model Curriculum Example: High school students need to begin finalizing their post-high school plans. To gain further insight into what options exist for students, it is important to give students opportunities to interact with and work in the community.

(AI.ML.9-12.F.b) Students research Artificial Intelligence Career Pathways using the Dynamic Career Pathways tool in OhioMeansJobs K-12 and identify qualifications (education, certification, and experience) career progression (entry, intermediate, advanced and expert level progression).
BUILDING SKILLS ALIGNED TO THE OHIOMEANSJOBS-READINESS SEAL

Career Connections learning strategies are an effective way for students to establish an understanding of and demonstrate the professional skills that will be essential for success in their career and life goals. The professional skills outlined in the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal can be found across the career connection learning strategies within the model curriculum. These associations will help students make connections to the expected skills and behaviors within the world of work and can be used to support high school students in meeting the seal requirements.

There are clear associations between Ohio’s Learning Standards and Model Curriculum for Computer Science and the professional skills outlined in the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal. For example, a distinct connection exists between the knowledge and skills in the standards and model curriculum and professional skills involving Computer Science where the student has “an in-depth understanding of emerging Computer Science and leverages Computer Science to solve problems, complete tasks and accomplish goals.” Additional associations exist using the outlined Career Connections found throughout this model curriculum.
Grades K-2

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**CS.D.K.a** With guidance, identify and label commonly used devices and their components, explaining their connection to different tasks, to perform a variety of tasks.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten, with guidance, students name and use common devices and their components to perform a variety of tasks. In grade 1, students will begin operating the devices independently.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Every device has a unique identifier.
- Different devices perform different tasks.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- With guidance, name devices used by students and their components.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will name devices' main components (e.g., tablet, computer, monitor, mouse, printer) and explain the connection between device components and different tasks. They will recognize and name software.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on identifying devices and using the correct terminology for hardware and software.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*
  2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten, with teacher support, students name and use hardware and software to perform functions. In grade 1, students will begin comparing hardware and software and their functions.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Identify hardware and software and the functions they perform.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- With guidance and support, identify the differences between hardware and software, their functions and purpose.
- Use hardware and software to perform functions.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will classify and sort hardware and software. They will label software and hardware and their functions.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on the identification of hardware and software and their function.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
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**CS.T.K.a** With guidance and support, use problem-solving strategies to troubleshoot a problem.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten, with teacher support, students use a problem-solving process to identify problems and begin troubleshooting. In grade 1, they will continue using a problem-solving process.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- There are a variety of problem-solving processes. A problem-solving process typically includes identifying the problem, brainstorming solutions, making a plan, testing solutions and revising.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- With guidance and support, apply a problem-solving process, using appropriate terminology to solve a problem.
- Introduce the concept of troubleshooting.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will identify problems (e.g., left-click or right-click, no audio, no power, navigating windows) and attempt to solve them using a problem-solving process.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on solving a problem using a problem-solving process.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*
  2. Identify and fix errors using a systematic process.

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*
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**Career Connections**

**CAREER AWARENESS**

Students may not be aware of the career options available to them. Using digital tools to learn about career options is a wonderful way to begin introducing the world of work to students. One way to do this would be to have students watch "ABC Jobs Song for Kids" and identify three to five careers unfamiliar to them where troubleshooting is a component. The teacher can then lead discussions on how troubleshooting is a component of all careers.
### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten, students are introduced to the idea of what a network is and how people use it. In grade 1, students will begin to develop an understanding of concepts of networking and unique identifiers within a global community. They will also begin to develop an understanding of what devices people use to network and how each device people network with has a unique identifier. In addition, students will recognize that computing devices with unique identifiers can be connected to access and retrieve information.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Users of the internet communicate with a global community.
- A variety of information can be communicated electronically.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Identify communications that can be transmitted electronically with guidance.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
The internet is global. Students will identify the devices we use to communicate using the internet.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on introducing students to networks and electronic communication.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Culture*
1. Include the unique perspectives of others and reflect on one's perspectives when designing and developing computational products.

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**NI.C.K.a** With guidance and support, identify and use secure practices (e.g., passwords) to protect private information.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten through grade 2, students work on being able to explain why it is important to use technology in a responsible way to make decisions about its use. Students also work to demonstrate how to use technology appropriately and safely and how to protect login information.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Students, with guidance will make decisions when using technology.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- With guidance and support, students create and use passwords appropriately.
- With guidance and support, students log in and out of apps and devices.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Realize that kindergartners require assistance with their passwords initially. Focus on the importance of passwords staying in the classroom. This provides peer assistance with passwords but allows the teacher to focus on the importance of not sharing passwords.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on using passwords and devices appropriately.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*
- 3. Articulate ideas responsibly by observing intellectual property rights and giving appropriate attribution.
### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In Kindergarten, with guidance, students are introduced to the idea of what smart devices are and identify them. In grade 1, students will begin to develop an understanding of smart devices.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- A smart device (such as a virtual assistant) is a device that has connectivity, captures useful data and presents it.
- A basic technological device (such as a remote control) is missing at least one of these abilities.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Identify smart devices.
- Differentiate between basic technological devices and smart devices.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

A student could sort devices into groups of smart devices and basic technological devices.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Introduce students to the concept of smart devices.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In kindergarten, students develop an understanding of what data is. With teacher support, students collect and sort data using a variety of methods. In grade 1, students will begin storing and retrieving data.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Data is information. When using technology, data is often quantities, characters or symbols that are the inputs and outputs of computer programs (see Code.org).
- Data can be collected and represented in a variety of ways.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Identify what data is.
- With guidance and support, sort data in multiple ways (e.g., paper-pencil).
- With guidance and support, represent data through a variety of media.

#### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Students can address this content with or without a computing device.

A variety of media would include paper-pencil, manipulatives and physical models.

#### CONTENT FOCUS

The focus is on data identification, collection and organization.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.
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**DA.VC.K.a**  With guidance, organize and present data in various formats to make observations.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students are presenting data in various formats. In grade 1, they will continue presenting data in various formats.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Data can be sorted by attributes.
- Data can be presented in a variety of formats.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Sort data by different attributes.
- Describe attributes of data.
- Explain sorting to peers.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students can address this content with or without a computing device.

Kindergarteners are working with physical objects and concrete manipulatives.

Various formats can include

- graphic organizers,
- categorical sort,
- modeling,
- drawings and
- sorting by different attributes.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user experience.
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.
3. Modify an existing artifact to improve or customize it.

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students are modeling data and identifying patterns with guidance. In grade 1, students will continue to model data and identify patterns and begin explaining their model.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Data can be represented through modeling.
- Patterns within the data can be discovered.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- With guidance, model data to discover and identify patterns.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students can address this content with or without a computing device.

Students model data through representation data visually; although, not necessarily using paper and pencil as in graphs. Data can be modeled using manipulatives and physical models.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on modeling data and simple pattern detection.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten, with teacher support, students will construct and/or follow directions to complete a task in a real-world context verbally and pictorially. In grade 1, students will construct and follow directions through pictures and words.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Step by step directions can be constructed to complete a real-world task.
- Directions can be given verbally or visually.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- With guidance and support, construct and complete a verbal and/or visual task in two steps.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will listen to directions to complete a task. Students should express their steps verbally or through pictures. During the learning process, students will understand that steps (i.e., algorithms) are required in various processes in their daily lives. Algorithms are commonly implemented using a precise language that computers can interpret.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on three-step directions and the sequence of steps to complete a task.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

**Practice 4.** Developing and Using Abstractions
4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.

**Practice 6.** Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts
2. Identify and fix errors using a systematic process.

**Practice 7.** Communicating About Computing
2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
## Algorithmic Thinking and Programming

### Variables and Data Representation

#### ATP.VDR.K.a
Recognize that a group of items (e.g., numbers, symbols or pictures) can be used to represent data.

#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
- In kindergarten, students recognize that numbers, symbols and pictures represent information.
- In grade 1, students will use numbers, symbols and pictures to represent information.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Numbers, symbols and/or pictures can be recognized as a representation of information.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Interchange information with a number, symbol or picture.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
- Information in the real world can be represented in computer programs. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)
- Recognize that attributes can be used to identify information and interchange them with numbers, symbols or pictures.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
- The focus is on representing data using numbers, symbols and/or pictures.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten, with teacher support, students will model simple sequences and order steps of a sequence to solve a problem or express an idea. In grade 1, with guidance, students will extend their experiences with sequencing to involve loops (i.e., repetition) within their sequence.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- An algorithm is a sequence of steps.
- Programs may be modeled to express an idea or solve a problem.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- With guidance and support, model sequences to follow at least a three-step process (e.g., beginning, middle, end).

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students can address this content with or without a computing device.

Sequences should be in logical order: beginning, middle and end. Modeling can be done visually or verbally.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on sequencing, process (i.e., steps) and problem-solving.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten, with teacher support, students plan and/or create an artifact to illustrate thoughts, ideas and problems sequentially. In grade 1, with guidance, students will continue to plan and create, as well as begin to debug an artifact to sequentially illustrate thoughts, ideas and problems.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Artifacts illustrate thoughts, ideas and problems in a sequential manner.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- With guidance and support, plan and create an artifact to sequentially illustrate thoughts, ideas and problems.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
An artifact is anything created by a human. An artifact could be a visual program, story map, storyboard or sequential graphic organizer.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on creating artifacts and programs.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 5. Creating a Computational Artifact*
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**AI.NI.K.a** With guidance and support, identify how computers can recognize different humans using some form of recognition software to see how computers interact with humans.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, with guidance and support, students identify how computers can recognize different humans using some form of recognition software to understand how computers interact with humans. In grade 1, students will identify attributes computers use to identify humans.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Facial recognition
- Thumbprint recognition
- Iris recognition
- Other concepts

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Use various forms of recognition software to demonstrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) is working.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

AI can use recognition software to recognize humans.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus of the content is how computers use recognition software to recognize humans.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
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### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students identify and are introduced to what sensors are and where they may be located. In grade 1, with guidance, students recognize sensors on computers, robots and intelligent appliances to understand their function (motion, pressure/pouch, temperature, proximity, light, sound, moisture, gases).

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Computers use sensors to get information from the world around them.
- Sensors are placed in certain spots.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Identify sensors to understand why they are placed where they are placed.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Sensors gather information and use that information to interact with us.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Sensors are needed for computers to gather information.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten, students are introduced to intelligent agents. In grade 1, students will use intelligent agents to help answer questions.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Intelligent agents are a form of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Use intelligent agents to answer a question.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Examples of intelligent agents are virtual assistant technology that can play music, deliver news, control smart homes and provide other information.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Using an intelligent agent can help students answer simple questions like how to spell a word.

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### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students use a simple decision tree to decide to visually and explicitly represent decisions and decision making. In grade 1, students will use decision trees to make decisions.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Define the meaning of a decision tree.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Use a decision tree to make a decision.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Many types of data could be placed on a branch. For a decision tree, the data would be questions and answers.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Using a decision tree can answer a question, such as what to do if your computer does not turn on or what to do if all your letters are capitalized.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students locate Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications used in daily life to understand how humans use AI. In grade 1, students will identify an application that is used in daily life.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Explore all the ways humans use AI.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Create a list of the ways humans use intelligent devices to demonstrate that humans use AI to assist them with everyday tasks (e.g., facial recognition, self-driving cars).

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

- AI is all around us and learning from us.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will learn about various forms of new and emerging AI technology.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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**Strand: Artificial Intelligence**

**Topic: Societal Impacts**

**AI.SI.K.b** Discuss if artificial intelligence is good or bad (see impacts of computing).

## Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students will discuss if something is good or bad to understand the concepts.

In grade 1, students will discuss if computers/technology is good or bad.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a type of technology and it is a tool for humans to use.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Create lists of how technology makes life better or worse to see differences in the use of technology.

## Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Technology is not always positive and sometimes non-technological ways are better.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus of the content is on the ways that technology can help us or harm us.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

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| IC.Cu.K.a | With guidance and support, identify technologies that impact one’s own everyday life.  
| IC.Cu.K.b | With guidance and support, recognize different ways computing devices are used regularly to understand technology's impact on one’s own daily life. |

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students identify what technology is and how it has changed and impacted their lives. In grade 1, they will recognize the different ways technology impacts and the role technology plays in their lives.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Technology can be unplugged or plugged.
- Technology is constantly changing and affects how we live.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- With guidance and support, identify technology in their lives.
- With guidance and support, explain how the technology impacts their life.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students can identify and explain the connections between their lives and technology and how technology affects their lives.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on how technology has changed and the impact on students' lives.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

**Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture**

1. Include the unique perspectives of others and reflect on one’s perspectives when designing and developing computational products.
2. Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.

**Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing**

1. Cultivate working relationships with individuals possessing diverse perspectives, skills and personalities.
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### Topic: Social Interactions

**IC.SI.K.a** With guidance and support, identify and use safe and responsible behaviors concerning information and technology.

#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students use technology responsibly and safely with teacher support. In grade 1, with guidance, students will be able to describe how to be safe and responsible using technology.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Schools develop their own technology rules, regulations and etiquette.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- With guidance and support, demonstrate the use of the technology available within the framework of the school's technology rules, regulations and etiquette.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Etiquette topics might include cyberbullying, school policy and safe privacy practices.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on the responsible use of technology in and out of the classroom.

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### Strand | Impacts of Computing
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**Topic** | Safety, Law and Ethics

| IC.SLE.K.a | With guidance, discuss appropriate uses of technology to support informed decisions. |

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten, with teacher support, students identify and explain basic security practices that should be applied when using the internet. With support, students identify the personal information and explain why it is important to use security measures and protect personal information. In grade 1, with guidance, students will continue to develop their understanding of private information, security practices when using the internet, and the importance of both.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Guidelines and practices to stay safe on the internet should be discussed and practiced.
- Awareness of what private information is, what students should and should not share and the potential consequences of sharing private information.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- With guidance and support, identify practices to stay safe on the internet.

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**CLARIFICATIONS**
Provide students guidelines for safe navigation of the internet. Provide students opportunities to practice these guidelines by using teacher-selected internet sites.

Provide students guidelines on what constitutes personal information and the consequences of misuse.

Students have the opportunity to apply basic security practices as part of their activities addressing cybersecurity (NI.C.K.a).

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is to keep students safe when using the internet.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
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**IC.SLE.K.b** With guidance and support, discuss examples of appropriate and inappropriate behavior online, including cyberbullying, and the steps to keep yourself and others safe and out of harm's way.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten through grade 2, student discussions should focus on examples of what to do when someone is hurtful online and what behavior should be modeled when online.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Students should be aware of guidelines and practices to stay safe on the internet.
- Students should be aware of what private information is, what students should and should not share and the potential consequences of sharing private information.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Identify appropriate and inappropriate online behavior.
- Apply the concepts of online safety.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students need to make good choices when they interact with others online. They also need to understand that in addition to interacting with others, it is important that they use websites and other apps as they were intended.

Some online behavior is illegal, and students could be held responsible for their actions online.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students should understand the appropriate and inappropriate behavior to use when operating online. Students should also know who to talk to if they feel threatened or report inappropriate behavior.
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In kindergarten, students named and used common devices with guidance. In grade 1, students begin operating the devices independently. In grade 2, students will begin selecting devices with a purpose in mind.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Different devices operate in different ways.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Operate teacher-selected devices for a specific task.
- Navigate digital learning tools.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Students will recognize software/hardware and operate digital learning tools.

#### CONTENT FOCUS

The focus is on the student operating devices and software/hardware.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

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### Strand: Computing Systems

#### Topic: Hardware/Software

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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In kindergarten, students named and used hardware and software with teacher support to perform functions. In grade 1, with guidance, students begin comparing hardware and software and their functions. In grade 2, students will use their knowledge of hardware and software to select what is needed to perform a task.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Identify hardware and software, and the function they perform.
- Hardware and software interact to work together.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- With guidance, identify the differences between hardware and software, their functions and purpose.
- With guidance, identify hardware and software interactions.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Students will compare and contrast hardware and software and their interactions.

#### CONTENT FOCUS

The focus is on the characteristics, functions and interactions of hardware and software.

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten, students used a problem-solving process with teacher support to identify problems and begin troubleshooting. In grade 1, with guidance, and in grade 2, they will continue using a problem-solving process to troubleshoot.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- There are a variety of problem-solving processes. A problem-solving process typically includes identifying the problem, brainstorming solutions, planning, testing solutions and revising.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- With guidance, apply a problem-solving process, using appropriate terminology to solve a problem.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will identify problems (e.g., left-click or right-click, no audio, no power, navigating windows) and attempt to solve them using a problem-solving process.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on solving a problem using a problem-solving process.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
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<td><strong>NI.N.1.a</strong> Create a list of ways information can be shared electronically to gain a deeper understanding of how information is transmitted (e.g., email, social media). <strong>NI.N.1.b</strong> Recognize that computing devices can be connected to retrieve information from the global community.</td>
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<td>• Users of the internet communicate with a global community. • All devices that are connected to the network have a unique identifier. • A variety of information can be communicated electronically.</td>
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**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on understanding networks, unique identifiers and electronic communication.

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**Career Connections**

**CAREER AWARENESS**
The teacher describes the ways they share information electronically in their workplace and then students discuss the ways they share information at school. Students ask a trusted adult about what types of digital information they share in their workplace and how that information is shared. Students create an artifact with examples they discovered to share with the class.
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**NI.C.1.a** Identify and use secure practices (e.g., passwords) to protect private information.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten through grade 2, students work on being able to explain why it is important to use technology in a responsible way to make decisions about its use. Students also work to demonstrate how to use technology appropriately and safely and how to protect login information.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Use technology to make a decision.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Create and use passwords appropriately.
- Log in and out of apps and devices.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
In grade 1, some students may still require assistance with their passwords. Focus on the importance of passwords staying in the classroom. This provides peer assistance with passwords but allows the teacher to focus on the importance of not sharing passwords.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on using passwords and devices appropriately.

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## Network and the Internet

### Cybersecurity

#### NI.C.1.b
Identify, use and discuss examples of how devices can be used with good and bad intentions.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
Building on NI.C.1.a, students will discover the use of devices, specifically that devices can be used with both good and bad intentions. This concept will progress through grade 5.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Exhibit decision-making when using technology.
- There are intended and unintended consequences of device use.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Use devices appropriately.
- Log in and out of applications (apps) and devices.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
In grade 1, students may still require assistance with their passwords and online navigation. Focus on the names and purposes of different devices and their uses. Students should be able to recognize bad intentions, such as taking unwanted photos and sharing personal information.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on appropriate device intentions and use. Students will begin to use devices and digital resources as a natural part of their educational experience.

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**NI.IOT.1.a** Identify what smart devices are and how they connect to the internet.

**NI.IOT.1.b** Recognize how devices connect and exchange data over the internet to demonstrate how information is shared.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, with guidance, students were introduced to the idea of what smart devices are and how to identify them. In grade 1, students begin to develop an understanding of smart devices. In grade 2, they will explain how devices connect and exchange data. Additionally, they will explore different network connectivity.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Smart devices connect to the internet using Wi-Fi or mobile networks.
- Information over a network is broken down into small chunks.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Recognize if a smart device is connected to the internet to access shared information.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Networks can be demonstrated unplugged using ideas like the telephone game or a string to simulate information getting shared.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Smart devices get their information from the internet and other devices.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
## Strand: Data and Analysis

### Topic: Data Collection and Storage

| DA.DCS.1.a | With guidance, collect and organize data to retrieve for later use. |
| DA.DCS.1.b | With guidance, demonstrate how data can be collected and stored in a variety of ways. |

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

- In kindergarten, students collected and sorted data in a variety of ways with teacher support.
- In grade 1, students begin storing and retrieving data with guidance. In grade 2, students will begin to retrieve data to modify.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Data is information. When using technology, data is often quantities, characters or symbols that are the inputs and outputs of computer programs (see Code.org).
- Data can be organized, collected, stored, and retrieved in a variety of ways.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Use appropriate tools to organize data.
- Use appropriate tools to collect data with guidance.
- With guidance, store, retrieve and save data.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

- Students can address this content with or without a computing device.
- Students can create and, with guidance, retrieve files. Students can organize files (i.e., file structure).

#### CONTENT FOCUS

- The focus is on storing and retrieving data.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

- Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions
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**DA.VC.1.a** Organize and present data in various formats to make observations.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students are presenting data in various formats. In grade 1, students will make observations of representations of data. In grade 2, they will continue to analyze data in various formats.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Data can be sorted by attributes.
- Data can be presented in a variety of formats.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Collect with guidance and organize data for peer understanding.
- Describe and sort data by different attributes to create multiple representations of the same data sets.
- Transfer data between grids to lists.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students can address this content with or without a computing device.

Various formats can include

- graphic organizers,
- categorical sort,
- modeling,
- drawings and
- sorting by different attributes.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is to make observations on representations of data.
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*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user experience.
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.
3. Modify an existing artifact to improve or customize it.

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students constructed and followed instructions verbally and/or pictorially with teacher support. In grade 1, students construct and follow directions with guidance to complete a task in a real-world context through pictures and written words. In Grade 2, students will construct and follow instructions to complete a task through pictorial symbols and written words.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Step by step directions can be constructed to complete a real-world task.
- Directions can be given verbally or visually.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- With guidance, complete a verbal and/or visual task with multiple steps.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students will follow multiple-step directions with precision to complete a task. Students should be able to use a task from their daily lives (e.g., brushing teeth, washing hands, getting ready for school) and create the multiple steps necessary to complete that task. Students should articulate the steps to a task using visual representations, such as simple flow charts or diagrams, and written expression. Algorithms are commonly implemented using a precise language that computers can interpret.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on multi-step directions and the sequence of steps to complete a task.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

**Practice 4.** Developing and Using Abstractions

4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.

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**ATP.VDR.1.a** Categorize a group of items (e.g., numbers, symbols or pictures) based on the attributes or actions of each item, with or without a computing device.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students recognized that numbers, symbols and pictures represent information. In grade 1, students use numbers, symbols and pictures to represent information. In grade 2, students will model the use of numbers, symbols and pictures to manipulate and store information.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Numbers, symbols or pictures can be categorized by attributes or actions.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Categorize numbers, symbols and/or pictures based on multiple attributes or actions.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Information in the real world can be represented in computer programs. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016).

Students will manipulate numbers, symbols and pictures to categorize information.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on categorizing data based on attributes and/or actions.

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<td>With guidance, model a sequence of instructions (i.e., program) that includes repetition (i.e., loops) to solve a problem or express ideas.</td>
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, with teacher support, students modeled simple sequences and ordered steps of an algorithm to solve a problem and express ideas. In grade 1, with guidance, students include loops in their sequence to express an idea or solve a problem. Students utilize loops in a sequence to demonstrate repetition in their sequence and to simplify the steps to create or model their algorithm. In grade 2, students will create a program that utilizes sequencing and loops.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- An algorithm is a sequence of steps.
- Programs may be modeled to express an idea or solve a problem.
- A loop is a repeated sequence of steps.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Identify a sequence as an algorithm.
- With guidance, identify a repeated sequence as a loop.
- With guidance, model algorithms and loops to follow a process.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students can address this content with or without a computing device.

Loops are repeated sequences.

Modeling a program means the students are provided the program to follow; they are not creating it. Modeling can be done visually or verbally.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on sequencing, process (i.e., steps), loops and problem-solving.
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| ATP.M.1.a With guidance, break down (i.e., decompose) a series of steps and separate the necessary from the unnecessary steps to create a precise sequence of instructions to solve a problem or express an idea. | **Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 1, with guidance, students determine what information is necessary to complete a sequence or process. In grade 2, students will determine what information is necessary to complete a more complex sequence or process.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Decomposition is to break down a series of steps.
- Abstraction is to determine the information that is relevant to solving a problem.

**KEY SKILL/PROcedures**
- With guidance, decompose a problem into a series of steps.
- With guidance, abstract information that is relevant to solving the problem.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students can address this content with or without a computing device.

Students will start with a simple sequence of at least three steps (e.g., beginning, middle and end) and move to a more complex sequence of more than three steps.

Abstraction is to determine which information is relevant or irrelevant to the problem. Decomposition is taking a problem and breaking it into steps.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on decomposing and the abstraction of information in a sequence of instructions to solve a problem.

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**ATP.PD.1.a** With guidance, plan and create an artifact to illustrate thoughts, ideas and problems in a sequential (step-by-step) manner (e.g., story map, storyboard, sequential graphic organizer).

**ATP.PD.1.b** With guidance, identify and fix (i.e., debug) a multi-step process that includes sequencing.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In kindergarten, with teacher support, students planned and/or created an artifact to illustrate thoughts, ideas, and problems in a sequential manner. In grade 1, with guidance, students continue to plan and create, as well as begin to debug an artifact to illustrate thoughts, ideas and problems sequentially. In grade 2, students will continue to plan, create and/or debug an artifact to sequentially illustrate thoughts, ideas and problems.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Artifacts illustrate thoughts, ideas and problems in a sequential manner.
- When creating artifacts, it is important to review your artifact for errors.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- With guidance, plan and create an artifact to sequentially illustrate thoughts, ideas and problems.
- With guidance, evaluate an artifact for errors.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
An artifact is anything created by a human. An artifact could be a visual program, story map, storyboard or sequential graphic organizer.

Debug is defined as "to identify and fix."

#### CONTENT FOCUS
The focus is on creating and debugging artifacts and programs.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 5. Creating a Computational Artifact*
1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.
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#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students were introduced to machine learning through classifiers. In grade 1, students discuss how a classifier recognizes drawings to gain an understanding of how machine learning works. In grade 2, students will discuss how the machine knows what they are drawing.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Explore how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can recognize a drawing.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Apply the use of AI in a classifier to gain knowledge of how machine learning works.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

AI can recognize human inputs.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students can address this content with or without a computing device. For example, the class can all draw the same thing and look at the differences.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
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#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students were introduced to recognition software. In grade 1, students use recognition software to identify attributes that computers use for identification to explain how computers recognize humans. In grade 2, students will list possible attributes used by computers to distinguish humans from each other.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Explore how Artificial Intelligence (AI) uses attributions to recognize humans.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Create lists of attributions AI might use to identify humans to describe how computers recognize human faces from each other.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

The process of identifying a minimal set of informative features or attributes from the provided data set is called feature extraction. The performance of machine learning processes can be improved by properly choosing a meaningful set of features.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus of the content is on how computers can recognize humans. Attributions are necessary for AI to identify humans.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.
2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.
3. Create modules and develop points of interaction that can apply to multiple situations and reduce complexity.
4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
### Strand | Artificial Intelligence
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**Topic** | Perception

**AI.P.1.a** With guidance and support, recognize sensors on computers, robots and intelligent appliances to understand their function, such as motion, pressure/touch, temperature, proximity, light, sound, moisture or gases.

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<td>• Identify different sensors to examine the data they can gather.</td>
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**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Examples of data sensors that can gather data are motion (computer games, tablets), pressure/touch (temperature), proximity (self-driving car), light, sound, moisture (lawn watering) and gases.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Sensors are needed for computers to gather information.

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### Strand | Artificial Intelligence
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**Topic** | Perception
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**AI.P.1.b** With guidance and support, use intelligent agents to help answer simple questions.

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten, students were introduced to intelligent agents. In grade 1, students use intelligent agents to help answer simple questions with guidance. In grade 2, they will use the intelligent agent to assist in basic research.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Intelligent agents are a form of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Use intelligent agents to answer questions.

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**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Examples of intelligent agents are virtual assistant technology which can play music, provide information, deliver news, control your smart home and give you other information.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students can use an intelligent agent to help them answer questions, for example, how to spell a word.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten, students were introduced to decision trees. In grade 1, students use a decision tree to make a decision. In grade 2, students will create simple decision trees.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Students can use decision trees to make decisions.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Identify that decision trees are ways to come up with reasonable answers.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Decision trees have binary answers. This means there are only two choices as input.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is to participate in creating a decision tree to solve simple technical problems.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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**CLARIFICATIONS**
Technology is not always positive and sometimes non-technological ways are better.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
AI is a type of technology and it is a tool for humans to use.

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*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten, students identified what technology is and how it has changed and impacted their lives. In grade 1, they recognize the different ways technology impacts, and the role technology plays in their lives. In grade 2, students will compare and contrast how technology use has changed and the impact it has on their lives positively and negatively.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Technology plays a role in our everyday life.
- Technology is constantly changing and affects how we live.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Compare past and present technology and how it affects our lives.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students can identify and explain the connections between their lives and technology and how technology affects their lives.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on how technology has changed and the impact on students' lives.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

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**IC.SI.1.a** With guidance, describe safe and responsible behaviors for the use of information and technology.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten, students used technology responsibly and safely with teacher support. In grade 1, with guidance, students can describe how to be safe and responsible using technology. In grade 2, students will be able to compare and contrast safe and responsible technology behaviors.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Schools develop their own technology rules, regulations and etiquette.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- With guidance, describe appropriate behaviors on how to use technology and apply those rules, regulations and etiquette within the classroom.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Etiquette topics might include cyberbullying, school policy and safe privacy practices.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on the responsible use of technology in and out of the classroom.

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**IC.SLE.1.a** With guidance, discuss appropriate and ethical uses of technology to guide informed decisions.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In kindergarten, students used technology responsibly and safely with teacher support. In grade 1, with guidance, students should be able to describe how to be safe and responsible using technology. In grade 2, students will be able to compare and contrast safe and responsible technology behaviors.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Guidelines and practices to stay safe on the internet should be discussed and practiced.
- Awareness of what private information is, what should and should not be shared and what are the potential consequences of sharing private information.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- With guidance, identify practices to stay safe on the internet and provide examples of situations where these practices should be applied.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Provide students guidelines for safe navigation of the internet. Provide students opportunities to practice these guidelines by using teacher-selected internet sites.

Provide students guidelines on what constitutes personal information and the consequences of misuse.

Students have the opportunity to apply basic security practices as part of their activities addressing cybersecurity (NI.C.1.a).

#### CONTENT FOCUS

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**IC.SLE.1.b** Discuss examples of appropriate and inappropriate behavior online, including cyberbullying, and the steps to keep yourself and others safe and out of harm's way.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten through second grade, student discussions should focus on examples of what to do when someone is hurtful online and what behavior should be modeled when online.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Students give examples of people in authority, such as a principal, teacher or police officer with whom they might share private (privileged) information.
- Students know who to contact for help when they feel unsafe or witness inappropriate online behavior.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Recognize when students should report observed inappropriate online behavior to those in authority.
- Understand and discuss ways to keep yourself and others safe online.
- Students should understand the concept of cyberbullying.
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**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students need to make good choices when they interact with others online. They also need to understand that in addition to interacting with others, it is important that they use websites and other apps as they were intended.

Students could be held responsible for their actions online because some online behavior is illegal.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students should understand the appropriate and inappropriate behavior to use when operating online. Students should also know who to talk to if they feel threatened or report inappropriate behavior.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 1, students began operating devices independently. In grade 2, students begin selecting devices with a purpose in mind. In grade 3, students will develop an understanding that the device they selected for a specific task has components that all play a role in the computer system. The data is entered into an external device and is then placed into the computer system where it can be shared locally and globally.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Different devices can be used to perform specific tasks.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Choose between devices that can perform specific tasks.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will use their knowledge of hardware and software from kindergarten and grade 1 to make a selection to complete a task.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on the student making a selection (i.e., device, software, hardware) to complete a task.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Select hardware and software to perform a specific task.
- Hardware and software interact to work together.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Identify hardware and software interactions.
- Select hardware and/or software to perform a specific task.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will select hardware and software with a specific purpose in mind.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on the selection of a tool to complete a specific task.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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**CS.T.2.a** Use problem-solving strategies to troubleshoot a problem.

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 1, with guidance, and in grade 2, students continue using a problem-solving process to troubleshoot. In grade 3, students will begin to move beyond trial and error to apply more strategic troubleshooting techniques to fix their problems.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- There are a variety of problem-solving processes. A problem-solving process typically includes identifying the problem, brainstorming solutions, making a plan, testing solutions and revising.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Apply a problem-solving process, using appropriate terminology to solve a problem.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will identify problems (e.g., left- or right-click, no audio, no power, navigating windows) and attempt to solve them using a problem-solving process.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on solving a problem using a problem-solving process.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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**NI.N.2.a** Describe how information can be communicated electronically to gain a deeper understanding of how information is transmitted (e.g., email, social media).

**NI.N.2.b** Use computing devices that are connected to share and receive information from the global community.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 1, students began to develop an understanding of concepts of networking and unique identifiers within a global community. Students also began to develop an understanding of what devices people use to network and how each device people network with has a unique identifier. In addition, students recognized that computing devices with unique identifiers can be connected to access and retrieve information.

In grade 2, students can describe what a network is, the devices we use to network, how devices can be identified, and how they can be connected. Additionally, students can network using devices to access and retrieve information within a global community. In grade 3, students will explore how information is sent and received over the internet. Students will continue to build an understanding of how information is shared, received and stored.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Users of the internet communicate with a global community.
- All devices that are connected to the network have a unique identifier.
- A variety of information can be communicated electronically.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Interact with the global community.
- Create and use communications that are transmitted electronically.
- Match devices with unique identifiers.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students will communicate and retrieve information. They will identify the devices we use to communicate.

The internet is global. Each device has a unique identifier. This is not limited to IP addresses. A person’s phone number can serve as a metaphor for a unique identifier. For example, two people can exchange information using their phones providing they call or connect to the correct phone number.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on understanding and using networks, unique identifiers and electronic communication.
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**NI.C.2.a** Explain and demonstrate secure practices (e.g., creating strong passwords) to protect private information.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In kindergarten through grade 2, students work to explain why it is important to use technology in a responsible way to make decisions about its use. Students also work to demonstrate how to use technology appropriately and safely and how to protect login information. In grade 3, students will identify personal information and how passwords are used to protect that information.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Use technology in decision-making.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Create and use passwords appropriately.
- Log in and out of apps and devices.
- Explain and demonstrate secure practices.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students need to be able to apply the skills below to demonstrate understanding of the content statement.

- Protecting their password
- Making strong passwords
- Logging in and out of apps and devices
- Being responsible
- Discussing impacts of poorly secured information

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on using passwords and devices appropriately and explaining the importance of secure practices.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

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<td>In grade 1, students began developing an understanding of smart devices. In grade 2 they explain how devices connect and exchange data. Additionally, they will explore different network connectivity. In grade 3, students will describe information transmission and explore and explain the difference between smart and intelligent devices.</td>
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<td><strong>DA.DCS.2.a</strong> Collect and organize data to store, retrieve and modify. <strong>DA.DCS.2.b</strong> Manipulate data to perform various tasks.</td>
<td><strong>LEARNING PROGRESSION</strong> In grade 1, students began storing and retrieving data with guidance. In grade 2, students begin to retrieve data to modify. In grade 3, students will use different software tools to access data and store it in different locations. In grade 3, students will collect, record and maintain data, over time, using various tools, such as a thermometer, ruler, scale and surveys.</td>
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<td><strong>IMPORTANT CONCEPTS</strong> • Data is information. When using technology, data is often quantities, characters or symbols that are the inputs and outputs of computer programs. • Data can be organized, collected, stored and retrieved in a variety of ways.</td>
<td><strong>KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES</strong> • Use appropriate tools to organize data. • Use appropriate tools to collect data. • Store, retrieve and save data. • Edit, revise and rename data.</td>
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<td><strong>Content Elaborations</strong> <strong>CLARIFICATIONS</strong> Students can address this content with or without a computing device. A structured set of data can be used to help students learn the skills of retrieving and organizing data. <strong>CONTENT FOCUS</strong> The focus is on modifying retrieved data. <strong>COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES</strong> <em>Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions</em> 2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.</td>
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<td>In grade 1 students will make observations of representations of data. In grade 2, they will continue to analyze data in various formats. In grade 3, students will extend their knowledge by creating scaled pictures and bar graphs. They will also create line plots using scales that include whole numbers and fractions (e.g., halves and fourths).</td>
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<td>• Collect, organize and analyze data for peer understanding.</td>
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<td>• Describe and sort data by different attributes to create multiple representations of the same data sets.</td>
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<td>Students can analyze data by looking at the data of two mammals, for example. What traits do they have in common? What traits are different?</td>
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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3. Modify an existing artifact to improve or customize it.

**Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts**
1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.

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## Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 1, students continued to model data and identify patterns and began explaining their model. In grade 2, students begin interpreting models. In grade 3, students will analyze and explain relationships or patterns and predict an unknown.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Data can be represented through modeling.
- Patterns within the data can be discovered, explained and interpreted.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Model data to discover and identify patterns.
- Explain the model and patterns discovered.
- Interpret the meaning of the patterns discovered.

## Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students can address this content with or without a computing device.
Students model data through representation data visually; although, not necessarily using paper and pencil as in graphs. Data can be modeled using manipulatives and physical models.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on the interpretation and analysis of the model.

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<td><strong>ATP.VDR.2.a</strong></td>
<td>Construct a model that shows the way programs store and manipulate data by using numbers or other symbols to represent information.</td>
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 1, students used numbers, symbols and pictures to represent information. In grade 2, students model the use of numbers, symbols and pictures to manipulate and store information. In grade 3, students will define and identify variables to understand how they are used in algorithms.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Numbers, symbols or pictures can be used to model programming.
- Information is stored in a variety of ways.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Model programming using symbols, numbers or pictures.
- Store information in a variety of ways.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Information in the real world can be represented in computer programs. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)

Computers use stored information by choosing only relevant information.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on modeling the way programs store and manipulate data.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
- **Practice 4.** Developing and Using Abstractions
  - 4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
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**ATP.CS.2.a** Develop a program that uses sequencing and repetition (i.e., loops) to solve a problem or express ideas.

## Expectations for Learning

### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In grade 1, with guidance, students modeled loops in their sequence of steps or programs to show repetition. In grade 2, students create a program that utilizes sequencing and loops. In grade 3, students will build on their skills and knowledge to create programs with more refined strategies, such as loops and conditionals, and consider the components of an event.

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Programs are made of algorithms and loops.

### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Create a program utilizing algorithms and loops.

## Content Elaborations

### CLARIFICATIONS

Students can address this content with or without a computing device.

Students create, or construct a program.

Loops are repeated sequences.

### CONTENT FOCUS

The focus is on using sequencing, process, loops and problem solving to create an algorithm (i.e., program).

### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

**Practice 5. Creating a Computational Artifact**

1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.
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**ATP.M.2.a** Break down (i.e., decompose) a series of steps and separate the necessary from the unnecessary steps to create a precise sequence of instructions to solve a problem or express an idea.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 1, students determined what information is necessary to complete a sequence or process with guidance. In grade 2, students determine what information is necessary to complete a more complex sequence or process. In grade 3, students will decompose abstractions into sequences to design algorithms.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Decomposition is to break down a series of steps.
- Abstraction is to use the relevant information.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Decompose a problem into a series of steps.
- Abstract information relevant to the problem being solved.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students can address this content with or without a computing device.

Students will work with a more complex sequence of more than three steps.

Abstraction is to determine which information is relevant or irrelevant to the problem. Decomposition is taking a problem and breaking it into steps.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on decomposing and the abstraction of information in a sequence of instructions to solve a problem.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

- 2. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.
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<td>Identify and fix (i.e., debug) a multi-step process that includes sequencing.</td>
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### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 1, with guidance, students continued to plan and create, as well as began to debug an artifact to illustrate thoughts, ideas, and problems in a sequential manner. In grade 2, students continue to plan, create or fix an artifact to illustrate thoughts, ideas and problems sequentially. In grade 3, students will use these skills to design and create programs to solve a problem. In grade 3, guided questions will be asked to help students think more strategically about how to solve a problem in their program.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Artifacts illustrate thoughts, ideas and problems in a sequential manner.
- When creating artifacts, it is important to review your artifact for errors.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Plan and create an artifact to illustrate thoughts, ideas and problems sequentially.
- Evaluate an artifact for errors.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

An artifact is anything created by a human. An artifact could be a visual program, story map, storyboard or sequential graphic organizer.

Debug is defined as "to identify and fix."

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on creating and debugging artifacts and programs.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

**Practice 5.** Creating a Computational Artifact

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**Practice 6.** Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts

2. Identify and fix errors using a systematic process.
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<td>Use a classifier that recognizes drawings and discuss how the program knows what they are drawing.</td>
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 1, students discuss how machine learning uses classifiers to recognize drawings.
In grade 2, students use a classifier that recognizes drawings and discuss how the program knows what they are drawing. In grade 3, students will be introduced to specific forms of machine learning.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Define and understand the uses of classifiers.
- Discuss how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can recognize various drawings as a form of machine learning.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Apply the use of AI in a classifier to gain knowledge of how machine learning works.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
AI can recognize human inputs through the use of classifiers.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
AI uses machine learning to learn new things.

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**AI.NI.2.a** List possible attributions computers can use to distinguish humans from each other by comparing these attributions.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 1, students used recognition software and describe attributes of the software used. In grade 2, students list possible attributions computers can use to distinguish humans from each other. In grade 3, students identify tasks Artificial Intelligence (AI) does that humans used to do.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- List and discuss attributes that can be used to identify individuals.
- Explore variations in attributions.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- List attributions AI might use to describe how computers recognize human faces from each other.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Exploring attributions and changes in them such as faces and expressions.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus of the content is on how computers can recognize humans even if humans change their expressions.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

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**AI.P.2.a** Tell where sensors are on computers, robots and intelligent appliances to relate their location with their function such as motion, pressure/touch, temperature, proximity, light, sound, moisture or gases.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 1, students will recognize various sensors and their functions. In grade 2, students tell where sensors are on computers and intelligent appliances. In grade 3, students will understand the difference in sensor inputs.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Computers use specific sensors in specific places to gather data.
- Each type of sensor captures specific information such as motion, pressure/touch, temperature, proximity, light, sound, moisture or gases.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Tell where the sensors are and why they are placed there.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will discover why sensors are placed where they are. For example, accelerometer sensors are placed in smartphones that can track steps.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Sensors are needed for computers to gather information and then use that data to give or process information.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 1, students used intelligent agents to answer simple questions. In grade 2, apply the use of intelligent agents to assist in basic research. In grade 3, they will begin to see that there are limitations to intelligent agents.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Intelligent agents are a form of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Use intelligent agents to assist in research.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Examples of intelligent agents are virtual assistant technology that can play music, provide information, deliver news, control smart homes and give other information.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students can use an intelligent agent to help them do simple research that can be used to report back to the class.

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**AI.RR.2.a** With guidance and support, create a simple decision tree (conditionals) to create a pathway for decisions.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 1, students used simple decision trees. In grade 2, students create a simple decision tree with guidance and support. In grade 3, students will create a decision tree to help them understand how computers "think."

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- With guidance and support, create decision trees.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Demonstrate the creation of a decision tree to find a logical solution to a problem.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Decision trees are a way of organizing information.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students can draw a tree by repeatedly splitting each branch into sub-branches multiple times and putting a piece of data at each branch.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.
### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 1, students identified Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications in their daily life. In grade 2, students group applications used as AI or not AI to determine how AI can help in daily life. In grade 3, students will discuss how AI can be inclusive.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- AI devices are used to help everyone have equal access to technology.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Identify the use of AI in daily life and show how it can help everyone have equal access to technology.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Some of the different ways humans can access technology include speech, typing, motion and thought.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Not everyone accesses technology the same way. AI can help everyone access technology equally.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 1, students discussed if computers and/or technology are good or bad. In grade 2, students discuss Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it can be used for good or bad. In grade 3, students are introduced to the concept of bias.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Technology can help or harm us depending on how we interact with AI and its data sets.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Demonstrate the use of a data set to show that AI’s use data sets.
- Data sets can be incorrect and may make our life better or worse.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Technology has faults. For example, facial recognition, various skin colors and accents may or may not be recognizable.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
AI uses data sets to learn more about its surroundings and those data sets can be incomplete.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*
1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
### Impacts of Computing

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**IC.Cu.2.a** Compare and contrast how the use of technology has changed to understand its impact on everyday life.  
**IC.Cu.2.b** Describe the ways people use technologies in their daily work and personal lives to understand technology's impact on one's community.

#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 1, students recognized the different ways technology impacts and the role technology plays in their lives. In grade 2, students compare and contrast how technology use has changed and the impact it has on their lives positively and negatively. In grade 3, students will identify the impact technology has on everyday life in the local community. Students will identify diverse user needs and how computing devices have features built in to increase accessibility to all users.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Technology is always changing. These changes affect our communities and the role it plays in our lives.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Describe the changes in technology and how we interact with technology over time.
- Demonstrate how humans adapt technology to serve their needs.
- Demonstrate how technology can have negative consequences.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students can identify and explain the connections between their lives and technology and how technology affects their lives.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on how technology has changed and the impact on students' lives.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

1. Include the unique perspectives of others and reflect on one's perspectives when designing and developing computational products.
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**IC.SI.2.a** Compare and contrast safe and responsible behaviors to those that are not when using information and technology.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In grade 1, with guidance, students were able to explain safe and responsible behaviors associated with using information and technology while working with others online. In grade 2, students should be able to compare and contrast safe and responsible technology behaviors. In grade 3, students will apply a code of conduct to use technology safely and responsibly within an online community. In grade 3, students will collaborate through feedback and reflection to improve a digital artifact and begin to explore how diverse perspectives improve a digital product.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Schools develop their own technology rules, regulations and etiquette.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Create rules based on the school technology rules, regulations and etiquette on how to use technology.
- Apply created rules within the classroom and during students' use of technology.
- Identify inappropriate actions and the consequences.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Etiquette topics might include cyberbullying, school policy, and safe privacy practices.

#### CONTENT FOCUS

The focus is on the responsible use of technology in and out of the classroom.

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In grade 1, with guidance, students continued to identify and explain basic security practices that should be applied when using the internet. In grade 2, in concert with cybersecurity activities, students can recognize weak security practices, implement secure practices to protect private information to ensure security is not compromised and explain why it is important to apply these measures. In grade 3, the focus will continue to focus on security, while also giving students more explanations regarding why it is important to keep information secure. Information security and the concept of a digital footprint will be introduced in grade 3.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Guidelines and practices to stay safe on the internet should be discussed and practiced.
- Awareness of what private information is, what should and should not be shared and the potential consequences of sharing private information.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Identify practices to stay safe on the internet; Provide examples of situations where these practices should be applied and describe different consequences that may result from not using safe practices.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Provide students guidelines for safe navigation of the internet. Provide students opportunities to practice these guidelines by using teacher-selected internet sites.

Provide students guidelines on what constitutes personal information and the consequences of misuse. Provide them guidelines on how to create strong passwords.

Students have the opportunity to apply security practices as part of their activities addressing cybersecurity (NI.C.2.a)

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**IC.SLE.2.b** Compare and contrast appropriate and inappropriate behavior online, including cyberbullying, and the steps to keep yourself and others safe and out of harm's way.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In kindergarten through second grade, student discussions should focus on examples of what to do when someone is acting inappropriately online and what behavior should be modeled when online.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Students know whom to contact if they experience inappropriate behavior while online.
- Students know what steps to take when they experience inappropriate behavior online.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Recognize when students should report observed inappropriate online behavior to those in authority.
- Understand and discuss ways to keep yourself and others safe online.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students need to make good choices when they interact with others online. They also need to understand that in addition to interacting with others, it is important that they use websites and other apps as they were intended.

Some online behavior is illegal, and students could be held responsible for their actions online.
### Strand | Impacts of Computing
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**Topic** | Safety, Law and Ethics

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students should understand the appropriate and inappropriate behavior to use when operating online. Students should also know who to talk to if they feel threatened or report inappropriate behavior.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*
1. 2. Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.
3. 3. Employ self and peer advocacy to address bias in interactions, product design and development methods.
## Grades 3-5

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 2, students began selecting devices with a purpose in mind. In grade 3, students develop an understanding that the device they selected for a specific task has components (i.e., parts) that play a role in the computer system. In grade 4, students will develop their understanding of what external components are used to share information locally and globally.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- External devices are used to input data into the computer.
- Different devices have different purposes.
- Each external component (i.e., part) has a different function in a computer system.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Identify key components (i.e., parts) such as keyboard, trackpad/mouse, monitor, printer, tablet, etc.
- Select an appropriate device to accomplish a task.
- Describe the components of the selected device.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Different devices may include a personal computer, tablet, laptop, or smartphone. External components (i.e., parts) include a keyboard, mouse/trackpad, monitor/screen, USB port and drive. Sometimes, a component (part) on a device can have multiple functions. For example, a screen can have multiple functions when the screen also serves as the trackpad or keyboard.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus should be on students understanding the components (i.e., parts) of the device that they select for their task. If they selected a tablet, students should understand that various parts may perform multiple tasks. For example, the screen serves as a monitor and input device with a keyboard.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*

4. Evaluate and select technological tools that can be used to collaborate on a project.
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| CS.HS.3.a Identify and use digital learning tools/devices to support planning, implementing and reflecting upon a defined task. | **Expectations for Learning**  

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**  
In grade 2, students began selecting devices with a purpose in mind. In grade 3, students select learning tools or devices to plan, implement and reflect upon tasks. In grade 4, students will continue to select learning tools and devices and will use them to aid in planning, implementing and reflecting upon given tasks.  

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**  
- Different types of software and hardware can be used to accomplish a task.  
- Learning tools should support the planning, implementation and reflection of a task.  

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**  
- Select and use a tool, such as a presentation software program, document, graphic design program or video editing software, to accomplish a given task.  
- Select and use an appropriate device, such as a tablet, laptop or desktop to accomplish a given task.  

**Content Elaborations**  

**CLARIFICATIONS**  
Tools can range from basic programs, such as word processing and presentation software to other online tools.  

**CONTENT FOCUS**  
The focus is on students selecting and using a tool or device to accomplish a task. Students should be given opportunities to self-select a tool to accomplish a task.  

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**CS.T.3.a** Apply troubleshooting strategies given problems and solutions to resolve hardware and software problems.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 2, students continued to work on their use of problem-solving. In grade 3, students begin to move beyond trial and error to apply more strategic troubleshooting techniques to fix their problems. In grade 4, students will focus on diagnosing and describing potential hardware and software problems.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Troubleshooting strategies can be used to solve hardware and software issues.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Use a troubleshooting technique to solve a given problem.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Examples of problems to troubleshoot at this level may be a computer not connecting to the network or not turning on. Students should state what the problem is instead of just referring to the problem as "the computer is broken."

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students using targeted troubleshooting techniques to solve given problems.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*
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**NI.N.3.a** Describe how communication occurs when information is sent and received over physical or wireless paths to explain communication systems (e.g., sending an email or visiting a website).

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 2, students described what a network was, the devices we use to network, how devices can be identified, and how they can be connected. Additionally, students networked using devices to access and retrieve information within a global community. In grade 3, students explore how information is sent and received over the internet. In grade 4, students will elaborate on how information is broken down and transmitted before it is received.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- A web address or URL has a different function than searching for content.
- Information is communicated through a wired or wireless connection.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Enter a precise address to reach a site.
- Recognize whether a network (i.e., internet) connection is present.
- Conduct basic troubleshooting techniques based on network connectivity.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students often confuse the address bar for the search bar when attempting to access a website. Students should understand that these have two different functions, and a web address should be accessed through an address bar. The web address should be typed in exactly to access the site they are attempting to reach.

Students should understand that online information cannot be accessed without a network connection. They should be able to recognize whether a network connection is present.

Basic troubleshooting techniques for network connectivity could include restarting a device, refreshing a webpage or attempting to reconnect to the network.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students entering a precise URL (web address) into the address bar to reach a site and recognizing that reaching this site cannot be done without a network connection.
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*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 2, students described what a network is, the devices we use to network, how devices can be identified and how they can be connected. Additionally, students networked using devices to access and retrieve information within a global community. In grade 3, students continue to build an understanding of how information is shared, received and stored. In grade 4, students will build their vocabulary around these concepts.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Similar to a personal mailing address, every device has a unique address for sending or receiving information.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Recognize that every device has a unique network address.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students should understand that their device has a unique address. This is like their mailing address in the sense that the information knows where to travel based on the address.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students recognizing that devices have unique web addresses.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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**NI.C.3.a** Explore digital safety concepts in order to explain that information can be both public and private, to determine what information can safely be shared and to know how to use passwords to protect information.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In K-2, students have had experience identifying private and public information. In grade 3, students explore and understand personal information and how passwords are used to protect that information. In grade 4, students will describe the importance of using a secure password to protect personal information.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Personal information is valuable and both private and sharable.
- Personal (private) information should be protected by passwords.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Explain private vs. public information and that this is called personal information.
- Explain why passwords are used.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students struggle with what to share or not to share, which is private or public information. They should make the connection between that and personal information.

Students often think it is okay to share their passwords with their peers. They need to connect passwords with something that needs to be private.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students exploring and understanding different types of personal and public information and why passwords are important.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students will explore and explain grade-appropriate examples of unsafe content. In grade 4, students describe the effects of malicious content. In grade 5, students will analyze the inappropriate use of online services.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Personal information is valuable and both private and sharable.
- Personal (private) information should be protected.
- Threats including malware, ransomware and others are connected to the online environment.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Describe malware and pop-ups.
- Describe and identify online threats.
- Describe and identify social engineering concepts.
- Understand and practice cyber hygiene.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students often do not know what happens when you click a link on a web page and should be taught that links could lead to inappropriate websites. Students should know the different types of pop-up messages and their meaning. Students need to know that some pop-up messages are not safe and could lead to improper websites or downloading malicious content. Students should know that there are many appropriate uses for pop-up messages and windows.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students understanding different types of digital threats to personal and public information and why understanding basic cyber hygiene and awareness is important for all students. Students should be able to discuss examples of mitigation of digital threats including malware and pop-ups.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*
1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 2 students explained how devices connect and exchange data. Additionally, they explored different network connectivity. In grade 3, students describe information transmission, explore, and explain the difference between smart and intelligent devices. In grade 4, students will recognize how smart devices communicate over the internet and see how network communication can be traced.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Devices send and receive information both wirelessly (Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, etc.) and through wired connections.
- A smart device (such as a Virtual Assistant) is a device that has connectivity, captures useful data and presents it.
- An intelligent device is a smart device that adapts or learns.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Describe the basic difference between wireless and wired connections.
- Define and recognize the difference between smart and intelligent devices, as well as how humans interact with them differently.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Explain and distinguish between smart devices such as Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and Virtual Assistants. Provide examples of Smart vs. Intelligent devices.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Explore the difference between smart and intelligent devices and understand how they communicate using networks.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 2, students had experience collecting, sorting and organizing data. In grade 3, students collect, record and maintain data over time using various tools, such as a thermometer, ruler, scale and survey. In grade 4, students will begin to explore various computational tools for collecting data from multiple sources over time.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Keeping an organized record of data over time is critical to analyzing data.
- Various tools can be used to collect data.
- Different tools are used to collect different types of data.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Use appropriate tools to collect data.
- Use appropriate tools to organize data.
- Maintain accurate data over some time.
- Collect data by making repeated observations over time.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Tools that may be explored are digital thermometers, GPS sensors, calculators, scales, digital forms (survey tools), length measurement tools, a stopwatch, etc.

Data can be organized by using various digital and non-digital tables. Digital organizational resources could include spreadsheets and online graphing programs.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students collecting, recording, maintaining and organizing data over time, rather than communicating data through graphs and charts.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*
1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
### Data and Analysis

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#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 2, students had experience collecting, sorting, and organizing data. In grade 3, students can use different software tools to access data and store it in different locations. In grade 4, students will begin to gain an understanding that different file types may require different storage.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Data is stored in different locations on a computing device.
- Data can be stored locally, on a computing device or online.
- Where data is stored impacts accessibility.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Store, locate and retrieve data on a computing device.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Examples of data storage could include saving to a device, local network or the cloud.

Accessibility refers to the ability to retrieve data. Students should understand that data saved to a device will not be accessible without that same device. Accessibility also refers to the ability to open file formats on different devices.

Information refers to data, which could include pictures, audio, video and documents.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is that data storage impacts the accessibility of information.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
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### Strand: Data and Analysis

#### Topic: Visualization and Communications

**DA.VC.3.a** Create a chart or graph to inform a target audience about observations and data collected.

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**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
An important concept for students to begin understanding is that the visual representation of their data impacts how that data will be interpreted. For example, on a bar graph, the bars must be the same size and symbols on a picture graph should be evenly spaced.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students taking data they have collected and using a visual representation to communicate the data.

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**DA.IM.3.a** Utilize data to make predictions and discuss whether there is adequate data to make reliable predictions.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 2, students interpreted and analyzed graphs. In grade 3, students analyze and explain relationships or patterns and predict an unknown. In grade 4, students will determine if adequate data has been collected and run simulations to explore outcomes.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Data from a graph can be used to determine patterns.
- Data can be used to make predictions about outcomes or to find a missing value.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Explain patterns in a data set and determine missing values.
- Analyze patterns and make predictions about outcomes.
- Create a model to identify patterns and essential elements.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students explore data and look for patterns. A mathematical connection would be to use in/out (function) machines to find missing values. They solve and make predictions. They begin to discover a pattern cannot continue without a significant number of occurrences.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students manipulating data to explore patterns and make predictions.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*
1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.
### Algorithmic Thinking and Programming

#### Topic: Algorithms

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#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In Grade 2, students constructed and followed directions in a real-world context through written words, statements, and visual symbols. In grade 3, students create algorithms and find errors within an algorithm (i.e., step-by-step task). In grade 4, students will begin refining their created algorithms to accomplish a task.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- An algorithm is a series of steps that will complete a process.
- Logical patterns of progression exist within an algorithm.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Utilize logical patterns of progression within an algorithm.
- Recognize and identify errors within an algorithm.
- Recognize pseudocode and flow charts.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Processes of computational thinking (i.e., logical thought) or beginning, middle and end to create organized steps should be emphasized to decompose an algorithm. Computational thinking also needs to be emphasized to identify where an error has occurred. This can be written in code, pseudocode, real language or flowcharts.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students using computation thinking (i.e., logical thought) as they work through an algorithm, breaking it into smaller components and determining if an error has occurred somewhere within an algorithm.

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### ATP.VDR.3.a
Define and identify a variable, a placeholder for storing a value, to understand how it is used in a multi-step process (i.e., algorithm).

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 2, students modeled the use of numbers, symbols and pictures to manipulate and store information. In grade 3, students define and identify variables to understand how they are used in algorithms. In grade 4, students will elaborate on defining and identifying variables.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Symbols can represent a variable within an algorithm.
- Data can be stored in the variable.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Use logical variable representations (symbols).
- Identify where an algorithm might include a variable instead of a value.

#### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Symbols (e.g., ?, □) are used in programming to hold values. For example, a cloze activity allows students to choose varying words for a single blank within a passage. This is a variable (i.e., a placeholder that can change).

Students are not required to know and recognize the formal terms "variable" and "algorithm."

#### CONTENT FOCUS
The focus is on students being able to define and identify variables as symbols with an understanding of how they are used in algorithms to store data.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In grade 2, students created a program that utilizes sequencing and loops. In grade 3, students build on their skills and knowledge to create programs with more refined strategies, such as loops and conditionals and consider the components of an event. In grade 4, students will continue to refine their programming skills using established structures, such as loops and conditionals.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Loops are statements that repeat and make programming more efficient for the computer and the programmer.
- Conditionals are typically in the form of "if/then" statements and enable the program to follow different paths.
- Events are structures that programmers can use to explain how the program will react when the user interacts.
- Proper sequencing of steps within the program ensures efficiency.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Insert a loop in a program to avoid typing a command several times.
- Insert a conditional in a program to create several paths (if/then).
- Create an event in the format "When (action), then (result) occurs."
- Diagram the flow of a program to demonstrate the sequence of events and products.
- Use statements that are introductory level (e.g., if/then, and/or).

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Loops can occur in programming by having the robot or pen repeat a motion several times, such as going forward ten paces and then turning thirty degrees. In an algorithm, students can program to have a number added several times.

Conditionals occur in a program by inserting a command to complete when a condition is met. For instance, if a condition states "If n=5," when the value n=5 is achieved, then the program will execute the command given.

Events can be thought of as an action because of an action such as, "When I click the mouse, the image rotates."
**Algorithmic Thinking and Programming**

**Topic**

Control Structures

Sequencing of events and commands is an important part of programming when creating a program from scratch or remixing an existing one. Students can diagram or describe the steps of a program using a flowchart or other graphic organizer.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Focus on students using a loop, conditional and/or event. Students should also diagram or describe the flow of a program.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

2. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

3. Create modules and develop points of interaction that can apply to multiple situations and reduce complexity.

*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 2, students began to plan and sequentially create simple programs using graphic organizer tools. In grade 3, students use these skills to design and create programs to solve a problem. In grade 4, students will design programs that include the preferences of the end-user.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- A flow chart is one type of organizational tool that can be used to plan a program considering the sequence of its features.
- An algorithm can be used to plan a program.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Design a program that can solve a problem.
- Use the design process when planning a program.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Programs can be designed in a plugged (i.e., using a computer) or unplugged environment (i.e., not using a computer).

Programs can be designed using a block-based environment.

Programs can address a one-step problem or a more complex one.

A flow chart is a type of organizational tool that can be used to plan a program.

The flow chart is a visual representation of decisions and directions throughout the program.

Students can design instructions for a simple game (e.g., tic-tac-toe).

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on designing a program that can solve a problem using one or two steps.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**  
*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*  
1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.  
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.
Strand: Algorithmic Thinking and Programming

Topic: Program Development

**ATP.PD.3.b** Using a given program known to contain errors, identify and debug errors to ensure it works.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 2, students described their problems and came up with possible solutions. In grade 3, guided questions will be asked to help students think more strategically about how to solve a problem in their program. In grade 4, students will continue with guided questions that assist them in debugging their program.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- A computer bug is a series of commands that do not properly interact with each other and cause an interruption in the program execution (i.e., an error in the program).
- To "debug" is to find the error within a program and then apply an appropriate fix.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Identify errors in a program.
- Apply a fix to errors in a program.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
If a program that is written will not execute properly, programmers often refer to the issue as the program "breaks" or the program has a "bug" (i.e., error). "Debugging" a program refers to scanning through the program code to find the error in the commands and then correcting or repairing that programming code.

Students might look at a set of instructions that are not in the correct order and determine the correct order to fix the debug "fix" the instructions.

Guided questions are questions that prompt the programmer to think more about their error and problem solve potential solutions without being given the answer.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on locating, determining solutions and fixing errors in block-based through guided questioning.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts
1. Identify and fix errors using a systematic process.
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### AI.ML.3.a
Label three different machine learning approaches to identify them to see different approaches.

#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 2, students used machine learning, classifiers and discussed how the machine knew what they were drawing. In grade 3, students label three different machine learning approaches. In grade 4, students will explain three different types of machine learning.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Approaches to machine learning include supervised learning, unsupervised learning and reinforcement learning.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Label types of machine learning to show various approaches to how machines learn.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Machine learning is the study of computer algorithms that improve automatically through experience. Applications range from data-mining programs that discover general rules in large data sets, to information filtering systems that automatically learn users’ interests.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
There are different types of machine learning.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

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### AI.ML.3.b
Give examples of bias to understand what it is and how it affects machine learning.

#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
This concept is introduced in grade 3. In grade 4, students will explain how machine learning can create bias.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Identify what a bias is and how it can influence machine learning.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Identify what a bias is to understand the concept and how it might affect machine learning.
## Strand: Artificial Intelligence

### Topic: Machine Learning

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### Expectations for Learning

**AI.ML.3.c** Identify tasks that use AI to perform human tasks to understand how humans rely on AI.

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 2, students listed attributions computers use for purposes of recognition. In grade 3, students identify tasks that use Artificial Intelligence (AI), the science and engineering of making intelligent machines and computer programs, to perform human tasks. In grade 4, students will describe tasks where AI can outperform humans on tasks.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- AI can complete many human tasks.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Show that tasks that used to be done by humans can now be performed using AI to demonstrate how AI affects humans.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
AI can perform tasks that humans once did. As AI grows, it can take over more human tasks; for example, self-driving cars and using a search engine versus looking in books.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
AI is a growing field that performs some human tasks.
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**Topic** | Perception

**Ai.P.3.a** Use different sensors, analog and digital, and discuss the difference between them.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 2, students will be able to tell about sensors and their relation to their function. In grade 3, students use different sensors to evaluate the differences between them. In grade 4, they will understand the difference between analog and digital and how they can be used.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Students should know what types of sensors do and how they are similar and different from other sensors.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Recognize the difference between analog and digital sensors.
- Explain how different sensors gather data.
- Explain the differences between analog sensors including accelerometers, light sensors, sound sensors, pressure sensors, analog temperature sensors and digital sensors which consist of three components, a sensor, cable and transmitter.
- In digital sensors, the signal measured is directly converted into digital signal output inside the digital sensor itself.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Recognize the difference between analog and digital clocks and thermometers. Discuss how these sensors are similar and different.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
There are two basic ways sensors gather data: analog and digital.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 2, students created simple decision trees. In grade 3, students create a classification system using a tree structure. In grade 4, students will create a tree structure to understand binary solutions.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Explore the tree structure to examine the process of making decisions.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Use a flowchart to show the decision-making process.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Decision trees in artificial intelligence are used to arrive at conclusions based on the data available from decisions made in the past.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Decision trees help make decisions through machine learning.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*
1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.
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**IC.Cu.3.a** | Identify computing technologies that have changed the world and express how those technologies influence and are influenced by cultural practice.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In grade 2, students compared and contrasted how technology use has changed and the impact it has had on their personal lives. In grade 3, students identify the impact technology has on everyday life in the local community. In grade 4, students will recognize the impact of technology on the global community.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- People within a local community use technology in various ways.
- Daily life is influenced by the technology in a community.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Identify specific types of technology used in the local community.
- Describe ways that various technology resources impact daily life in a local community.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

New computing technology is created, and existing technologies are modified for many reasons, including to increase their benefits, decrease their risks and meet societal needs. Students explore topics that relate to the history of technology and the changes in the world due to technology. Topics could be based on current news content, such as robotics, wireless internet, mobile computing devices, GPS systems, wearable computing or ways social media has influenced social and political changes. (CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards, 2017)

#### CONTENT FOCUS

The focus is on the impacts of technology on the local community.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

1. Include the unique perspective of others and reflect on one’s perspectives when designing and developing computational products.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 2, students compared and contrasted how technology use has changed and the impact it has had on their personal lives. In grade 3, students identify diverse user needs and how computing devices have features built in to increase accessibility. In grade 4, students will identify and anticipate diverse needs and ways to improve devices to make them more accessible to users.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Users have diverse needs that impact accessibility.
- Computing devices have built-in features to increase accessibility for all users.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Identify built-in features to increase accessibility.
- Recognize that users have diverse needs.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Anticipating the needs and wants of diverse end-users requires students to purposefully consider potential perspectives of users with different backgrounds, ability levels, points of view and disabilities. Examples of built-in features to increase accessibility include voice command, text-to-speech and magnify text.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on the diverse needs of users and how those needs impact accessibility.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

1. Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.
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**IC.SI.3.a** Collaborate and consider diverse perspectives to improve digital artifacts.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 2, students were able to compare and contrast safe and responsible technology behaviors. In grade 3, students collaborate through feedback and reflection to improve a digital artifact and begin to explore how diverse perspectives improve artifacts. In grade 4, students will collaborate with others to share the workload and increase diverse perspectives to improve a digital artifact.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Collaborating with peers to include diverse perspectives can improve digital artifacts.
- Reflecting on feedback from others can improve digital artifacts.
- Providing feedback to others can help to improve the quality of their work.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Leave thoughtful feedback for peers that will help improve their digital artifacts.
- Reflect on feedback from peers to improve digital artifacts.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Teachers can support students to leave thoughtful feedback by modeling this process. Teachers should conduct whole group discussions after students have left feedback to determine if the feedback was productive.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on providing and reflecting on feedback to improve digital artifacts.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*  
1. Cultivate working relationships with individuals possessing diverse perspectives, skills and personalities.  
2. Create team norms, expectations and equitable workloads to increase efficiency and effectiveness.  
3. Solicit and incorporate feedback from and provide constructive feedback to team members and other stakeholders.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In K-2, students were able to explain why it is important to use technology in the correct way to make decisions about appropriate use and protecting login information. In grade 3, students are introduced to the concept that some resources can be shared (e.g., public domain, Creative Commons) while others must be used only with proper citations or permission. In grade 4, students will be introduced to formal procedures used when sharing materials. Students will be expected to identify the type of source and give credit to the source.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Certain resources can be shared freely; some resources can be shared with proper citation and others can only be shared with permission from the creator.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Determine whether a source can or cannot be used freely.
- Express where online resources are found.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Ethical complications arise from the opportunities provided by computing. The ease of sending and receiving copies of media on the internet (e.g., video, photos, music) creates the opportunity for unauthorized use, such as online piracy, and disregard of copyrights. Students should consider the licenses on computational artifacts that they wish to use. For example, the license on a downloaded image or audio file may have restrictions that prohibit modification, require attribution, or prohibit use entirely. (CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards, 2017)

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on recognizing that some resources are public domain and can be used freely and other materials need to be cited properly.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*

- 3. Articulate ideas responsibly by observing intellectual property rights and giving appropriate attribution.
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**IC.SLE.3.b** Determine whether information should be shared or kept private to protect student identity.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 2, students have learned how to use the internet responsibly. In grade 3, students learn the importance of keeping personal information secure. In grade 4, students will start to make distinctions between what information should be shared and what information should be kept private.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- For safety and security, personal information should be kept private.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Determine whether information should or should not be shared digitally.
- Recognize that keeping information private protects your identity.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Examples of information to be kept private are first and last name, birthday, addresses, phone numbers or other personal identifiers. Students should also understand that they should not share the personal information of others.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on knowing the difference between information that can be shared and information that should be kept private.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*

2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
### Strand | Impacts of Computing
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**Topic** | Safety, Law and Ethics

#### IC.SLE.3.c
Communicate the importance of information security to protect one's own digital footprint.

#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 2, students have learned how to use the internet responsibly. In grade 3, information security and the concept of a digital footprint are introduced. In grade 4, students will spend time considering their digital footprint and the impact of their decisions.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Every person has a digital footprint that includes all aspects of their online behavior.
- Keeping information secure is important to consider when using the internet.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Define digital footprint and give examples of online activity that contributes to a person's digital footprint.
- Communicate examples of ways to keep information secure (e.g., not staying logged into public computers, not sharing passwords, not sharing personal information online).

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
At grade 3, the term "digital footprint" is first introduced. While making personal connections to this term is encouraged, instruction should be more focused on understanding what information should and should not be shared and how this impacts a person.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on understanding what should be shared online and the effect of sharing different types of information.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
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#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In grade 3, students will learn about what information should be shared and how to keep their information secure. In grade 4, students are introduced to the idea that there are tradeoffs between allowing information to be public versus keeping information private. In grade 5, students will learn about their digital footprint.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Students should be able to define personally identifiable information (PII).
- Individuals should be careful what personally identifiable information (PII) they share online or in-person.

#### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES
- List examples of personally identifiable information (PII).
- Explain the dangers of sharing personally identifiable information.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

At this level, student discussions focus on examples of personally identifiable information and how to keep personal information, including private and public information, safe online.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Research and describe the potential effects of the positives and negatives of making the information public.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3.* Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems.
  2. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.

*Practice 6.* Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts.
  1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 3, students developed an understanding that the device they selected for a specific task has components that all play a role in the computer system. In grade 4, students develop their understanding of what external components are used to share information. In grade 5, students will develop their understanding of the internal parts of the computer and how they play a role in the computer system.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- External devices are used to input, store and transfer data into the computer.
- Different devices have different purposes.
- Each external component (i.e., part) has a different function in a computer system.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Identify key external components (i.e., parts) such as USB port, HDMI, network cable, power supply, etc.
- Select the appropriate device to accomplish a task.
- Describe the components of the selected device.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

External components (i.e., parts) in this grade level may focus on things plugged-in or attached to the computer.

External components can include a USB port and drive, power supply, network cable or HDMI port. Depending on the device, some of these components may or may not exist. For example, on some tablets, a USB port is not available. Mobile devices do not always require the device to be plugged into the power source.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus should be on students understanding the components (i.e., parts) of the device that they select for their task. For example, if they select a networked computer, this can allow them to communicate with others globally. If their computer is not connected to a network, their communication is limited.
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*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*

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**CS.HS.4.a** Select and use digital learning tools/devices to support planning, implementing and reflecting upon a defined task.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students selected learning tools or devices to plan, implement, and reflect upon tasks. In grade 4, students continue to select learning tools/devices and use them to aid in planning, implementing and reflecting on given tasks. In grade 5, students will use and evaluate the digital learning tools and devices they've chosen and consider the planning, implementation and reflection across curricular areas.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Different types of software and hardware can be used to accomplish a task.
- Learning tools should support the planning, implementation and reflection of a task.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Select and use a tool such as a presentation software program, document, graphic design program or video creating software to accomplish a given task.
- Select and use an appropriate device, such as a tablet, laptop or desktop to accomplish a given task.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Tools should begin to extend to apps and programs beyond basic programs provided on the selected devices. Selection and use of a variety of devices such as tablets, desktops and laptops should be included.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students selecting and using their tools or devices. Tasks should increase in complexity from third grade and focus on specific curricular goals in the subject content.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*

4. Evaluate and select technological tools that can be used to collaborate on a project.

**Career Connections**

**CAREER AWARENESS**
Students select a career and identify the digital tools used in the career. Students then choose a task that a person in that career would perform. Students create a presentation reflecting their research.
### Strand: Computing Systems

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#### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In grade 3, students began to move beyond trial and error to apply more strategic troubleshooting techniques to fix their problems. In grade 4, students focus on diagnosing and describing potential hardware and software problems. In grade 5, students will work to diagnose problems, describe the problem and develop strategies to resolve technology issues.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Troubleshooting strategies can be used to solve hardware and software issues.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Diagnose problems in hardware and software.
- Select a solution for the problem from a given list.

#### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Students should describe the reason for the problem. For example, if the computer does not turn on, maybe the battery is dead. If the program does not work, maybe the username or password is wrong. If needed, students should be able to select solutions from a list of potential solutions. Students should be exposed to specific problems so they can develop the skills to troubleshoot in the future (i.e., disconnecting a computer from the network so that students can see what this looks like).

#### CONTENT FOCUS

The focus is on students diagnosing and describing problems. Students should be able to select solutions.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

- 2. Identify and fix errors using a systematic process.
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**NI.N.4.a** Describe how information is broken down to be transmitted over a network to help students gain a better understanding of the internet and networks.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 3, students explored how information is sent and received over the internet. In grade 4, students explain how information is broken apart, sent and received over the internet. In grade 5, students will demonstrate how information is broken apart, sent and received over the internet.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Manipulating a URL (i.e., web address) even slightly can change what information is accessed.
- Information is broken into parts at the sending point and reassembled at the receiving point.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Modify a URL (i.e., web address) to access the content.
- Describe what occurs when a URL is modified.
- Use a metaphorical example to describe how information is broken down into parts and reassembled.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students should understand that altering a URL will change the information that is displayed. An example of metaphorical connection students could make to describe how information is transmitted would be a roller coaster ride. The track could be seen as the internet connection and the cars and the people are the information traveling through the connection.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on students modifying a URL to reach a specific site and describing how the modification impacts the information accessed. Students communicate how information is transmitted.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

- 4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In grade 3, students have developed an understanding of how information is shared, received and stored. In grade 4, students identify that different naming techniques are related to the type of information accessed. In grade 5, students will continue applying this knowledge.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Different types of rules for naming a web address identify different types of sites.
- The search terms or the web address is converted to a format that the computer can read to reach the desired site.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Identify the reliability of a site based on the naming rule (e.g., top-level domain).
- Use search techniques (Boolean) to allow the computer to understand what is being searched.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Students identify reliability based on the top-level domain naming such as ".edu" for education purposes, ".com" for commercial purposes, ".gov" for government purposes, and ".org" for organizations.

Boolean searches use ", and, or, etc.

#### CONTENT FOCUS

The focus is on identifying informational reliability and making a connection between search terms and website addresses.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

  4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
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**NI.C.4.a** Describe what information should be protected and the importance of a secure password to protect information.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 3, students explored and understood personal information and how passwords are used to protect information. In grade 4, students describe types of private information and the importance of protecting that information. In grade 5, students will create secure passwords to protect personal information and store them securely.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Personal information should be protected by secure passwords.
- Potential consequences of personal information being unsecured.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Describe why personal information needs to be protected.
- Describe what could happen if personal information is unsecured.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students often only associate the worst-case scenario with sharing information. They need to understand the real-world dangers of personal information being shared in an unsecured environment. Students need to know what a secure password looks like and why they should use a secure password.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on students identifying why information needs to be protected and being aware of consequences related to data security.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
### Strand | Networks and the Internet
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**NI.C.4.b** Describe and explain safe usage of various online services such as web, email, video, gaming, cloud services and networked drives.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students learned to explore and explain grade-appropriate examples of unsafe content.
In grade 4, students describe the effects of malicious content. In grade 5, students will analyze the appropriate and inappropriate use of online services.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Online services have different purposes and methods of use.
- Devices can be used for proper or improper purposes.
- Not all online services are safe.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Define and describe malware and pop-ups.
- Explain how to protect yourself from malware, pop-ups and other threat vectors.
- Describe the effects of malware and the use of malware to access private information.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Many devices can connect to the internet (cloud services) to share information and access applications (Apps). Students should understand that using websites, email, video gaming, cloud services and networked drives that share information adds to the need for security practices.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students identifying and securing personal information and being aware of the consequences of data security, malware and other online threat vectors.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 2.* Collaborating Around Computing Practice
4. Evaluate and select technological tools that can be used to collaborate on a project.

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**NI.IOT.4.a** Explore how information is transferred to the internet from smart and intelligent devices to recognize how the internet and networks operate.

**NI.IOT.4.b** Describe how transferred information is tagged using identifiers to transmit information about the user so students begin to learn no information on the internet is anonymous.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 3, students described information transmission, explored and explained the difference between smart and intelligent devices. In grade 4, students recognize how smart and intelligent devices communicate over the internet and see how network communication can be traced. In grade 5, students will explore how information is transmitted over the internet and identify the risks and benefits of using the internet.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- The information collected by smart and intelligent devices to be transferred over the internet can be identified by the user.
- No information that is transmitted over the internet is anonymous.

**KEY SKILLS PROCEDURES**

- Describe how information can be identified when transmitted over a network.
- Explain how information is sent over a network from a smart or intelligent device.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Smart devices know how to create packets of information that have a "sender" and "recipient." Devices on the internet know how to route those packets to the correct recipient.

Explain how data is transmitted across the internet and that anyone is allowed to look at it. Discuss that the act of sending information implies that the sender is permitting anyone who can see the data stream to examine its contents.

An example is the letter metaphor: Anyone can see the address on an envelope. If you open it and read it, you will know the contents. You can use coded (encrypted) messages to prevent people from knowing what the letter says.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Describe how information is split into packets for communication and how those packets can be traced back to the sender.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

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*Practice 7. Communicate About Computing*

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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 3, students collected, recorded and maintained data over time using various tools, such as a thermometer, ruler, scale and survey. In grade 4, students build upon the use of tools from grade 3, to collect data from multiple sources within a singular topic over time. In grade 5, students will select appropriate tools to collect data from multiple sources within a singular topic over time.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Keeping an organized record of data over time is critical to analyzing data.
- Various tools can be used to generate data.
- Different tools are used to collect different types of data.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Use appropriate tools to collect data.
- Use appropriate tools to organize data.
- Maintain accurate data from multiple sources within a singular topic over some time.
- Collect data from multiple sources within a singular topic, by making repeated observations over time.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Tools that may be explored are digital thermometers, GPS sensors, calculators, scales, digital forms (i.e., survey tools), length measurement tools, a stopwatch, etc.

Data can be organized by using various digital and non-digital tables and charts. Digital organizational resources could include spreadsheets, online graphing programs, etc.

An example of collecting data from multiple sources within a singular topic could be collecting the height of students in three different classes throughout the school year.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
The focus is on students collecting, recording, maintaining and organizing data from multiple sources within a singular topic over time.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
### Data Collection and Storage

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

- In grade 3, students used different software tools to access data and store it in different locations.
- In grade 4, students begin to gain an understanding that different file types may require different storage.
- In grade 5, students will use their knowledge of file types to explore how file size impacts storage.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Different data is stored in different ways on a computing device.
- Data can be stored locally, on a computing device or online.
- How data is stored impacts accessibility.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Store data as a specific file type.
- Locate and retrieve data on a computing device.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Examples of data storage could include saving to a device, local network or the cloud. Accessibility refers to the ability to retrieve data. Students should understand that data saved to a device will not be accessible without that same device. Accessibility also refers to the ability to open file formats on different devices. Information refers to data, which could include pictures, audio, video, or documents. Examples of file types would be image (i.e., .jpg, .png, .gif, .bmp), document (e.g., .doc, .docx, .pages, .txt), multi-media (e.g., .mov, mp4, .wmb) and presentation (e.g., .ppt, .pptx, .key).

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is that data storage impacts the accessibility of information and that different data types are stored in different formats.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

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**Expectations for Learning**

#### Learning Progression

- In grade 3, students extended their knowledge by creating scaled pictures and bar graphs. They also created line plots using scales that include whole numbers and fractions (e.g., halves and fourths).
- In grade 4, students interpret data in self-created graphs to present insights. In grade 5, students will use graphs created to highlight and support a claim they have made.

### Important Concepts

- A symbol on a graph (picture, bar, etc.) can represent more than one item.
- A key on a graph indicates how many items a symbol represents.
- A scale on a bar graph varies depending on the data available.
- Symbols used in picture graphs should be evenly spaced to present visually accurate data.
- Data from a graph can be used to gain insights or solve a problem.

#### Key Skill/Procedures

- Record data with several categories on a scaled bar graph or picture graph.
- Determine the appropriate scale for the data given.
- Interpret and answer questions regarding data presented in a bar or picture graph.

### Content Elaborations

#### Clarifications

An important concept for students to begin to understand is that a scale is chosen based on the data available. Students should begin understanding that data is used to solve problems. For example, if many people report they do not recycle due to a lack of recycling bins, we can conclude that providing recycling bins to people will increase recycling and improve the environment.

#### Content Focus

The focus is on students using a visual representation to communicate the data they have collected and interpreting the data to answer questions.

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*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

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**DA.IM.4.a** Utilize data to make predictions and discuss whether there is adequate data to make reliable predictions.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students analyzed and explained relationships or patterns and predicted an unknown. In grade 4, students determine if adequate data has been collected and run simulations to explore outcomes. In grade 5, students will run simulations to test theories and make predictions about how larger data sets affect outcomes.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Data from a graph can be used to determine patterns.
- Patterns can be analyzed to determine a missing value and predict outcomes.
- A data set can be modified to manipulate outcomes.
- Analyze trends based on the number of data sets.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Answer questions about missing variables in a data set.
- Use data to make predictions about outcomes.
- Manipulate data and explain how quantity affects outcomes.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students explain patterns in data and identify missing values. They begin to manipulate data and reflect on how the quantity of data affects outcomes. Students will use software tools such as spreadsheets to manipulate the quantity of data and reflect on changes that occur.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students identifying patterns in data to find missing values. They predict outcomes to continue patterns.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students experienced designing algorithms. In grade 4, students refine an algorithm to accomplish a given task. In grade 5, students will compare and refine algorithms with a focus on efficiency.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- An algorithm is a series of steps to complete a process or task.
- Once algorithms are created and written, they need to be tested and possibly revised based on the results.
- Pseudocode and flowcharts can be used to create and modify an algorithm.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Utilize logical patterns of progression within an algorithm to modify it to accomplish a given task.
- Recognize and identify errors within an algorithm to modify it to accomplish a given task.
- Utilize pseudocode and flow charts to assist with creating and modifying an algorithm to accomplish a given task.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Processes of computational thinking (i.e., logical thought) or beginning, middle and end to create organized steps should be emphasized to decompose, abstract, and reassemble an algorithm. Use proper editing for modifying algorithms (i.e., conditional, loops). Computational thinking also needs to be emphasized to identify where an error has occurred and the process needed to fix it. This can be written in code, pseudocode, real language or flowcharts.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students modifying the algorithm to fix it and reconstructing it to accomplish a given task.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*
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**ATP.VDR.4.a** Identify and use a variable, a placeholder for storing a value, to understand how it works in a multi-step process (i.e., algorithm).

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students defined and identified variables to understand how they are used in algorithms. In grade 4, students further expand on defining and identifying variables and begin to use them. In grade 5, students will create a variable to store and modify data.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Letters or symbols are used to represent a variable within an algorithm.
- Data can be stored in the variable.
- Variables represent a changing value.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Explain and identify variables within algorithms.
- Write an algorithm that substitutes a variable for a value.
- Edit the algorithm to show how it changes the algorithm's result.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Symbols such as letters are used in programming to hold values. Students need to learn that the syntax (i.e., the order of symbols in the equation) may impact the success of a program. Students can explore what happens when the data stored in a variable is changed.

For example, a cloze activity allows students to choose varying words for a single blank within a passage. Students would examine how this changes the meaning of the passage. This is a variable (i.e., a placeholder that can change).

Students are not required to know and recognize the formal terms "variable" and "algorithm."

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students being able to define and identify unknown variables as symbols, such as letters, and understanding how they are used in algorithms to store data. Students should begin using variables within equations.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 3, students built upon their skills and knowledge to create programs with more refined strategies, such as loops and conditionals, and considered the components of an event. In grade 4, students continue to refine their programming skills using established structures such as loops and conditionals. In grade 5, students will apply these new skills in increasingly complex ways and will continue to refine these to work towards programming efficiency.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Loops are statements that repeat and make programming more efficient for the computer and the programmer.
- Conditionals are typically in the form of "if/then" statements and enable the program to follow different paths.
- Events are structures that programmers can use to explain how the program will react when the user interacts with it.
- Proper sequencing of steps within the program ensures efficiency.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Insert a loop in a program to avoid typing a command several times.
- Insert a conditional in a program to create several paths (if/then).
- Create an event in the format "When (action), then (result) occurs."
- Diagram the flow of a program to demonstrate the sequence of its events and products.
- Combine statements to make a length of code shorter (i.e. if/else/then).

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Loops can occur in programming by having the robot or pen repeat a motion several times, such as going forward ten paces and then turning thirty degrees. In an algorithm, students can program to have a number added several times.

Conditionals occur in a program by inserting a command to complete when a condition is met. For instance, if a condition states "If n=5," when the value n=5 is achieved, then the program will execute the command given.
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Events can be thought of as an action because of an action. Such as, "When I click the mouse, the image rotates."

Sequencing of events and commands is an important part of programming when creating a program from scratch or remixing an existing one.

Students can diagram or describe the steps of a program using a flowchart or other graphic organizer.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on students using a loop, conditional, and/or event. Students should also diagram or describe the flow of a program.

The complexity of the loops, conditionals, events, and sequences continues to increase from the prior grade level.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.
## Expectations for Learning

### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In grade 3, students experienced decomposing abstractions into sequences to design algorithms. In grade 4, students continue to refine the decomposition, abstraction, and algorithm creation process. In grade 5, students will begin to compare and refine multiple algorithms for efficiency.

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Modularity refers to components of programs that complete a procedure or task. Modules within a program may need to be evaluated, refined, and/or copied.

### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Utilize logical patterns of progression within an algorithm to make the best use of a series of steps to decompose the algorithm into functional sections.
- Regroup or redesign sets of a decomposed algorithm to modify the result of the algorithm.
- Determine if the logic of an algorithm requires decomposition or abstraction.
- Utilize pseudocode and flowcharts related to the algorithm.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Processes of logical thought should include the dissection of a whole into its parts. Solve smaller sections of a larger equation to determine its functionality toward the end goal. Ensure that sets of instructions include all needed parts to modify the result to reach the end goal. This can be written in code, pseudocode, real language, or flowcharts related to the language of the algorithm.

#### CONTENT FOCUS

The focus is on students using computational thinking as they work through an algorithm and then breaking an algorithm into its smaller components (i.e., parts) and logically determining if an error has occurred somewhere within an algorithm.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

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| **IMPORTANT CONCEPTS** | - A flow chart is one type of organizational tool that can be used to plan a program considering the sequence of its features.  
- An algorithm can be used to plan a program.  
- Programs can execute multiple steps. |
| **KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES** | - Design a program that can solve a problem.  
- Use the design process when planning a program.  
- Create a program for a multi-step problem. |
| **Content Elaborations** | |
| **CLARIFICATIONS** | Programs can be designed in a plugged (i.e., using a computer) or unplugged environment (i.e., not using a computer).  
Programs can be designed using a block-based environment.  
Multi-step problems will ask the user to complete two or more tasks.  
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.
### ATP.PD.4.b Using guided questions, work through a program to identify errors and discuss possible solutions to repair the program.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 3, guided questions were asked to help students think more strategically about how to solve a problem in their program. In grade 4, students continue with guided questions that assist them in debugging their program. In grade 5, students will become less dependent upon guided questions and will begin to debug more complex programs.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- A computer bug is a series of commands that do not properly interact with each other and causes interruptions in the program execution (i.e., an error in the program).
- To "debug" is to find the error within a program and then apply an appropriate fix.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Identify errors in a program.
- Apply a fix to errors in a program.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

If a program that is written will not execute properly, programmers often refer to the issue as the program "breaks" or the program has a "bug" error. "Debugging" a program refers to scanning through the program code to find the error in the commands and then correcting or repairing that programming code.

Guided questions are questions that prompt the programmer to think more about their error and problem solve potential solutions without being given the answer.

Program complexity increases from grade level to grade level.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on locating errors in a block-based environment program and through guided questioning determining solutions and applying the fix.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

2. Identify and fix errors using a systematic process.
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**AI.ML.4.a** Explain three different machine learning approaches to choose which may be best for a given situation.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students were introduced to three different types of machine learning and labeled them. In grade 4, students explain three different machine learning approaches. In grade 5, students will compare the three types of machine learning.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Explain three different machine learning approaches (supervised learning, unsupervised learning and reinforcement learning).

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- List problems Artificial Intelligence (AI) could encounter.
- Decipher which machine learning would work best to discover AI limitations.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Machine Learning is the study of computer algorithms that improve automatically through experience. Applications range from data-mining programs that discover general rules in large data sets to information filtering systems that automatically learn users' interests.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
There are different types of machine learning.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*
1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
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**AI.ML.4.b** Explain how machine learning can create a bias to understand how computers can be biased.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students learned about the concept of bias in machine learning. In grade 4, students explain how machine learning can create a bias. In grade 5, students will describe how an algorithm can affect machine learning and how humans can introduce bias into algorithms for machine learning.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Explain how machine learning can create a bias.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Give examples of how computers using machine learning can create bias.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Data sets are formed from input from sensors.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Input in machine learning can be biased based on the identified data set.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

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**AI.ML.4.c** Describe tasks where AI outperforms human tasks and when it does not to describe how humans rely on AI.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 3, students identified tasks that use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to perform human tasks. In grade 4, students describe tasks where AI outperforms human tasks. In grade 5, students will describe tasks where AI outperforms humans and where it does not. Then propose ways AI could perform human tasks.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Students discover AI and its growth and change as it improves and outperforms humans.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- List ways humans depend on AI for everyday tasks.
- Compare and contrast tasks humans and AI each do better.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
AI can perform tasks that humans once did. As AI grows, it can take over more human tasks like self-driving cars.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
AI is a growing field that can replicate some human tasks. AI takes a long time to develop and is not perfect.

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**AI.NI.4.a** Use AI systems that are designed to be inclusive and describe how they affect the humans who use them.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 3 students located Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems to help everyone have equal access. In grade 4, students use AI systems that are designed to be inclusive and describe how they affect humans. In grade 5, students will describe ways that AI can be used for inclusivity.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- List ways AI can be used for inclusivity and how it can affect humans.

#### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES
- List ways humans are barred from accessing technology, such as physical needs, community needs, etc.
- List ways technology can help humans to explain how AI can be used for inclusivity.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Accessible design is a design process in which the needs of people with disabilities are specifically considered. Accessibility sometimes refers to the characteristic that products, services and facilities can be independently used by people with a variety of disabilities.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
Humans can be barred from technology for a variety of reasons. AI can assist in making technology accessible to all.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*
1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.
2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.
3. Create modules and develop points of interaction that can apply to multiple situations and reduce complexity.
4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 4, students gave examples of bias and how it affects decision-making. In grade 6, students will identify and explain how humans have agency in curating training data sets to identify bias in machine learning.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Data input for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it creates bias.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Explore the various types of bias based on data sets.
- Give examples of bias found in machine learning including sample bias, exclusion bias, recall bias, observer bias, racial bias and association bias.
- Explore bias in advertising based on Big Data, Netflix, TikTok and YouTube, and make recommendations to defend how data is used to create biased recommendations.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
The type of bias can affect the outcome of AI.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Bias in data input can have negative consequences.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*
### Strand | Artificial Intelligence
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**Topic** | Perception

| **Expectations for Learning** | **LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students moved from intelligent agents as a form of perception to how computers perceive the world compared to humans. In grade 4, students give examples of computer perception. In grade 5, students will demonstrate the limitations of how computers interact with humans.

| **IMPORTANT CONCEPTS** | • Give examples of computer perception to demonstrate how computer input can create biased output.

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Computers only know what we tell them through data input.

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**AI.P.4.a** Describe the difference between analog and digital signals to understand their uses.

**AI.P.4.b** Give examples of computer perception to understand how it is affected by the environment.
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 3, students created a classification system to see how computers think. In grade 4, students create a classification system using a tree structure. In grade 5, they will create a tree structure to demonstrate binary solutions.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Create a flowchart using binary solutions to make a decision.

#### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES
- Use a flowchart to show the decision-making process.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Decision trees help Artificial Intelligence (AI) make decisions through machine learning.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
Decision trees in artificial intelligence are used to arrive at conclusions based on the data available from decisions made in the past.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, taking into account key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression, or to address a societal issue.
3. Modify an existing artifact to improve or customize it.
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students were introduced to the idea of reasonable answers with Artificial Intelligence (AI). In grade 4, students describe how AI represents knowledge to make a reasonable answer. In grade 5, students will describe how AI knowledge supports reasonable answers.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- AI tries to give a reasonable answer based on the input.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Create scenarios that challenge the AI to provide an unreasonable answer.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students determine what qualities make an answer reasonable. Students differentiate between different data sets to find a reasonable answer.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
AI is complex and must make many decisions to differentiate between multiple meanings.

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**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Bias can affect decision-making.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Give examples of bias to demonstrate how it affects humans and machines based on algorithms used.

**Content Elaborations**

**Clarifications**
Bias is a human trait and it has consequences.

**Content Focus**
Bias is a way humans make quick decisions; these decisions have consequences.

**Computer Science Practices**
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**IC.Cu.4.a** List examples of computing technologies that have changed the global community to express how those technologies influence and are influenced by cultural practice.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students identified the impact technology has on everyday life in the local community.
In grade 4, students recognize the impact of technology on the global community. In grade 5, students will explain how technology has changed everyday life globally.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- People within a local region use technology in various ways.
- Daily life is influenced by the technology within the community.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Identify specific types of technology used in the global community.
- Describe ways that various technology resources impact daily life in a region.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
New computing technology is created, and existing technologies are modified for many reasons, including to increase their benefits, decrease their risks, and meet societal needs. Students explore topics that relate to the history of technology and the changes in the world due to technology. Topics could be based on current news content, such as robotics, wireless internet, mobile computing devices, GPS systems, wearable computing, or ways social media has influenced social and political changes. (CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards, 2017)

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on the impacts of technology in daily life and the influence of cultural practices within the community.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*
1. Include the unique perspective of others and reflect on one’s own perspectives when designing and developing computational products.*
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students identified diverse user needs and how computing devices have features built in to increase accessibility. In grade 4, students identify and anticipate diverse needs and ways to improve devices to make them more accessible to users. In grade 5, students will modify artifacts to meet diverse user needs to increase accessibility.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Users have diverse needs that impact accessibility.
- Computing devices have built-in features to increase accessibility.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Locate and use built-in features to increase accessibility.
- Identify the diverse needs of users.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Anticipating the needs and wants of diverse end-users requires students to purposefully consider potential perspectives of users with different backgrounds, ability levels, points of view and disabilities. Examples of built-in features to increase accessibility include voice command, text-to-speech and magnify text. (CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards, 2017)

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on identifying the diverse needs of users to increase accessibility.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
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- 2. Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.
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**IC.SI.4.a** Collaborate and consider diverse perspectives to improve digital artifacts.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students collaborated through feedback and reflection to improve a digital artifact and begin to explore how diverse perspectives improve digital artifacts. In grade 4, students collaborate with others to share the workload, increase diverse perspectives and improve a digital artifact. In grade 5, students will collaborate with others outside of the classroom to share the workload, increase diverse perspectives and improve the artifact.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Collaborating with peers to include diverse perspectives can improve digital artifacts.
- Reflecting on feedback from others can improve digital artifacts.
- Providing feedback to others can help them improve the quality of their work.
- Sharing the workload with peers can increase productivity and improve the quality of artifacts.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Leave thoughtful feedback for peers that will help improve their digital artifacts.
- Reflect on feedback from peers to improve digital artifacts.
- Work with a partner or group to produce a digital artifact.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Teachers can support students to leave thoughtful feedback through modeling this process. Teachers should conduct whole group discussions after students have left feedback to determine if the feedback was productive. As students collaborate, they should begin to understand that group members take on agreed-upon roles to share the workload.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on collaborating as a group to produce digital artifacts. Students begin to understand that feedback can be provided to improve artifacts during the creation process.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*

1. Cultivate working relationships with individuals possessing diverse perspectives, skills and personalities.
2. Create team norms, expectations and equitable workloads to increase efficiency and effectiveness.
3. Solicit and incorporate feedback from and provide constructive feedback to team members and other stakeholders.
4. Evaluate and select technological tools that can be used to collaborate on a project.
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**IC.SLE.4.a** Use public domain or Creative Commons media, and refrain from copying or using material created by others without permission.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students were introduced to the concept that some resources can be shared (e.g., public domain, Creative Commons), while others must be used only with proper citations or permission.
In grade 4, students are introduced to formal procedures used when sharing materials. Students will be expected to identify the type of source and give credit to the source. In grade 5, students will apply proper procedures when giving credit to a source.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Certain resources can be shared freely; some resources can be shared with proper citation and others can only be shared with permission from the creator.
- Sources can be cited formally or informally to give credit for the use of these materials.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Determine whether a source can or cannot be used freely.
- Informally site sources.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Ethical complications arise from the opportunities provided by computing. The ease of sending and receiving copies of media on the internet (e.g., video, photos, music) creates the opportunity for unauthorized use, such as online piracy, and disregard of copyrights. Students should consider the licenses on computational artifacts that they wish to use. For example, the license on a downloaded image or audio file may have restrictions that prohibit modification, require attribution, or prohibit use entirely. (CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards, 2017)

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on recognizing that some resources are public domain and can be used freely and other materials need to be cited properly.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*
  3. Articulate ideas responsibly by observing intellectual property rights and giving appropriate attribution.
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**IC.SLE.4.b** Explain why information should be shared or kept private to protect student identity.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students learned the importance of keeping personal information secure. In grade 4, students start to make distinctions between what information should be shared and what information should be kept private. In grade 5, students will begin to consider the effects of sharing private information.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- For safety and security, personal information should be kept private.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Determine whether information should or should not be shared.
- Recognize that keeping information private protects your identity.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Examples of information to be kept private are first and last name, birthday, addresses, phone numbers or other personal identifiers. Students should also understand that they should not share the personal information of others.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on knowing why some information can be shared and some should be kept private.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*

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**IC.SLE.4.c** Communicate the importance of protecting one’s own digital footprint.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 3, students were exposed to the vocabulary relating to information security and formed a basic understanding of a digital footprint. In grade 4, students consider how their current online behavior affects their digital footprint. In grade 5, students will expand on the subject by further examining their online behaviors and how they affect others.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Students already have a digital footprint and continue to add to it with online behavior.
- Sites that students are currently using are storing personal information.
- Sites that collect digital information store personal information for an infinite amount of time.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- List examples of what would be included in a personal digital footprint.
- Give examples of personal information that is appropriate to share.
- Determine the impact of contributions to your digital footprint.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students should begin to consider their own digital footprint and have discussions about the specific impacts of sharing different types of content on one's digital footprint.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on considering specific examples of safe practices regarding online sharing and having students consider their own online actions.

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**IC.SLE.4.d** Describe tradeoffs between allowing information to be public and keeping information private and secure.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 3, students will learn about what information should be shared and how to keep their information secure. In grade 4, students are introduced to the idea that there are tradeoffs between allowing information to be public versus keeping information private. In grade 5, students will learn about their digital footprint.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Students understand personally identifiable information (PII).
- Students should know steps to keeping personally identifiable information (PII) secure.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- List examples of personally identifiable information (PII).
- Explain the dangers of sharing personally identifiable information.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Student discussions should focus on examples of personally identifiable information and how to keep personal information, both private and public, safe online.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students to be able to effectively manage their digital identities. Students should understand that online information does not go away and that information online can affect the students' real lives, even in future years.

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| **IC.SLE.4.e** Explain the effect of cyber bullying and who to tell if this is happening. | **Expectations for Learning**
In grade 4, students learn what cyberbullying is and what to do if they feel threatened online. In grade 5, students will learn about the forms of cyberbullying and strategies to use to stop this type of behavior.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Define cyberbullying.
- List the effects of cyberbullying.
- Know what to do if anyone is being cyberbullied.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Define the term cyberbully.
- Categorize the effects of cyberbullies on individuals and the online community.
- Create a plan for who to contact if you or someone else is being bullied in person or online.

**Content Elaborations**
A bully is a person that habitually seeks to intimidate or otherwise harm others. Similarly, a cyberbully seeks to harm others using communications through the Internet. Understanding the effects of cyberbullying and knowing what is appropriate versus inappropriate online behavior can help students how to handle situations of cyberbullying when it happens to them or someone else.

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Cyberbullying can occur during gaming; social media activities or any other time people interact on the computer. Knowing when to alert adults to online activities are skills all students should know and have when working online. There are many federal and state resources available online and are great resources for teachers.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 4, students developed their understanding of what external components are used to share information. In grade 5, students develop their understanding of the internal parts of the computer and how they play a role in the computer system. In grade 6, students will apply knowledge to identify the benefits and limitations of devices.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Different internal parts of a computer have different purposes.
- Each internal component has a different function in a computer system.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Identify key internal components (i.e., parts) such as RAM, hard drive, CPU, motherboard, etc.
- Describe the function of each of the key internal components.
- Describe the internal components of the selected device.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Internal components (i.e., parts) at this grade level focus on RAM, hard drive, CPU and the motherboard. Students do not need to have an in-depth understanding of these.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus should be on students understanding the role major internal components (i.e., parts) play in a computing system. Unlike external components which are not all needed for a device to function, internal components are critical to the device running properly.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*

4. Evaluate and select technological tools that can be used to collaborate on a project.
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### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In grade 4, students continued to select learning tools/devices and used them to aid in planning, implementing and reflecting on given tasks. In grade 5, students use and evaluate the digital learning tools and devices they’ve chosen and consider the planning, implementation and reflection across curricular areas. In grade 6, students will look at the ways hardware and software components come together in a computer system to complete a task.

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Software and hardware need to be chosen and evaluated to ensure they support the task.
- Learning tools should be used for planning, implementing and reflecting across curricular areas.

### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Verbally evaluate the tools and devices chosen to accomplish tasks for their usefulness in planning, implementing and reflecting.
- Use and verbally evaluate tools across curricular areas.

## Content Elaborations

### CLARIFICATIONS

Students should recognize if the tool or device they have chosen is appropriate for the task. For example, if the assignment is to make a presentation, a word processing program would not be the best selection.

Tasks should be cross-curricular (i.e., blending math, science and computer science, or tasks that require an analysis of data from science or social studies).

### CONTENT FOCUS

The focus is on students using and evaluating tools in cross-curricular tasks.

### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*

4. Evaluate and select technological tools that can be used to collaborate on a project.*
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**CS.T.5.a** Diagnose problems and develop strategies to resolve technology issues.

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## Expectations for Learning

### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In grade 4, students described how information is broken apart, sent, and received over the internet. In grade 5, students demonstrate how information is broken apart, sent and reassembled when received over the internet. In grade 6, students will explore the protocols (i.e., rules) in transmitting data across the internet.

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Manipulating a URL (i.e., web address) can change what information is accessed.
- Information is broken into packets (i.e., parts) at the sending point and reassembled at the receiving point.
- Information is sent to specific places based on web addresses.

### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Modify a URL (i.e., web address) to access the content.
- Demonstrate what occurs when a URL is modified.
- Use a metaphorical example to describe how information is broken down into parts and reassembled.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Students begin manipulating a URL to access desired information within a site. Students begin using applications to shorten web addresses for ease of access.

An example of a metaphorical connection that students could make to describe how information is transmitted would be a roller coaster ride. The track could be seen as the internet connection and the cars, and the people are the information traveling through the connection.

#### CONTENT FOCUS

The focus is on students modifying a URL, or web address, to reach a specific site and describing how the modification impacts the information accessed. Students model how information is transmitted.
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*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

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**NI.N.5.b** Apply knowledge of network addresses, names and rules (i.e., protocols) to discuss real-world scenarios.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In grade 4, students described how different naming techniques are related to the type of information accessed. In grade 5, students apply this knowledge by interacting with networks appropriately and apply these concepts to real-world scenarios. In grade 6, students will continue to apply this knowledge to more advanced concepts of networks.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Information is broken into parts and reassembled at the endpoint.
- The endpoint is identified by an IP address.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Use knowledge of top-level naming rules (.com, .edu, .gov) as it relates to the reliability of information.
- Explain the fundamental workings of the internet using appropriate terminology (e.g., packets, IP address).

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Students need to explain the steps required to transmit information over the internet. Students should explain that information is broken into packets, transmitted to another place identified by an IP address and reassembled at the end site, similar to a puzzle being taken apart, given to other people, and assembled somewhere else. The IP address serves as the location where information is sent like a mailing address and a letter. No discussion on IP address components (i.e., parts) is needed at this level.

#### CONTENT FOCUS

The focus is on explaining the fundamental workings of the internet.

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**NI.C.5.a** Demonstrate password creation techniques to develop and use a strong password used on personal accounts.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 4, students described personal information and how passwords are used to protect that information. In grade 5, students create, implement, and store secure passwords to protect personal information. In grade 6, students will understand the concerns that information needs to be protected.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Students demonstrate password creation techniques.
- Apply personally created passwords to personal accounts.
- Protection techniques of passwords for personal accounts.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Create secure passwords utilizing password creation techniques.
- Build a strong password using password creation techniques.
- Apply password protection techniques.

#### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Explain alpha-numeric, symbols and non-dictionary words. Use alpha-numeric, symbols and non-dictionary words to build a secure password. Students often misuse password storage techniques. They need to understand the difference of using an online password storage system, saving passwords on the computer, writing down passwords or remembering them and the benefits of types of passwords and storage techniques.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
The focus is on students building strong, secure passwords using password creation techniques and protecting passwords using different protection techniques.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*
1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
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**NI.C.5.b** Explore and utilize safe online services such as web, email, video, gaming, cloud services and network attached storage devices.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 4, students describe the effects of malicious content. In grade 5, students analyze the use of online services. In grade 6, students will recognize the effects of malicious content and other online threats.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Students utilize online services such as web, email, video, gaming, networked drives and cloud services.
- There are appropriate levels of information sharing appropriate to different online services.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Understand the use of devices and software in connected environments.
- Explore the use of different tools and uses of computing systems.
- Explore the need for security for these systems.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students should understand that using websites, email, video gaming, cloud services and networked drives adds to the need for security practices.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Explore and experiment with different uses of devices, software and connected systems. Students should discuss the information each of these systems stores and what they share with other systems. Students should also understand how the information in the systems is secured.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*

- 4. Evaluate and select technological tools that can be used to collaborate on a project.

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

- 2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.
- 3. Modify an existing artifact to improve or customize it. 

**C.5.b** Explore and utilize various online services such as web, email, video, gaming, Cloud Services and networked drives.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 4, students recognize how smart and intelligent devices communicate over the internet and see how network communication can be traced. In grade 5, students explore how information is transmitted over the internet and identify the risks and benefits of using the internet. In grade 6, students will define the term blockchain to recognize how every bit of information shared over networks is personally identifiable. They will similarly explore the weaknesses in networks that allow programmers, both legitimate and illegitimate, to access that personal information.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- There are benefits and risks to using devices connected to the internet.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Model and engage in safety practices while using the internet to reduce and avoid risks.
- Explain how information is transmitted over the internet in packets.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Explain how data is transmitted across the Internet, and that anyone is allowed to look at it. Discuss that the act of sending information implies that the sender is giving permission for anyone who can see the data stream to examine its contents.

Explore methods that students can implement to reduce the risk of data theft.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Apply the knowledge of networks to assess the risk factors, benefits and convenience when using smart devices.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

3. Articulate ideas responsibly by observing intellectual property rights and giving appropriate attribution.
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**DA.DCS.5.a** Gather and organize multiple quantitative data elements using a tool to perform various tasks.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 4, students built upon the use of tools from grade 3 to collect data from multiple sources within a singular topic over time. In grade 5, students begin to select appropriate tools to collect data from multiple sources within a singular topic over time. In grade 6, students will begin to evaluate the validity of data collection tools.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Keeping an organized record of data from multiple sources, over time, is critical to analyzing data.
- Different tools are used to collect different types of data.
- Tools impact the accuracy of data.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Select and use appropriate tools to collect and organize data.
- Maintain accurate data from multiple sources, using multiple tools, within a singular topic over a period of time.
- Collect data from multiple sources within a singular topic, by making repeated observations over time.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Tools that may be explored are digital thermometers, GPS sensors, calculators, scales, digital forms (survey tools), length measurement tools, a stopwatch, etc. Data can be organized by using various digital and non-digital tables and charts. Digital organizational resources could include spreadsheets, online graphing programs, etc. An example of collecting data from multiple sources within a singular topic could be collecting the height of students in three different classes throughout the school year. Students should select the most appropriate tool for data collection. Students could choose between an online form, table or simple document.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
The focus is on students selecting an appropriate data collection tool to improve the accuracy of data.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
## Strand: Data and Analysis

### Topic: Data Collection and Storage

#### Career Connections

**CAREER AWARENESS**

With guidance, students will compare quantitative job data (such as salary and number of yearly job openings) using the OhioMeansJobs Career Cluster tool and create an artifact to display the data. Students draw conclusions from that data and present their findings.

#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 4, students began to gain an understanding that different file types may require different storage. In grade 5, students discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different file types. In grade 6, students will make choices about their file formats to organize data.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Different file types can be different sizes.
- Different file types have different purposes.
- How data is stored impacts accessibility.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Store data as a specific file type.
- Locate and retrieve data on a computing device (i.e., computer).
- Consider file size when sharing and saving data.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Examples of file types would be image (i.e., .jpg, .png, .gif, .bmp), document (e.g., .doc, .docx, .pages, .txt), multi-media (e.g., .mov, .mp4, .wmb) and presentation (e.g., .ppt, .pptx, .key). For example, when creating a presentation, use slides instead of a document.

Examples of data storage could include saving to a device, local network or the cloud. An example of file size impacting storage is the inability to download an app on a tablet due to lack of storage.

Accessibility refers to the ability to retrieve data. Students should understand that data saved to a device will not be accessible without that same device. Accessibility also refers to the ability to open file formats on different devices.
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 4, students interpreted data in self-created graphs to present insights. In grade 5, students use graphs created to highlight and support a claim they have made. In grade 6, students will look for patterns and communicate relationships between data sets.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Data from a graph can be used to gain insights or solve a problem.
- The way data is interpreted and highlighted from a graph can support or disprove a claim.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Record data, with several categories, on a scaled bar graph or picture graph.
- Determine the appropriate scale for data given.
- Interpret and answer questions regarding data presented in a bar or picture graph.
- Use a visual representation of data (e.g., picture/bar graph, line plot) to support a claim.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
An important concept for students to begin to understand is that a scale is chosen based on the data available. Students should begin understanding that data is used to solve problems. For example, if many people report they do not recycle due to lack of recycling bins, we can conclude that providing recycling bins to people will increase recycling and improve the environment.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
The focus is on students using a representation of data they have created to support a claim they have made.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*
1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
## Data and Analysis

### Inference and Modeling

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**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Sample size affects outcomes.
- Trends can be found by analyzing data sets.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Use data to highlight or propose cause and effect relationships Predict outcomes using a data set.
- Manipulate data and explain outcomes.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students explain patterns in data and identify missing values. They begin to manipulate data and reflect on how the quantity of data affects outcomes. Students will use software tools, such as spreadsheets to manipulate the quantity of data and reflect on changes that occur.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students identifying patterns in data to find missing values. They predict outcomes to continue patterns. They manipulate the quantity of data and reflect on changes that occur.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*
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### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 4, students refined an algorithm to accomplish a given task. In grade 5, students compare and refine algorithms with a focus on the result. In grade 6, students will evaluate a multi-step process to diagram the proper steps to find the most efficient solution.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- An algorithm is a series of steps to complete a process or task.
- Once algorithms are created and written, they need to be tested and possibly revised based on the results.
- Pseudocode and flowcharts can be used to create and modify an algorithm.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Utilize logical patterns of progression within an algorithm to modify and refine the algorithm to efficiently accomplish a given task.
- Utilize pseudocode and flow charts to assist with communicating, creating and modifying an algorithm to accomplish a given task.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will utilize processes of computational thinking (i.e., logical thought) to sort through, identify errors, and modify algorithms. They will need to utilize communication techniques (i.e., pseudocode, flowcharts) to document the potential errors and solutions.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students determining the necessity of decomposition, abstraction, modification and reassembly of the algorithm with an emphasis on the resulting algorithm. Students should utilize communication strategies to further refine their algorithms.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*
  2. Decompose real-world problems.
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**ATP.VDR.5.a** Create a variable, a placeholder for storing a value, to understand how it is used in a multi-step process (i.e., algorithm).

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 4, students expanded on defining and identifying variables. In grade 5, students create variables to store and modify data. In grade 6, students will identify unknown values that need to be represented by a variable within a multi-step process.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Variables are placeholders for values that can be used in an algorithm.
- Data can be stored in the variable.
- Variables can represent multiple pieces of information from multiple lines.
- Coding language places the variable at the front of the algorithm.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Use logical variable representations (i.e., letter or symbol).
- Write or edit an algorithm that substitutes a variable for a value.
- Edit the variable to show how it changes the algorithm’s result.
- Determine if a variable is needed within an algorithm.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Symbols such as letters are used in programming to hold values. Students need to learn that the syntax (i.e., the order of symbols in the equation) may impact the success of a program. Students can explore what happens when the data stored in a variable is changed. For example, using a repetitive nursery rhyme (e.g., Five Little Monkeys), students can create a variable to change the number of monkeys. Here, the changing value is the number of monkeys.

Students are not expected to only use the formal terms of "variable" and "algorithm."

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on students being able to define and identify variables as symbols such as letters and understand how they are used in algorithms to store data. Students should begin using variables within equations. Students should explore how variables store data and modify equations.

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AATP.CS.5.a Create a program using sequences, events, loops and conditionals to solve a problem.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 4, students refined their programming skills using established structures, such as loops and conditionals. In grade 5, students apply these new skills in increasingly complex ways and will continue to refine these to work towards programming efficiency. In grade 6, students will identify decisions and loops in programs to solve problems.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Loops are statements that repeat and make programming more efficient for the computer and the programmer.
- Conditionals are typically in the form of "if/then" statements and enable the program to follow different paths.
- Events are structures that programmers can use to explain how the program will react when the user interacts.
- Proper sequencing of steps within the program ensures efficiency.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Insert a loop in a program to avoid typing a command several times.
- Insert a conditional in a program to make the program more powerful by creating several paths (if/then or if/then/else).
- Create an event in the format "When (action), then (result) occurs".
- Diagram the flow of a program to demonstrate the sequence of its events and products.
- Combine statements within other statements (nesting) to make compound statements.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Loops can occur in programming by having the robot or pen repeat a motion several times, such as going forward ten paces and then turning thirty degrees. In an algorithm, students can program to have a number added several times.

Conditionals occur in a program by inserting a command to complete when a condition is met. For instance, if a condition states "If n=5," when the value n=5 is achieved, then the program will execute the command given.
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 4, students modified and elaborated the portions of code used in their programs. In grade 5, students use portions of code to develop something new based on a given problem. In grade 6, students will be able to identify the parts of the program they designed.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Smaller portions of code should be grouped so the result will complete a task. These small portions should accomplish a task from start to finish independently of any other sections of code. These sections of code can then be reused to create a new program to solve a problem.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Break down steps into repeatable chunks.
- Use chunks to repeat steps to accomplish a given task.
- Create a program using chunked code.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Chunks of code can be grouped, named, and used as a module (method, class, function) to build a new or modified version of a program (i.e., grouping a set of code used to accomplish the task of climbing stairs into a module that can be used anytime stairs need to be climbed).

#### CONTENT FOCUS
The focus is on students using chunks of code (i.e., modules), repeating and reorganizing them to create a new program to solve a different problem.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

- **Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems**
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**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on designing a program that can solve a problem with 3 or more steps and incorporating the preferences of the end-user.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*
1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.

**AI.ML.5.a** Compare three different machine learning approaches to solve a problem.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 4, students explained three types of machine learning. In grade 5, students compare three different machine learning approaches to solve a problem. In grade 6, students will contrast the unique characteristics of human learning with the ways machine learning systems operate to identify the limitations of machine learning.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Compare how the machine learning approaches would look for a given problem.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Give problems Artificial Intelligence (AI) encounter and which machine learning might work best to see the limitations of AI.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Machine Learning is the study of computer algorithms that improve automatically through experience. Applications range from data-mining programs that discover general rules in large data sets to information filtering systems that automatically learn users' interests.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Different types of machine learning can produce different outcomes.
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**AI.ML.5.b.** Describe how algorithms and machine learning can exhibit biases to be aware of how humans introduce bias into algorithms and machine learning.

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 4, students explained how machine learning can create a bias. In grade 5, students describe how algorithms and machine learning can exhibit biases. In grade 6, students will contrast the unique characteristics of human learning with the ways machine learning systems operate to identify the limitations of machine learning.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Algorithms created by humans create biases in machine learning.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Give examples of bias (sample bias, exclusion, bias, recall bias, observer bias, racial bias, association bias, etc.) found in machine learning to see how computers can create a bias.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Algorithmic bias describes systematic and repeatable errors in a computer system that create unfair outcomes, such as privileging one arbitrary group of users over others.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Humans create algorithms that machines use to learn. These algorithms can be unintentionally biased.

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**AI.ML.5.c** Describe tasks where AI outperforms human tasks and when it does not and propose possible ways to have AI perform more human tasks.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 4, students described tasks where Artificial Intelligence (AI) outperforms humans’ tasks and when it does not.

In grade 5, students describe tasks where AI does and does not outperform human tasks.

In grade 6, students will individually and collaboratively compare language-processing algorithms to solve a problem based on given criteria.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- List tasks AI performs that are better or worse than the performance of a human.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Research a specific type of AI and follow its history, for example, self-driving cars.
- List the pros and cons of that AI to show how it can outperform human tasks.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

AI can perform tasks that humans once did. As AI grows, it can take over more human tasks like driving cars.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

AI takes time to develop and as it improves it can take over more human tasks like driving.

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**AI.NI.5.a** Describe ways that AI systems can be designed to support inclusivity.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 4, students used Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems designed to be inclusive and learned how it affects the humans that use them. In grade 5, students describe ways that AI systems can be designed for inclusivity.

In grade 6, students will illustrate the structure of a neural network to describe how its parts form a set of functions that compute an output.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Research design processes.
- Explain why AI is designed for inclusivity.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Use the design process to create an inclusive software or hardware prototype to model how humans research to create inclusive design.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

AI has to be designed with the end-user in mind, including those with special needs.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

AI can assist in helping everyone to be included.

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**Ai.P.5.a** Describe how sensor inputs are converted as analog or digital signals to describe their uses.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 4, students described the differences between analog and digital sensors. In grade 5, students describe how sensor inputs are converted as analog or digital signals. In grade 6, students will give examples of computer perception that can extract meaning and how humans combine information from multiple modalities to understand how computers use sensors.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Describe the uses of different sensors (analog and digital).

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Identify that computers take the input from sensors in different ways to describe how that input can be used.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Recognize various uses of analog and digital sensors.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on the two basic ways sensors gather data and the uses of different sensors.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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### Learning Progression

- In grade 4, students gave examples of how computer perception is affected by the environment.
- In grade 5, students demonstrate a limitation of computer perception to understand how computers interact with humans. In grade 6, students will give examples of computer perception that can extract meaning and how humans combine information from multiple modalities.

### Important Concepts
- List the limitations of current computer perception.

### Key Skills/Procedures
- Demonstrate the limitations of computer perception using data to show that limited data can affect how humans and computers interact.

### Content Elaborations

#### Clarifications
- Computers only know what we tell them through data input.

#### Content Focus
- Data can show a bias.

#### Computer Science Practices

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

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| **AI.RR.5.a** Create a classification system using a tree structure to demonstrate binary solutions. | **Expectations for Learning** |
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 4, students created a classification system to understand binary solutions. In grade 5, students create a classification system using a tree structure to demonstrate binary solutions. In grade 6, students will illustrate how a computer can solve a maze, create a route on a map or reason about concepts in a knowledge graph by drawing a search tree.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Creating decision trees with binary choices.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Use a flowchart to show the decision-making process.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Decision trees help Artificial Intelligence make decisions through machine learning. For more information, see quantum computing.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Decision trees in artificial intelligence are used to arrive at conclusions based on the data available from decisions made in the past.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
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3. Modify an existing artifact to improve or customize it.
### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 4, students were describing how Artificial Intelligence (AI) knowledge is used to make a reasonable answer. In grade 5, students describe how AI representations support reasoning to answer questions. In grade 6, students will illustrate how a computer can solve a maze, create a route on a map or reason about concepts in a knowledge graph by drawing a search tree.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- AI tries to give a reasonable answer based on the input.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Create a data set that would have AI bring back a reasonable answer.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Train an AI to give a reasonable answer.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
AI is complex and has to make lots of decisions to differentiate between multiple meanings.

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### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 4, students gave examples of bias and how it affects decision-making. In grade 5, students explore how data is influenced by bias. In grade 6, students will identify and explain how humans have agency in curating training data sets to identify bias in machine learning.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Data input for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it creates bias.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Explore the various types of bias based on data sets.
- Give examples of bias (sample bias, exclusion bias, recall bias, observer bias, racial bias or association bias) found in machine learning.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

The type of bias can affect the outcome of AI. For example, advertising based on corporate data pools, streaming services and social media.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Bias in data input can have negative consequences.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 4, students continued with guided questions that assisted them in debugging their program. In grade 5, students become less dependent upon guided questions and begin to debug more complex programs. In grade 6, students will modify and fix their own errors in a block-based environment and will begin the debugging process in a text-based environment.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- A computer bug is a series of commands that do not properly interact with each other and causes interruptions in the program execution (i.e., error in the program).
- To "debug" is to find the error within a program and then apply an appropriate fix.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Identify errors in a program.
- Apply a fix to errors in a program.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

If a program will not execute properly, programmers often refer to the issue as the program "breaks" or the program has a "bug" error. "Debugging" a program refers to scanning through the program code to find the error in the commands and then correcting or repairing that programming code.

Guided questions are questions that prompt the programmer to think more about their error and problem solve potential solutions without being given the answer.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on locating errors in a block-based environment program and determining solutions and applying the fix.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

- 2. Identify and fix errors using a systematic process.
IC.Cu.5.a Explain how computing technologies have changed the global community and express how those technologies influence and are influenced by cultural practices.

Expectations for Learning

LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 4, students recognized the impact of technology on the global community. In grade 5, students explain how technology has changed everyday life globally. In grade 6, students will develop a better understanding of how we connect to people around the world.

IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- People within a region use technology in various ways.
- Daily life is influenced by the technology within the community.

KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Identify specific types of technology used globally.
- Describe ways that various technology resources impact daily life.
- Compare and contrast the use of technology and the impacts it has on different communities.

Content Elaborations

CLARIFICATIONS
New computing technology is created, and existing technologies are modified for many reasons, including to increase their benefits, decrease their risks, and meet societal needs. Students explore topics that relate to the history of technology and the changes in the world due to technology. Topics could be based on current news content, such as robotics, wireless internet, mobile computing devices, GPS systems, wearable computing or ways social media has influenced social and political changes. (CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards, 2017)

Students should begin to realize that the effects of technology on their community or region are not necessarily the same as the effects on other communities or regions. For example, one community may be experiencing the effects of having clean energy (e.g., solar power, wind power), whereas another community may not have the same experience.

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 4, students identified and anticipated diverse needs and ways to improve devices to make them more accessible to users. In grade 5, students are modifying artifacts to meet diverse user needs to increase accessibility. In grade 6, students will identify issues of bias and accessibility in the design of existing technologies to address equality and equity in society.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Users have diverse needs that impact accessibility.
- Computing devices have built-in features to increase accessibility for all users.
- Artifacts can be modified to increase accessibility for diverse users.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Locate and use built-in features to increase accessibility.
- Identify the diverse needs of users.
- Modify artifacts to meet diverse needs and to increase accessibility.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students may consider using both speech and text when they wish to convey information in a game. They may also wish to vary the types of programs they create, knowing that not everyone shares their tastes. (CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards, 2017)

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on the diverse needs of users, the impact needs have on accessibility, and the modification of artifacts to improve accessibility.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 1 Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*
1. Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.
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| In grade 4, students collaborated with others to share the workload, increase diverse perspectives, and improve the artifact. In grade 5, students collaborate with others outside of the classroom to share the workload, increase diverse perspectives and improve the artifact. In grade 6, students will analyze and present the beneficial and harmful effects of communicating using technology. They will begin to examine their impacts on the global, economic, political, business and cultural interactions. | • Collaborating with peers to include diverse perspectives can improve digital artifacts.  
• Reflecting on feedback from others can improve digital artifacts.  
• Providing feedback to others can help them improve the quality of their work.  
• Collaborating with others outside of the classroom can provide a different cultural aspect.  
• People use technology to work together remotely (i.e., in different buildings, cities, states, countries). |
| **KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES** | **Content Elaborations** |
| • Leave thoughtful feedback for peers that will help improve their digital artifacts.  
• Reflect on feedback from peers to improve digital artifacts.  
• Collaborate with others digitally (i.e., different buildings, cities, states, countries), to improve an artifact. | **CLARIFICATIONS** |
<p>| Seeking feedback from people from diverse backgrounds and geographical areas can provide insights for improving a project. | Students can collaborate digitally through various means, such as online video chats, online word processing programs, surveys or forms and social networking sites. |
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*

1. Cultivate working relationships with individuals possessing diverse perspectives, skills and personalities.
2. Create team norms, expectations, and equitable workloads to increase efficiency and effectiveness.
3. Solicit and incorporate feedback from and provide constructive feedback to team members and other stakeholders.
4. Evaluate and select technological tools that can be used to collaborate on a project.
### Impact of Computing

#### Topic: Safety, Law and Ethics

| IC.SLE.5.a | Use public domain or Creative Commons media, and refrain from copying or using material created by others without permission. |

#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 4, students were introduced to more formal terminology used when evaluating the sharing of resources. Students identified the type of source and give credit to the source. In grade 5, students apply proper procedures when giving credit to a source. In grade 6, students will be exposed to a broader range of resources that must be given proper credit.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Certain resources can be shared freely; some resources can be shared with proper citation and others can only be shared with permission from the creator.
- Sources must be cited formally to give credit for the use of materials.
- Citations should consider copyright, Creative Commons, fair use, open-source, etc.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Determine whether a source can or cannot be used freely.
- Use proper format to cite online sources.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Ethical complications arise from the opportunities provided by computing. The ease of sending and receiving copies of media on the internet (e.g., video, photos, music) creates the opportunity for unauthorized use, such as online piracy and disregard of copyrights. Students should consider the licenses on computational artifacts that they wish to use. For example, the license on a downloaded image or audio file may have restrictions that prohibit modification, require attribution or prohibit use entirely. (CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards, 2017)

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on recognizing that some resources are public domain and can be used freely and other materials need to be cited properly.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*

3. Articulate ideas responsibly by observing intellectual property rights and giving appropriate attribution.
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**IC.SLE.5.b** Communicate the effects of sharing personal information on the safety of student identity to determine how to protect students.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 4, students started to make distinctions between what information should be shared and what information should be kept private. In grade 5, students consider the effects of sharing private information. In grade 6, students should evaluate shareable information in a broader context relating to society.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- For safety and security, personal information should be kept private.
- Sharing personal information could have a positive or negative effect on a person.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Determine whether information should or should not be shared digitally.
- Recognize that keeping information private protects your identity.
- Recognize the consequences of sharing too much personal information online as well as the consequences of sharing others' information.
- Protect the identity of others by protecting their personal information.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Examples of information to be kept private are first and last name, birthday, addresses, phone numbers or other personal identifiers. Students should also understand that they should not share the personal information of others.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on understanding and identifying the consequences of sharing personal information online.

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*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*
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**IC.SLE.5.c** Evaluate the need to keep personal information secure and protect the digital footprint.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 4, students considered how their current online behavior affects their digital footprint. In grade 5, students expand on the subject by further examining their online behaviors and how they affect others. In grade 6, students will describe tradeoffs between allowing information to be public and keeping information private and secure to inform decision-making. In addition, they will consider the effect of third parties on their personal information.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- When information is not shared properly, it can become an issue of ethics, safety and security and have an impact on your digital footprint.
- Ongoing evaluation of one's digital footprint is important.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- List examples of what would be included in your digital footprint and evaluate the security of what is already a part of your footprint.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students should evaluate their digital footprint and consider the security of their online behavior. If needed, students should take steps to secure online information. Students should be able to evaluate the security of personal information shared online. For instance, it might be safe to share only a first name, whereas sharing a first name, last name and birthdate would not be secure or safe.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus is on making personal connections to online security and social media privacy. Students should evaluate their online and social media activity.

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IC.SLE.5.d Analyze different forms of cyberbullying and identity strategies to stop cyberbullying.

**Expectations for Learning**

In grade 4, students learn what a cyberbully is and what to do if they feel threatened online. In grade 5, students will learn about the forms of cyberbullying and strategies to use to stop this type of behavior.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- List the forms of cyberbullying.
- Discuss and practice strategies to stop cyberbullying.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Compare different forms of cyberbullying.
- Identify and practice strategies to stop cyberbullying.

**Content Elaborations**

It is important to understand the different forms of inappropriate online behavior including cyberbullying. The more knowledge students have about the strategies and methods bullies use online, the quicker inappropriate activities can be identified and mitigated.

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Cyberbully tactics include, but are not limited to many different behaviors like the following:

- Posting comments or rumors that are hurtful or embarrassing,
- Threats against themselves or others,
- Pretending to be someone else, and
- Any other form of online harassment.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

1. Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.
2. Employ self- and peer advocacy to address bias in interactions, product design and development methods.
## Grades 6-8

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| CS.D.6.a | Identify the benefits and limitations of a given computing device's functions (including individual components) to explain how the functions and components work together to create the computing system. |

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students learned about the internal components of a computer. By the end of 6th grade, students apply that knowledge to identify the benefits and limitations of devices. In future grades, students will evaluate devices dependent on personal needs.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- There are benefits to the functionality of major hardware and software components of a system.
- Understand how changes in these components will benefit or limit the device.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Explain the limitations and benefits of devices.
- Explain the functionality of a component of a system (hardware/software) and describe its benefits or limitations.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will be able to take a particular device and know what it can or cannot do. For example, connecting a device to Wi-Fi, printing from a device and how much memory a file will take up.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students can determine which computing devices can be used for a particular task or to make every day life easier.

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**CS.HS.6.a** Identify ways that hardware and software work together as a system to collect and exchange data.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students evaluated the digital learning tools and devices they had chosen across curricular areas. By the end of 6th grade, students look at the ways the hardware and software components come together to collect and exchange data. In future grades, students will evaluate hardware and software components to accomplish a task.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Identify functionalities of major hardware and software components of a system.
- Know a basic flow and order of how the data moves through the components.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Evaluate input devices and software to determine which combination(s) will produce a proper outcome based on a request.
- Identify how the data is input, processed and output.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Consider multiple components, such as functionality, cost, size, speed, accessibility and aesthetics, to select the appropriate hardware or software for a given task. Understand how data moves from input to output in a system.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students can determine computing devices and software that should be used to create a product and understand how the data flows through the system.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

1. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students worked to diagnose problems, describe the problem, and develop strategies to resolve technology issues. By the end of 8th grade, students will be able to identify and evaluate problems, determine the best solution and also communicate with others to help them solve those problems. In future grades, students will understand the troubleshooting process to evaluate a pre-determined situation.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Use a basic troubleshooting process.
- Have a working knowledge of computing devices.
- Communicate to others via electronic and/or in-person communication.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Utilize knowledge of computing devices, hardware and software to locate and solve a problem.
- Create a list of possible solutions to implement.
- Evaluate solutions to determine the best one.
- Communicate a solution to others.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
As students gain more experience listing possible solutions, they need to be able to test the solutions and determine the best solution. They also need to learn how to communicate these solutions to others via electronic or in-person communication to help guide others to a solution.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students can identify troubleshooting steps that are key to solving the software/hardware problem. This process involves collaboratively working through the troubleshooting steps.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*
1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.
2. Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.
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**NI.N.6.a** Identify the role of hardware components to understand the infrastructure of networks and the internet (including cloud servers).

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students developed a general knowledge of how information is broken down to be transmitted over a network. By the end of 6th grade, students understand the flow of information across the hardware of the internet. In future grades, students will identify specific hardware components in the infrastructure of the internet.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Devices must be connected to the internet to share information.
- Hardware devices are required to transfer information across the internet.
- Information travels from router to router across the internet.
- Servers retrieve (or store) information.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Explain that the internet is made up of connected devices.
- Explain that data travels through devices to get from one location to another on the internet.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students should understand a simple flow diagram of how information travels from a networked computer across the internet to retrieve information.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will understand that data travels through devices to get from one location to another location on the internet.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

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**NI.N.6.b** Identify protocols (i.e., rules) and explain why they are used to transmit data across networks and the internet.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students developed general knowledge of how information is broken down to be transmitted over a network. By the end of 6th grade, students can identify that protocols are rules that define how data between devices is sent and received. In future grades, students will identify specific protocols.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Devices connected to the internet use protocols.
- Protocols used for websites include http and https (usage not mechanics).

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Identify the purpose of protocols.
- Identify the need for protocols.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students should understand that all devices connected to the internet use protocols.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will understand that hardware combined with software protocols work together to get data from one location to another location on the internet.

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*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*
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**NI.C.6.a** Identify cybersecurity concerns and measures needed to protect electronic information.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students had experience using and creating a password for a personal account. By the end of 6th grade, students understand the concern that electronic information needs to and can be protected. In future grades, students will learn about encryption to protect information.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Personal information is valuable information.
- Social media information is valuable information.
- Information can be protected from theft and manipulation.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Identify personal digital habits that help to protect information.
- Demonstrate software settings to protect information.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will be able to define personal information, such as birthday, address and phone number to explain why it is important that this information is protected (i.e., identify theft). In addition, students will understand what constitutes social media information and explain which information should be shared and which information should remain private.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will understand that there is personal information that should be kept private for security reasons. Students need to realize not all non-private information needs to be shared via social media.

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| **IMPORTANT CONCEPTS** | • Obtain a general understanding of "what is a computer virus?"
• Obtain a general understanding of "what is spyware?" |
<p>| <strong>KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES</strong> | • Describe various computer threats, such as how malware is spread via email. |
| <strong>Content Elaborations</strong> | <strong>CLARIFICATIONS</strong> |
| | At this level, students will be able to define effective strategies used to safeguard their personal information, such as not clicking on links in an email. |
| | <strong>CONTENT FOCUS</strong> |
| | Students will be able to identify simple measures they can use to protect their personal information. |
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| NI.C.6.c Identify ways to protect private information. |

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students had experience using and creating a password for a personal account. By the end of 6th grade, students need to understand private information can be protected by individuals and by software. In future grades, students will have a deeper understanding of how information is protected.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Access rights include but are not limited to reading, writing, renaming and deleting files.
- Software is available to detect and protect information.
- Shared files and privacy filters are safety measures.
- Settings can be accessed to disable options to download and print files.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Access rights as a security measure.
- Identify the advantages and disadvantages of safety measures.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
At this level, students deepen their understanding of security measures to safeguard online information and documents in various file formats. For example, students should be able to share documents on a shared server, understanding specific security settings.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will be able to identify how specific software settings (e.g., public vs. private settings) for files can safeguard their data.

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| **NI.IOT.6.a** | Define and explore aspects of embedded devices, smart devices and intelligent devices and the way they record, observe and mimic human habits. |
| **NI.IOT.6.b** | Identify and define blockchains to recognize how every device made has unique identifiers and the weaknesses that allow programmers and hackers to see personally identifiable information. |

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 5, students gained an understanding of how information is broken into pieces to be transferred over the internet and to use risk/benefit analysis in device utilization. In grade 6 students research and define how different smart/intelligent devices track human activities to record and mimic their habits. In grade 6, students define the term blockchain to recognize how every bit of information shared over networks is personally identifiable. They also explore the weaknesses in networks that allow programmers, both legitimate and illegitimate, to access that personal information. In grade 7, students will be able to explain the positive and negative uses of IoT as it applies to daily life.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Our devices use data collected from our daily habits to personalize our experience (i.e., advertisements, mapping, daily routines).
- Personally identifiable information is gathered and transmitted across networks.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Review the phrase Internet of Things and how it connects to the blockchain.
- Recognize that connections to the internet are key to IoT and these connections can mimic human behavior and respond to input.
- Recognize that devices have unique identifiers that allow programmers to access identifiable information.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Humans interact with the world through our senses: touch, smell, sight, taste and hearing. Sense receptors in the body are constantly receiving information about the world, from the heat of a coffee cup to the smell of flowers, and transmitting it to the brain, where the information is processed. The Internet of Things (IoT) derives its power from technologies that mimic these functions: sensors embedded in devices and internet connections that allow networked devices to gather massive amounts of information and analyze it all for meaning.

All information that is sent and received over the internet is identifiable.

Blockchain is a system of recording information in a way that makes it difficult or impossible to change, hack or cheat the system. A blockchain is essentially a digital ledger of transactions that is duplicated and distributed across the entire network of computer systems on the blockchain.
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**CONTENT FOCUS**

Devices track our habits both online and in the real world to adapt content to cater to our habits to provide a custom personal experience. All information on the network is identifiable and able to be tracked to the originator.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
2. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
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**DA.DCS.6.a** Identify and use an appropriate digital data collection tool to compile information.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students have explored data sets and can define types of data. In 6th grade, students experience collecting data with a specific tool. They develop an understanding that different tools are used to manage specific data. In future grades, students will be able to evaluate the tools that would provide the best solution.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Use different data capturing tools (e.g., electronic survey, digital thermometer, yard sticks, meter sticks).

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Identify and use different types of data collection tools that are available.
- Select and use the appropriate tool to collect different types of data.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students need to experience the difference between the use of tools, such as rulers, yardsticks, meter sticks, thermometers, electronic surveys, phones, computers and tablets.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students can collect data from individual tools or systems.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

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<td>In previous grades, students explored files of different types and were able to differentiate the uses of the various types. By the end of 6th grade, students need to know the type of data and how it is stored and select the appropriate type of file. In future grades, students will be able to determine the limitation of various file types.</td>
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**DA.DCS.6.c** Utilize a file structure to logically organize data to support individual and collaborative work.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In previous grades, students had experience saving files to a school or portable device. By the end of 6th grade, students know how to organize data, save files and access files, including shared files, on different mediums. In future grades, students will provide a more logical structure for storing files.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Files can be shared.
- Documents can be organized in folders and subfolders on a hard drive or cloud.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Utilize procedures for how to share file(s) with others.
- Explain the importance of files being separated into folders and subfolders based on content.
- Demonstrate how to follow directions to organize files into folders and subfolders.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Students need to be able to organize their files within logical structures. (e.g., A contextual example would be using a file cabinet to store folders, notebooks, and papers.) Put folders inside of folders that are labeled appropriately.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
Students can store files in a system where they can be located later. Students should be able to locate files on the hard drive or cloud.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In previous grades, had experience with patterns and collection of information in math classes. By the end of 6th grade, students can find patterns in data sets and infer connections between them. Data visualization includes visual, auditory, tactile, oral and other sensory representations. In future grades, students will be able to analyze relationships and patterns between them.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Identify patterns within a given data set.
- Compare two or more models or representations (e.g., two graphs or box-and-whisker charts) to discover similarities or trends between them.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Find patterns and infer connections.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Given a pair of graphs, students will read the graphs and make comparisons between the two and ask the following questions:
- What is the same,
- What is different and
- What story is each telling?

#### CONTENT FOCUS
Students should be able to read a graph and make comparisons between two graphs.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*
1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.

### Career Connections

#### CAREER EXPLORATION
Students identify careers that use data to drive business decisions. Students research to find an instance where different data sets were used to make a specific business decision. Students examine the data sets to identify patterns to see why the specific business decision was made.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students should have had experience analyzing data models (e.g., charts, graphs). By the end of 6th grade, students can provide evidence to support or refute a prediction about a collection of data. In future grades, students will be able to hypothesize about self-generated data.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Develop a hypothesis (a prediction) for a problem and then determine if the data collected around the problem supports the hypothesis.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Given a problem statement, students will be able to create a hypothesis (prediction), collect data (e.g., survey results), analyze a data set and compare the analysis to the hypothesis.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will be given a problem statement and asked to create a hypothesis, collect data, organize the results in an electronic tool, and support or disprove the hypothesis.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will understand what type of data would be appropriate to help analyze a problem. They should then be able to complete the processes necessary to support or disclaim a hypothesis.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*
- 1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
### Strand | Algorithmic Thinking and Programming

#### Topic | Algorithms

| ATP.A.6.a Compare and refine multiple algorithms for the same task to determine which is the most efficient. |

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*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.
4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
### Strand | Algorithmic Thinking and Programming
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### Topic | Variables and Data Representation

**ATP.VDR.6.a** Identify unknown values that need to be represented by a variable within a multi-step process.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students created variables to store and modify data. By the end of 6th grade, students understand how to use variables in a multi-step process. In future grades, students will be able to understand that variables have different storage requirements and will use parameters. They will learn about scope.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Identify unknown values in an algorithm.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Explain the concept of a variable.

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**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will deepen their understanding of variables, including when and how to declare and name new variables. A variable is like a container with a name, in which the contents may change, but the name (identifier) does not. The identifier makes keeping track of the data that is stored easier, especially if the data changes. Naming conventions for identifiers, and thoughtful choices of identifiers, improve program readability. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students should be able to identify variables and be able to explain the advantages of using self-descriptive variable names. They will utilize and understand the importance of self-descriptive variables.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*
  3. Create modules and develop points of interaction that can apply to multiple situations and reduce complexity.
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students developed an understanding of what it means to vary (opposed to being constant) and that this abstract value is expressed with an alphanumeric representation. By the end of 6th grade, students understand how to create and use variables. In future grades, students will be able to understand that variables have different storage requirements and will use parameters. They will learn about scope.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Create a variable to represent an unknown value.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Define and utilize a variable in an algorithm.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
At this level, students deepen their understanding of variables, including when and how to declare and name new variables. A variable is like a container with a name, in which the contents may change, but the name (identifier) does not. The identifier makes keeping track of the data that is stored easier, especially if the data changes. Naming conventions for identifiers, and thoughtful choices of identifiers, improve program readability. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students should be able to identify and assign variables. Students should focus on using self-descriptive variable names. Students will utilize and understand the importance of self-descriptive variables. They will create new self-descriptive variables.

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#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students applied sequences, events, loops and conditionals in increasingly complex ways. By the end of 6th grade, students are able to identify decisions and loops in programs to solve problems. In future grades, students will understand and incorporate proper processes, loops and conditionals in programs to solve problems.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Identify the decision structures within an algorithm.
- Identify and apply the structures within an algorithm.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Properly use if statements (if-then and if-then-else).
- Properly use Pre-test (do-while), post-test (while) and definite loop (for, for next).

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

An example of a nested conditional structure is deciding what to do based on the weather outside. If it is sunny outside, I will further decide if I want to ride my bike or go running, but if it is not sunny outside, I will decide whether to read a book or watch TV. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students at this level will be able to work with single-decision statements, as opposed to nested, and single loops (i.e., iterative processes). Students should be able to identify the decision (if/then) statement(s) and the loop statements (for, while, do) and understand the conditions of when the body of the code (the choice to go running or ride the bike) will be executed and/or how often that code would be executed.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

- 4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
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Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts
1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.

Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts
1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.
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**ATP.M.6.a** Decompose problems into parts to facilitate the design, implementation and review of programs.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In previous grades, students began to use abstraction to further refine and design an algorithm. By the end of 6th grade, students can identify and utilize the procedures/modules within a set of instructions or code. In future grades, students will continue to identify and utilize the procedures/modules within a set of text-based instructions or code.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Identify smaller components of an algorithm.
- Identify a set of steps of an algorithm's component that produces a result.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Group and organize steps that work together to produce a result.
- Identify the steps that were used when provided with the result.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
A procedure is a module (a group of instructions within a program) that performs a particular task. Procedures are invoked to repeat groups of instructions. For example, a procedure, such as one to draw a circle, involves many instructions, but all of them can be invoked with one instruction, such as drawing a circle. Procedures that are defined with parameters are generalizable to many situations and will produce different outputs based on a wide range of inputs (arguments). (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)

#### CONTENT FOCUS
Students will utilize modules to increase the organization of code, the ability to hide details and the reusability.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*
- 2. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.
- 3. Evaluate whether it is appropriate and feasible to solve a problem computationally.
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**Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions**
1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena
2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.
3. Create modules and develop points of interaction that can apply to multiple situations and reduce complexity.

**Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts**
3. Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In previous grades, students learned how to create a program through block-based programming. By the end of 6th grade, students can advance in designing and creating their block-based programs utilizing parameters. In future grades, students will begin text-based programming.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Write code to solve a problem using block-based coding software.
- Utilize block-based code that has parameters and understand the impact of using different parameter values.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Use block-based programming.
- Use procedures (block-based code) with parameters effectively.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Block-based programming is an accessible entry point for writing code. It teaches fundamental programming skills and encourages experimentation and creativity. Students can "drag" and/or "link" blocks to produce a result, such as animation and picture drawing.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
Students are to be introduced to a programming language through block-based code. Students should be able to use proper commands to move an object, add to an object and change the color of an object.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

*Practice 3.* Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems
1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.

*Practice 5.* Creating Computational Artifacts
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In grade 5, students described ways that Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems, or the science and engineering of making intelligent machines and computer programs, can be designed to support inclusivity in AI. In grade 7, students will model how unsupervised learning finds patterns in unlabeled data to identify how machine learning takes place.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Explain how people learn how to do something.
- Discuss how people learning is a process unique and different than how a machine may learn.
- Explain how machines learn information.
- Explain and discuss whether humans can learn things that machines cannot and why.

#### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES

- Students will be able to analyze their learning processes (metacognition) and compare and contrast how a machine learns information.
- Students will be able to identify the limitations of machine learning and explain why those limitations exist.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Metacognition is the awareness and understanding of one’s thought processes.

#### CONTENT FOCUS

Human learning is complex and impacted by a variety of factors including social, environmental and emotional factors. There are limitations to what a machine can learn because machine learning does not happen the same way as human learning and machines do not share the same experiences as humans.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 7, students modeled how unsupervised learning finds patterns in unlabeled data to identify how machine learning takes place. In high school, students will explain at least one way bias can be introduced to a machine learning system and explain how that bias impacts people.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Explain the process of training in machine learning.
- Discuss using a reason model in machine learning.
- Compare the differences between the process of training in machine learning.
- Describe when to use training and when to use a reasoning model in machine learning.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Students will be able to define training in terms of machine learning.
- Students will be able to define what a reasoning model is.
- Students will be able to explain the difference is between training and using a reasoning model.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Training is the process of providing a machine learning algorithm with training data to learn from and create a machine learning model. The reasoning model, also known as machine reasoning, generates conclusions from available knowledge by using logical techniques like deduction and induction.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Training is the process of creating a machine learning model by using a machine learning algorithm on a data set that will give the desired result. Reasoning models use logic like deduction and induction to determine an action to a set of data based on what knowledge the machine has available.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 5, students learned about how sensor inputs are converted as analog or digital signals to describe their uses. In grade 7, students will learn how intelligent agents combine information from multiple sensors.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Compare the ways computers perceive the world around them.
- Categorize and describe sensors that work with computers.
- Explain the types of data that are collected from sensors and used by computers.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Students will be able to identify a sensor.
- Students will be able to describe the data a sensor collects.
- Students will be able to identify how computers perceive the world.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Computer perception is a system for computers to understand the world. Signals come from sensors such as thermometers, accelerometers and cameras.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students focus on how computers perceive the world through sensors.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
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**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Students will be able to identify different types of computer perception.
- Students will be able to identify how computer perception can extract meaning from sensory signals.
- Students will be able to show the connection between sensors and computer perception.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Computer perception is the ability of a computer to perceive data in a way similar to humans.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
How do sensors work with computers to perceive the world?

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 5, students learned about how sensor inputs are converted as analog or digital signals to describe their uses. In grade 7, students will learn how to illustrate the concept of feature extraction from images by simulating an edge detector.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Explain the kind of information a computer needs to classify an image.
- Describe what kinds of information may not be in the image that would be important for utilizing it in an algorithm.
- Distinguish how to ensure a computer has enough information to classify an image.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Students will be able to explain what image classification is in terms of artificial intelligence and computers.
- Students will be able to describe the information a computer needs to classify an image.
- Students will be able to explain how computers use image classification in an algorithm.
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#### CLARIFICATIONS

Image classification is the process of categorizing and labeling groups of pixels or vectors within an image based on specific rules. An algorithm is a process or set of rules to be followed in calculations or other problem-solving operations.

#### CONTENT FOCUS

Identify the information a computer needs to classify an image for use in an algorithm.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
### Artificial Intelligence & Reasoning

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#### AI.RR.6.a
Illustrate how a computer can solve a maze, find a route on a map or reason about concepts in a knowledge graph by drawing a search tree.

#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 5, students described how Artificial Intelligence (AI) representations support reasoning to answer questions. In grade 7, students will compare several algorithms that could be used to solve a specific type of reasoning problem.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Explain how a search tree guides a person through the process of doing an activity.
- Describe how a computer might use a search tree to solve a problem or complete a task.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Students will be able to create a search tree that will generate a series of directions or instructions to navigate a maze, map or concept to see the connection between search trees and algorithms.
- Students will be able to explain how their search tree functions to follow the series of directions and complete the process.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
A tree is a non-linear data structure organized hierarchically through a collection of nodes.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Describe the process a search tree uses in a computer program to locate information and complete a task.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression, or to address a societal issue.
### Strand | Artificial Intelligence
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**Topic** | Machine Learning

| **AI.ML.6.a** Contrast the unique characteristics of human learning with the ways machine learning systems operate to identify the limitations of machine learning. | **Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 5, students described ways that Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems can be designed for inclusivity to support inclusivity in AI. In grade 7, students will model how unsupervised learning finds patterns in unlabeled data to identify how machine learning takes place.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Understand how a person learns how to do something.
- Understand how machines learn how to do something.
- Compare and contrast the differences between human learning and machine learning.
- Discuss whether there are things machines cannot learn that humans can and why.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Students will be able to analyze their learning processes (metacognition).
- Compare and contrast how a machine learns information.
- Students will be able to identify the limitations of machine learning and explain why those limitations exist.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Human learning is complex and impacted by a variety of factors including socialization, environment, emotions, etc. There are limitations to what a machine can learn because machine learning does not happen the same way as human learning and machines do not share the same experiences as humans.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Understand the differences between human learning and machine learning.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 5, students illustrated how a neural network is a function that computes an output. In grade 7, students will describe neural network architectures.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Understand what a neural network is.
- Understand how neural networks are organized.
- Understand how a neural network computes an output.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Students will be able to illustrate the structure of a neural network.
- Students will be able to describe how the neural network’s parts form a set of functions.
- Students will be able to compute the output of a neural network.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Human Neural networks are organized as layers of units (input, hidden and output layers), with weighted connections between units in successive layers. Each unit computes the sum of its weighted inputs. It passes that sum through a transfer function to produce a numeric output.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
A neural network maps input patterns to output patterns in a complex way. Each neuron computes a function, and the network computes a complex function that can be considered a very wiggly mathematical function.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 5, students explored how data is influenced by bias and how it affects decision-making to defend arguments in Artificial Intelligence (AI). In grade 7, students will identify and explain the effect training data has on the accuracy of an artificial intelligence system to uncover bias in training data.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Explain what it means to have agency in creating something.
- Explain the purpose and process of curating a data set.
- Define bias and how it might show up in machine learning.
- List how to avoid bias in machine learning.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Students will be able to identify ways data sets can contain bias in machine learning by analyzing a data set for bias.
- Students will be able to explain how humans have agency in curating training data sets to ensure bias is not present in machine learning programs.
- Students will be able to explain how bias impacts machine learning.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Bias in machine learning is a phenomenon that skews the result of an algorithm in favor or against an idea.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Humans have biases and those biases may be present in data sets because they are created and curated by humans. This can cause a machine learning program to exhibit bias in its responses. Bias can include sample bias, exclusion bias, measurement bias, recall bias, observer bias, racial bias and association bias. There are strategies for avoiding bias in data sets, such as knowing your users, having a diverse development team, pulling data from multiple sources and testing for bias.

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students should have become familiar with some of the ways in which we communicate in today's world. By the end of 6th grade, students begin to develop a better understanding of how we connect to people around the country and the world. Students study how these communication tools impact society. In future grades, students will study the history of computing to evaluate the impact on everyday activities.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Current technology provides efficiency and convenience for everyday activities.
- The use of technology increases personal communication and collaboration.
- Technology has an impact on culture.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Communicate via school technology with one's parents, class and teacher.
- Provide feedback to one's peers using existing technologies.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students need to understand how today's technology has impacted the amount and speed of information that can be accessed and shared. Students can safely experience this phenomenon through technology provided through their school and/or classroom.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students should list different types of technology they use at school and home, as well as technology that is used in the world around them. Students can identify what they can do with the technology to improve their quality of life.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

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**IC.Cu.6.b** Identify issues of bias and accessibility in the design of existing technologies to address equality and equity in society.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students need to have developed an understanding that computing has become a global connection. At the end of 6th grade, students understand that even though computing has increased global connections, there are still areas of the world and individuals who do not have the same access.

In future grades, students will evaluate technologies for issues of bias and accessibility.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Computing makes all aspects of our lives more efficient. It allows us to communicate on a global scale.
- Access for those in third-world countries is not equitable to those living in many other countries.
- Computing in the educational setting is not equitable globally or even within our own country.
- Social-economic status impacts the access for many in our country.
- Access may be an issue for persons with disabilities.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Explain that access is important for everyone regardless of their social-economic status, disability or geographic location.
- Research the issue of accessibility and report our findings.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

The educational system tries to level the computing access playing field for all students when in reality, not all students have the same opportunities or access once they leave the school setting. Helping students become aware of the world in which they live will help foster citizenship and problem solving (i.e., "thinking outside the box"). Students may experience accessibility limitations personally or observe the bias against a family member or friend. This bias may exist due to disabilities or economic status. Students also need to be exposed to the bias and accessibility issues that many people have globally.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will be able to understand that computing on a global level is made easier through the efficiency of computing. There is also a disconnect in equity for all students having access to computing. This refers to accessibility based on socio-economic status, persons with disabilities and third-world countries. Students will learn to identify tools that allow equity of accessibility for all students.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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3. Employ self- and peer-advocacy to address bias in interactions, product design and development methods.

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students should have had some experience using technology. At the end of 6th grade, students understand that there are many different people and jobs involved in creating the technologies that they utilize. There is a wide variety of computer science careers available and many new careers being developed daily that students should explore. In future grades, students will learn about how computing impacts other career fields.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- It is necessary to stay up-to-date on future industry needs.
- Computer science is more than writing code or building a piece of hardware.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Describe several different existing careers involving computer science and understand that there will be positions in the future that have not yet been defined.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

There are many careers under the umbrella of computer science, many of which do not involve coding and building a piece of hardware. Students should be aware of the possibilities that exist today and realize that there will be new jobs for them when they graduate that does not even exist today.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students need to understand that a computer science career is not just writing code, but it is a current and new frontier for careers.

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**IC.SI.6.a** Analyze and present beneficial and harmful effects of electronic communications to understand their impacts on interpersonal, global, economic, political, business and cultural interactions.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students collaborated with others to share the workload, increase diverse perspectives and improve an artifact. By the end of 6th grade, students can differentiate between the beneficial and harmful effects of technology on a global aspect. In future grades, students will continue to practice safety and proper personal use of devices.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Identify positive and negative impacts of devices and computing on the health and well-being of businesses, economics, politics and cultural interactions.
- Provide examples of beneficial and harmful effects on persons through social media, phones and other devices.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Differentiate between the harmful and beneficial effects of computing and devices globally and locally on economics, businesses, politics and cultural differences.
- Describe ways in which the internet globally impacts business, politics and economics.
- Communicate the pros and cons of personal interaction with email, phones and social media.
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of electronic collaboration for interpersonal use.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Computing and devices have a significant impact on connecting with other people, sharing information, and expressing ideas. Students need to understand the power of these devices and differentiate between their beneficial and harmful effects. The economic/business/political uses of these devices can be quantified. The interpersonal effects may be a good transition to an anti-bullying lesson/unit.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students should be able to evaluate how the use of computing devices can contribute or be a detriment to the economics, businesses, politics and cultural differences at the global and local levels. Students also should be able to determine how social media and technological devices can contribute to or have consequences in their daily lives.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

1. Include the unique perspectives of others and reflect on one's perspectives when designing and developing computational products.
2. Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
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<td>In previous grades, students should have had experience with devices at school. By the end of 6th grade, students understand the difference between public and personal information and the necessity of not sharing personal information. In future grades, students should be able to apply these concepts and continually investigate security concerns and legal rights.</td>
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<td>• Identify what is considered to be personal information (e.g., address, phone number, birthdate, social security number, financial information.)</td>
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<td>• Differentiate between personal and public information and make decisions about which items can be safely shared within social media.</td>
<td>• Communicate the contents of one's digital footprint.</td>
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<td>Social engineering is based on tricking people into breaking security procedures and can be thwarted by being aware of various kinds of attacks, such as emails with false information and phishing. Security attacks often start with personal information that is publicly available online. All users should be aware of the personal information, especially financial information, that is stored on the websites they use. Protecting personal online information requires authentication measures that can often make it harder for authorized users to access information. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)</td>
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<td>Students will be able to identify and understand what information is considered to be personal (e.g., address, phone number, birthdate, social security number, financial information). It is vital that students understand what information should be kept private and secure to protect themselves. Teachers need to reinforce that decisions made regarding their personal information will become a &quot;digital footprint&quot; and be at risk for &quot;attacks&quot; made by third parties trying to misuse private information.</td>
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**  
*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*  
2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.

**IC.SLE.6.c** Evaluate the development of new technologies in communication, entertainment and business to understand the impact.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**  
In previous grades, students had experiences with collaborative documents, school email, electronic grade books and electronic school communication. By the end of 6th grade, students are able to identify some of the positive and negative effects that technology in communication has in the business world, including the entertainment business. In future grades, students will be able to apply these concepts.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**  
- Technology has had a profound effect in the business world.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**  
- Explain how communication in the business world has become faster and easier and has expanded opportunities.
- Describe the advantages (e.g., speed and efficiency, communication log, mobile workers.)
- Describe the disadvantages (e.g., lack of relationship building, informal communication, distractions.)
- Explain why communication must be more deliberate; reacting to electronic messages should be well thought out.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**  
Technology has changed the business world in many ways and perhaps the biggest impact computing has had is in the way businesses communicate. It has expanded the market and business partnerships with companies and allowed for expansion. Overall, this has been a positive impact for businesses and the economy, but it can make communication more distracting and less clear.

**CONTENT FOCUS**  
Students will be able to focus on the positive and negative impacts of computing on the business world.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

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*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*

1. Cultivate working relationships with individuals possessing diverse perspectives, skills and personalities.
2. Create team norms, expectations, and equitable workloads to increase efficiency and effectiveness.
3. Solicit and incorporate feedback from, and provide constructive feedback to, team members and other stakeholders.

**IC.SLE.6.d** Provide appropriate credit when using resources or artifacts that are not our own.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students should have had some experience creating original work that may include code, text, video or graphics. There should have been discussions on citing/providing credit to any sources that are copied/inserted into their work. By the end of 6th grade, students should continue providing credit for all sources. In future grades, students should continue providing credit for all sources.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Plagiarism/cheating is when an individual represents someone else’s work as their own.
- In creating a computational artifact, students can create their original work, including video, music, text, images, graphs and program code.
- When using external work to integrate into a computational artifact, one must acknowledge, attribute and/or cite sources and include a bibliography with their submission. External work that should be acknowledged includes video, music, text, images, graphs and programmed code that are used in the creation of computational artifacts.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Provide proper credit for items inserted into one’s work; the credit may be in MLA or APA formatted citations or some other accepted format.
- Give credit to not only textbooks, scientific reports and websites, but also appropriate persons in a collaboration effort.
## Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Ethical complications arise from the opportunities provided by computing. The ease of sending and receiving copies of media on the internet, such as video, photos and music, creates the opportunity for unauthorized use, such as online piracy, and disregard of copyrights, such as lack of attribution. 

(CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards, 2017)

Students need to learn the importance of providing proper credit for all the sources, not only the electronic sources but also those persons with whom they have worked.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will be able to give appropriate credit for items, such as information, videos and pictures, that they use in their work.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

- 3. Articulate ideas responsibly by observing intellectual property rights and giving appropriate attribution.
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**IC.SLE.6.e** Differentiate between the appropriate and inappropriate content on the internet and identify unethical and illegal online behavior.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In previous grades, most students had some experience finding information on the internet and used the internet for communication. By the end of 6th grade, students should have experience differentiating between appropriate and inappropriate content and behavior on the internet. In the future, students will continue using the internet for communication and be able to identify unethical and illegal online behavior.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- The internet contains sites and information that are for adults only.
- Some sites and programs have a minimum age requirement.
- Students should have permission from adults before using social media.
- The internet should not be used for bullying.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Explain that one should not use sites that encourage vandalism, gambling, crime, terrorism, racism, eating disorders or suicide, nor should they use pictures or videos from the internet which show images of pornography, violence or cruelty to other people or animals.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Increased computing through numerous devices has increased access globally for all ages. At much younger ages, students have access to the internet through devices such as phones and tablets. Not all information on the internet is appropriate for students and they should be made aware of the dangers of access this information.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will learn that they should have adult (parent) permission to use devices and that they should report inappropriate information that they may find to an adult.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

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## Grade 7

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**CS.D.7.a** Develop and implement a process to evaluate existing computing devices capabilities based on personal interaction with the device.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In previous grades, students learned about the internal components of a computer. By the end of 7th grade, students use prior knowledge to evaluate devices dependent upon personal needs. In future grades, students will be able to identify improvements to make for a computing device for better interactions with users.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Select and use appropriate hardware and software components.
- Create an evaluative process for existing devices.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Compare similar applications to determine similarities and differences between the applications.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Students will develop and make comparisons between similar apps and be able to communicate the benefits and limitations of each.

#### CONTENT FOCUS

Students can determine computing devices that are better fit for completing a task than others.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

1. Include the unique perspectives of others and reflect on one's own perspectives when designing and developing computation products.
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<td>In previous grades, students looked at the ways hardware and software components come together to collect and exchange data. By the end of 7th grade, students use/simulate hardware and software components to accomplish a task. In future grades, students will make decisions on the use of hardware and software combinations to effectively complete a task.</td>
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<td>Consider multiple components, such as functionality, cost, size, speed, accessibility and aesthetics to select the appropriate hardware or software for a given task.</td>
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|                        | 2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.*  

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<td>Use a systematic process to identify and evaluate the source of a routine computing problem. Select the best solution to solve the computing problem and communicate the solution to others.</td>
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In previous grades, students worked to diagnose problems, describe the problem and develop strategies to resolve technology issues. By the end of 8th grade, students can identify and evaluate problems, determine the best solution and also communicate with others to help them solve those problems. In future grades, students will understand the troubleshooting process to evaluate a pre-determined situation.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Use a basic troubleshooting process.
- Have a working knowledge of computing devices.
- Communicate to others via electronic and/or in-person communication.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Utilize knowledge of computing devices, hardware and software to locate and solve a problem.
- Create a list of possible solutions to implement.
- Evaluate solutions to determine the best one.
- Communicate a solution to others.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
As students gain more experience listing possible solutions, they need to be able to test the solutions and determine the best solution. They also need to learn how to communicate these solutions to others via electronic or in-person communication to help guide others to a solution.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
Students can identify troubleshooting steps that are key to solving the software/hardware problem. This process involves collaboratively working through the troubleshooting steps.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.
2. Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.
### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students developed a very basic understanding of how devices are connected to the internet. By the end of 7th grade, students can diagram specific hardware components used to understand the flow of information across the hardware of the internet. In future grades, students will model specific hardware components in the infrastructure of the internet.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Multiple devices are required for data to flow on the internet.
- Devices connected to the internet must have an address.
- Each device has its role in the flow of data on the internet.
- Understanding the role of each device allows the student to diagram the flow of data from one location to another across the internet.
- Specific hardware used in networking includes routers and switches.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Diagram how data travels through devices to get from one location on the internet to others.
- Explain the role of key hardware that makes up the internet.
- Use knowledge of key hardware to diagram how data might flow from one location to another across the internet.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students will be able to identify and diagram basic components (e.g., computer, router, server); students can draw lines to make connections of how information travels across the internet.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will identify specific components used to transfer data on the internet.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
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**Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts**

1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, taking into account key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.
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**NI.N.7.b** Explain the protocols (i.e., rules) and why they are used to transmit data across networks and the internet.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students developed a very basic understanding of how devices are connected to the internet. By the end of 7th grade, students can understand that different protocols are used for different types of data being transmitted between devices. In future grades, students will identify a wider range of protocols used in networking.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Protocols are used for websites, including http and https (usage not mechanics).
- Protocols are used for email, including POP3 and IMAP (usage not mechanics).

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Identify the purpose of protocols.
- Identify the need for protocols.
- Identify how different protocols are used in different situations (http and https).

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Protocols are rules that define how messages between computers are sent. They determine how quickly and securely information is transmitted across networks and the internet, as well as how to handle transmission errors.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will understand the purpose of protocols and how they enable secure and errorless communication. Knowledge of the details of how specific protocols work is not expected.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

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**NI.C.7.a** Identify and apply introductory methods of encryption to model the secure transmission of information.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students developed a general understanding that private information should be protected from malware threats. By the end of 7th grade, students understand that encryption can be used to protect information for the secure transmission of information. In future grades, students will understand physical measures to protect information.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Research the history of encryption.
- Introduce the concept of encryption and decryption of plaintext.
- Introduce the technique of Caesar shift (Each letter in the plaintext will be replaced by a letter with some fixed number of positions down the alphabet.)

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Create one's encryption method.
- Utilize the Caesar shift to decrypt information.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students can explain how encryption can protect the confidentiality of data. Students examine the modifications of different Caesar shift encryptions. In addition, students will create a pattern of encryption based on a Caesar shift and decrypt other students' work.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will understand encryption effectively protects the confidentiality of data for using secure transmissions.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*

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*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*

1. Cultivating working relationships with individuals possessing diverse perspectives, skills and personalities.

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.)
### Strand | Networks and the Internet

#### Topic | Cybersecurity
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**NI.C.7.b** Describe the types of malware to show how malware affects information.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students developed a general understanding that private information should be protected from malware threats. By the end of 7th grade, students can identify additional types of malware that exist that threaten data security. In future grades, students will determine strategies to protect devices.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Obtain a general understanding of "what is ransomware?"
- Obtain a general understanding of "what is spyware?"

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Recognize malware has many forms.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
In this grade, students will understand malware has many forms and continues to be a challenge for cybersecurity.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will understand malware is a cybersecurity threat to networks.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
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**NI.C.7.c** Identify cybersecurity concerns and measures needed to protect electronic information.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students developed a general understanding that private information should be protected from malware threats. By the end of 7th grade, students understand how information is protected and where it is needed. In future grades, students will learn about additional encryption algorithms.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Different protocols can be compared or contrasted (e.g., http versus https).

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Identify secure communication protocols across the internet.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
In this grade, students should be able to connect how encryption can protect data with https and understand where encryption is needed, such as online banking, versus where it is not, as in a simple online search.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will understand the connection between encryption and https across the internet.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*
- 2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
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**NI.IOT.7.a** Explain the positive and negative impacts of IoT as it applies to daily life and create ways to mitigate the negative impacts on society.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 6, students researched and defined how smart and intelligent devices were able to track their activities to be able to personalize the experience of utilizing the device. In grade 7, students will recognize the positive and negative impacts technology has on their daily lives, as well as the impact of technology on society as a whole.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Devices track our daily movements as well as our online activities to quickly deliver information that is pertinent to us.
- Data collected and stored has positive and negative effects.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- List the positive and negative uses of IoT and discuss how it applies to our daily lives.
- Explain the benefits of the IoT, such as convenience, safety and health, and the risks, including data theft and other forms of criminality.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

On a personal level, IoT can provide great benefits such as home security, financial management, medical monitoring and treatment, home resource management and other valuable functions. At the same time, students should recognize that the data collected by our connected devices can be improperly or maliciously used.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The same devices and information that can help us can also make us vulnerable.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1.* Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture

2. Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.

*Practice 7.* Communicating About Computing

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<td>Compare and contrast digital data collection tools to make them more useful and reliable.</td>
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students had the experience of identifying various data collection tools. By the end of 7th grade, students can determine the most appropriate tool(s) to use for data collection. In future grades, students will consistently choose appropriate file types.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Identify the strengths and weaknesses of various data collection tools.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Select the appropriate tool for a particular data collection.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students will need to know the difference between data collection tools.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students can identify the method of data collection (for example, surveys versus sensor data). The method of data collection can affect the accuracy and precision of the data. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

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**DA.DCS.7.b** Evaluate various file formats to understand data storage capabilities.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students had limited experience in selecting and utilizing appropriate file types for various collections of text and data. By the end of 7th grade, students should be able to explain and utilize different types of file formats and explain the capacity limits of each file. In future grades, students will learn how data is stored on different computer systems.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- The type of data file corresponds to the type of file format.
- Identify image and video file extensions and characteristics of file extensions including color, size and visual capabilities.
- When given an image or video, the student can identify the file format.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Explain the differences in text and data files.
- Explain the differences in the quality of the image or video.
- Explain the type of file extension for various software.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
In addition to the Content Elaborations for DA.DCS.6.b, students need to be able to choose the correct image or video editing software tool for images and videos.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students can create videos of different file types such as wav, webm and mp4. Students should have experience with various file formats (e.g., .docx, .GDOC, .xlsx, GSHEET .pdf, .txt, .dat, .gif, .jpg, .tiff, .png, .bmp, .bpg, .avi, .mov, .mpeg, .mp4, and .wmv and other formats).

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*
- 4. Evaluate and select technological tools that can be used to collaborate on a project.

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<td>Create a logical file structure to organize data to support individual and collaborative work.</td>
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students had experience organizing, saving, accessing, and sharing files. By the end of 7th grade, students can understand a logical process for organizing data in folders and subfolders on the hard drive or the cloud. In future grades, students will be knowledgeable about the organization of files and how to properly share them with others.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Files should be placed in a given organizational system.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Explain that files should be separated based on content into folders and subfolders.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students need to be able to create their logical file structure.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students understand the importance of organizing their files. Create and utilize shortcuts to their file system (on the desktop, create a shortcut to a file system).

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

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### Data and Analysis

#### Topic: Visualization and Communication

**DA.VC.7.a** Communicate relations between data sets to interpret results.

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<td>In previous grades, students made connections between data sets. By the end of 7th grade, students can explain relationships in data models and suggest patterns. Data visualization includes visual, auditory, tactile, oral and other sensory representations. In future grades, students will be able to utilize raw data and develop models.</td>
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**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Data models are used to explain and make predictions.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Suggest patterns by comparing data in the models.
- Explain the suggested patterns in verbal or written form.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Given a pair of data models (e.g., graphs, charts), students will identify relationships between the two and suggest patterns that are evident in both models to tell the story about what the models are saying.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will read two or more data models to find relationships and list patterns they see that make sense of the data. Students should be able to do this using a variety of types of models.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*

1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
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<td>In previous grades, students had experience observing graphs created from spreadsheets. By the end of 7th grade, students can use formulas and functions in a spreadsheet to answer questions and draw conclusions. In future grades, students will use formulas and functions that help represent collections of data.</td>
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<td>• Formulas and functions are used to create meaning from a set of data.</td>
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<td>• Utilize the formulas and basic functions of a spreadsheet.</td>
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<td>Given a data set, students will use functions and formulas to make conclusions. (e.g. Given raw data about the number and type of pets that their peers own, students will find the average number of pets per family, etc.)</td>
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#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In previous grades, students should have developed a basic understanding of what goes into an algorithm and learned how to write pseudocode. As students create an algorithm, they should be able to evaluate the solution and make modifications in their pseudocode to solve the problem. At the end of 7th grade, students should be able to identify the parts of a program's pseudocode (input, output, decisions). In future grades, students will write their own pseudocode and be able to justify the most efficient solution for a multi-step process.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Understand the flow of a program.
- Compare different sets of pseudocode and determine the most efficient solution.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Identify the inputs, outputs, processes and decisions.
- Use proper symbols to create flow charts to represent pseudocode.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Students should be able to write pseudocode to model an algorithm. This could be writing a recipe for making a sandwich, writing directions between two locations, or writing the steps necessary to compute a semester grade. At this level, the expectation is that looping is done utilizing iteration, not recursion.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
Students should be able to identify the inputs, outputs, and decision steps within the algorithms they create in pseudocode. Students should be able to create a flow chart representation of their pseudocode, using proper symbols for inputs, outputs and decisions.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

**Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts**
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**Strand** | Algorithmic Thinking and Programming
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**Topic** | Variables and Data Representation

**ATP.VDR.7.a** Use test cases to trace variable values to determine the result.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students developed an understanding of what it means to vary (as opposed to being constant) and that this abstract value is expressed with an alphanumeric representation. By the end of 7th grade, students understand how to use variables in a test case. In future grades, students will be able to understand that variables have different storage requirements and will use parameters. They will learn about scope.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Identify the top and low range of values that will successfully run a solution.
- Identify out of bound values.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Use Input/output charts.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will deepen their understanding of variables, including when and how to declare and name new variables. A variable is like a container with a name, in which the contents may change, but the name (identifier) does not. The identifier makes keeping track of the data that is stored easier, especially if the data changes. Naming conventions for identifiers, and thoughtful choices of identifiers, improve program readability. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will be able to identify variables and choose appropriate test values for each variable. Students will be able to identify "good" vs. "bad" input values for variables by tracking results on an input/output chart while running test cases.

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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In previous grades, students need to have learned how to create and utilize self-descriptive variables. Students also need to have learned to identify simple conditionals and loops and to trace the processes. At the end of 7th grade, students understand and incorporate proper processes, loops and conditionals in programs to solve problems. In future grades, students will understand that variables have different storage requirements and restrictions, and can choose the correct one to use for a task. Students will use parameters to pass variable information into methods and return values to get information out of a method. Students will be introduced to the scope and how a program can access or change a variable.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Utilize and apply the decision structures properly in an algorithm.
- Utilize and apply the loop structures properly in an algorithm.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Properly use If-then, if-then-else, and if-then-else if statements.
- Properly use Pre-test (do-while), post-test (while) and definite loop (for, for next).

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Conditional statements can have varying levels of complexity, including compound and nested conditionals. Compound conditionals combine two or more conditions in a logical relationship, and nesting conditionals within one another allow the result of one conditional to lead to another being evaluated. An example of a nested conditional structure is deciding what to do based on the weather outside. If it is sunny outside, I will further decide if I want to ride my bike or go running, but if it is not sunny outside, I will decide whether to read a book or watch TV. Different types of control structures can be combined, such as loops and conditionals. Different types of programming languages implement control structures in different ways. For example, functional programming languages implement repetition using recursive function calls instead of loops. At this level, understanding implementation in multiple languages is not essential. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)
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#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students had experience decomposing an event, experience or problem. For example, to create a mural or draw a scene, several "parts" must be chosen first (the background, the characters placed, the action programmed). By the end of 7th grade, students can identify and utilize the procedures/modules within a set of instructions or code. Students should also be able to reuse the modules in new problem sets or coding. In future grades, students will be able to utilize the procedures/modules within a set of complex instructions or code.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Identify smaller components of an algorithm.
- Identify a set of steps of an algorithm’s component that produces a result.
- Reuse the smaller components of the program (modules) in new problem situations.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Group and organize steps that work together to produce a result.
- When provided with a result, identify the steps that were used.
- Reuse the identified module/procedure (organized set of steps) in a new problem situation.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

A procedure is a module (a group of instructions within a program) that performs a particular task. Procedures are invoked to repeat groups of instructions. For example, a procedure, such as one to draw a circle, involves many instructions, but all of them can be invoked with one instruction, such as drawing circle. Procedures that are defined with parameters are generalizable to many situations and will produce different outputs based on a wide range of inputs (arguments). (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will be able to utilize modules to increase the organization of code, the ability to hide details and the reusability.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

1. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.
2. Evaluate whether it is appropriate and feasible to solve a problem computationally.

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena
2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.
3. Create modules and develop points of interaction that can apply to multiple situations and reduce complexity.

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

1. Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.
## Algorithmic Thinking and Programming

### Topic: Program Development

| ATP.PD.7.a | Write code that utilizes algorithms, variables and control structures to solve problems or as a creative expression. |

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In previous grades, students learned how to use parameters in a block-based programming. By the end of 7th grade, students begin the transition to text-based coding in order to design and create their own project or to solve a problem. They should use procedures that require parameters. In future grades, students will design and create their own text-based programs.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Write code to solve a problem using programming software that will transition them from block-based to text-based programming.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Explore programming with software that is intended to transition students from block-based to text-based code.
- Use procedures containing parameters.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
A transitional programming language will help the student convert to text-based coding. This transitional software will still hide some of the details of coding, automatically fix a few typographical errors, but will allow students to define variables and create control structures.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
Students should be able to define variables, implement control structures (loops, if/then/else) and use procedures containing variables.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

**Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems**
1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.

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| Test, trace and debug to refine code. | **LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students identified and corrected errors in block-based code to make the program run correctly and produce the expected result. By the end of 7th grade, students can identify and correct two types of errors (run-time and logical) when using a transitional programming language. In future grades, students will continue to refine their programs using a range of test cases.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Test a variety of solutions within the programming solution.
- Identify and fix errors within the program.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Use troubleshooting techniques to debug the code.
- Debug one's code.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students need to understand that errors often occur when writing code and some of those errors can only be found by verifying that the output is correct. Many transitional programming languages have built-in features to help students identify and correct errors.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will be able to differentiate between run-time (when a program crashes) and logical (when the results are incorrect) errors and then correct those errors.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.
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### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students had experience using procedures with parameters in block-based coding. For example, there might be a procedure called "move _steps" where the amount of steps is a parameter. By the end of 7th grade, students continue this experience and extend it in a transitional programming language. They are also comfortable with procedures and parameters. In future grades, students will expand their experience with parameters.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Identify and utilize a procedure and its parameters needed to solve a solution in a transitional text-based programming language.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Implement a given procedure and use appropriate values for the parameters in a transitional text-based programming language.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

At this level, it is appropriate to have students implement canned procedures with parameters in both block-based and text-based programming languages. Examples of procedures for block-based programming languages are: `switch costume to ___`, `go to x:__ y:__`, `say ___ for ___ secs`. Examples of procedures for text-based languages are: `pam.turnLeft()`, `pam.waddle()`, `pam.isFish(here)`, `pam.isWater(right)`.

These procedures are canned methods which students implement. Students are not expected to write procedures with return types (methods, functions) from scratch; they are expected to be able to implement them with correct values for the required parameters.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will understand how to implement canned procedures (methods) with proper parameter values in a text-based programming language.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.
**Strand** | **Artificial Intelligence**
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**Topic** | **Natural Interactions**

**AI.NI.7.a** Curate a data set to train a language processing algorithm to create a program that incorporates voice commands.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 6, students individually and collaboratively compared language processing algorithms to solve a problem based on given criteria. In grade 8, students will create a program, individually and collaboratively, that implements a language processing algorithm to create a functioning chatbot.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Describe a situation in which voice commands would be used.
- Determine what voice commands a program should be able to understand and the reasons for the chosen commands.
- Explain the process of making language processing algorithms more accurate.
- Explain where data sets for language processing algorithms come from.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Students will be able to identify applications of voice commands to determine what algorithm will work best for a given set of data.
- Students will be able to develop a data set to train a language processing program.
- Students will be able to train a language processing algorithm to recognize a data set of voice commands to complete a task or problem.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Voice command is a conversational Artificial Intelligence (AI) tool that uses voice commands to receive and interpret directives.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
For a language processing algorithm to function accurately, it needs to be trained on a set of data that will give the desired outcome to the user. Data sets need to be as thorough as possible to ensure accuracy, so more data will yield better results for the language processing algorithm in practice.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
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**AI.NI.7.b** Identify the components of a chatbot and explain how each component contributes to the chatbot’s human-like responses.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 6, students identified and described how computers mimic human behavior to better serve humans. In grade 8, students will critically analyze and discuss features that make an entity "intelligent," including discussing differences between human, animal and machine intelligence to identify how machine intelligence varies from natural intelligence.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- List the components of a chatbot.
- Explain the function of each component of a chatbot.
- Explain how chatbot components function together to create a human-like response.

#### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES
- Students will be able to identify and describe the components of a chatbot and how they function independently and collaboratively to mimic human behavior.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Chatbot components include (not exhaustive): question and answer system; environment (natural language processing); front-end systems (the part the users see and use); traffic servers (determines where information should go, e.g., response goes to front-end system); custom integrations (how it works with other programs like calendars, placing orders, taking payments, etc.)

#### CONTENT FOCUS
Chatbots have a core set of components that are required for them to function and respond in a human-like manner. Some chatbots have additional components that make their responses more human-like and add layers of problem-solving to the response.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 3.* Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems

1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
AI.P.7.a Give examples of how intelligent agents combine information from multiple sensors to react to an input.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 6, students learned about the different types of computer perception, how computer perception can extract meaning from sensory signals and how humans combine information from multiple modalities. In grade 8, students will explain how sounds and images are represented digitally on a computer.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Describe the types of information an intelligent agent gathers from its sensors.
- Explain the process of putting sensory data together to help the intelligent agent.
- Describe the types of input an intelligent agent would react to.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Students will be able to identify different types of sensory data and how it combines.
- Students will be able to identify how intelligent agents use sensory data.
- Students will be able to explain how an input starts a reaction with an intelligent agent.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
An intelligent agent is anything that perceives its environment and can take action on an input. It may react to sensory input and learn from it over time to improve reactions.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students study how combining sensory data helps an intelligent agent react to an input.

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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In lower grades, students illustrate how the outlines of partially occluded objects in an image differ from the real shapes of objects. In grade 7, students will describe how edge detectors can be composed to form more complex feature detectors. In high school, students will demonstrate how perceptual reasoning at a higher level of abstraction draws upon earlier, lower levels of abstraction.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Describe how edge detectors can be used to form letters.
- Describe how edge detectors can be used to form shapes.
- Explore more complex feature detectors.

#### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES

- Students will be able to identify edge detectors and their uses.
- Students will be able to identify the functions of edge detectors.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

The progression from signal to meaning takes place in stages, with increasingly complex features extracted at each stage.

#### CONTENT FOCUS

Students can try detecting an "A" by looking for a combination of three oriented edges. Edges are detected by looking at pixels.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

- 2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.*
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 6, students learned how to classify an image and describe the kind of knowledge a computer would need to understand scenes. In grade 8, students will illustrate how sequences of words can be recognized as phrases by looking at how the words fit together.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Explain situations that vision would be required to solve a problem.
- Describe the function of an edge detector and explain how it works.
- Explain how an edge detection can help with feature extraction from an image.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Students will be able to simulate an edge detector through online or offline activities utilizing pixels and grids.
- Students will be able to explain how an edge detector aids in feature extraction from images and create a visualization of the process.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Feature extraction is a transformation of input data into a set of features. Edge detection is the process of determining which pixels are the edge pixels.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students explore how a program determines where the edges of a feature in an image are located and how it is used to extract features.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

- 2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.
### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 6, students illustrated how a computer can solve a maze, find a route on a map or reason about concepts in a knowledge graph by drawing a search tree. In grade 8, students model the process of solving a graph search problem using breadth-first search to draw a search tree.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Describe and explain algorithms students encounter daily and the problems the algorithm solving.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Students will be able to identify types of algorithms by name, describe what each one does and give an example of how it used.
- Students will be able to select one or more algorithms to solve a specific type of reason problem and explain why the chosen algorithms would solve that problem.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Types of algorithms (not exhaustive):
- Brute Force Algorithm
- Recursive Algorithm
- Dynamic Programming Algorithm
- Divide and Conquer Algorithm
- Greedy Algorithm
- Backtracking Algorithm
- Randomized Algorithm

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Algorithms are used to solve problems and specific ones work better than others as solutions.
### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

**Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts**

1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, taking into account key features, time and resource constraints, and user expectations.
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression, or to address a societal issue.
3. Modify an existing artifact to improve or customize it.
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 6, students contrasted the unique characteristics of human learning with the ways machine learning systems operate to identify the limitations of machine learning. In grade 8, students will train a classification or prediction model using machine learning on a tabular data set to evaluate the quality of the data set.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- A classification model is the process of finding a good model that describes the data classes or concepts. The purpose of classification is to predict the class of objects whose class label is unknown.
- A prediction model identifies or predicts the missing or unavailable data for a new observation based on the previous data and based on the future assumptions. In prediction, the output is a continuous value; tabular data set: a collection of rows and columns.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Explain the difference between a classification and a prediction model.
- Discuss how the same tabular data set can create different results when run through a classification model vs. a prediction model.
- Be able to judge the quality of a data set once a model has been run, including and discussing strategies for improving your data set.

**Content Elaborations**
**CLARIFICATIONS**
Machine learning models have specific applications based on the desired outcome of a given data set. Classification models sort a data set into groups of similar data (e.g., grouping students by interest in specific sports) vs. Prediction models create a prediction based on previous data to take a new data set and predict where it will go or do (e.g., predicting a student’s lunch order based on their previous orders.)

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Different types of machine learning can produce different outcomes.
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| 1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena. |
| 2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs. |
| 3. Create modules and develop points of interaction that can apply to multiple situations and reduce complexity. |
| 4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes. |

| AI.ML.7.b Create a data set for training a decision tree classifier or predictor to explore the impact that different feature encodings have on the decision tree. |

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**CONTENT FOCUS**
At each node of the decision tree, the learning algorithm tries to pick a feature that will be most helpful in separating the remaining instances into different classes. Features that do not correlate strongly with any class will not be chosen.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 6, students identified and explained how humans have agency in curating training data sets to identify bias in machine learning. In grade 8, students will identify and explain how the composition of training data affects the outcome of supervised artificial intelligence system to identify bias in future data sets.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Describe the effects of training data on the accuracy of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) system.
- Discuss how the effects of training data might be used to determine if an AI system is biased/accurate.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Students will be able to identify and explain the effect of training data on an AI system.
- Students will be able to explain how the effect of training data on an AI system can help uncover bias in the training data.
- Students will be able to come up with strategies to create a more accurate and bias-free data set.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Bias (in machine learning) is the phenomenon that skews the result of an algorithm in favor or against an idea.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Humans have biases and those biases may be present in data sets because they are created and curated by humans. This can cause a machine learning program to exhibit bias in its responses. Bias can include sample bias, exclusion bias, measurement bias, recall bias, observer bias, racial bias and association bias. Strategies for avoiding bias in data sets include knowing your users, having a diverse development team, pulling data from multiple sources and testing for bias.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*
1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 6, students identified and explained how algorithmic bias impacts artificial intelligence systems to prevent bias in future data sets. In grade 8, students will identify bias potential in the design of artificial intelligence systems and describe how to utilize inclusive Artificial Intelligence (AI) design to prevent algorithmic bias.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Explain how classification in a data set can create problems in supervised AI systems.
- Explain how data sets can be developed that are inclusive and accurate by improving classification.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Students will be able to explain how classification works in a data set and how it is used in a supervised AI system.
- Students will be able to develop strategies for creating inclusive and accurate data sets using classification.

Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Classification means identifying shared characteristics of certain classes in a data set.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Classification of data sets can create an algorithmic bias if the data are not complete, balanced, selected or labeled appropriately. Ensuring classes represent as many possible data points as possible is one means of creating a more inclusive and accurate data set to mitigate algorithmic bias in AI.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

2. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students should have become familiar with how we communicate via technology in today's world. At the end of grade 7, students study the history of computing and technology, including cultural differences, and develop a better understanding of the advancement of computing and its global impact. In future grades, students will study how current technologies affect the economy.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Examine the change in communication and collaboration styles.
- Review the history of computing and technology to understand diversity.
- Examine the change in technology skills and tools that are required for the workforce.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Communicate via school technology with one's family, class and teacher.
- Trace the advancement of computing and indicate where globally the advancement has occurred.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students need to understand how today's technology has increased the amount and speed of information that can be accessed and shared. Students can safely experience this phenomenon through technology provided by their school and/or in their classroom. Students should be able to demonstrate/illustrate the basic timeline of the advancement of computing.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students can compare how a task was accomplished in the past and compare it to how the task is accomplished now, emphasizing how technology has impacted the change.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In previous grades, students need to have developed an understanding that computing has become a global connection. At the end of 7th grade, students can identify technologies that have bias and accessibility issues for many areas of the world. There are still areas of the world and individuals who do not have the same access. In future grades, students will propose guidelines to positively impact bias and accessibility.

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Computing makes all aspects of our lives more efficient. It gives us the opportunity to communicate on a global scale.
- Bias and accessibility within technology include third world countries, equity, socio-economic status, and persons with disabilities.

### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Explain that access is important for everyone regardless of their socioeconomic status, disability or geographic location.
- Research the issue of accessibility, identify some of the technologies with this issue and report their findings.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

The educational system tries to level the computing access playing field for all students, when in reality, not all students have the same opportunities or access once they leave the school setting. Helping students become aware of the world in which they live will help foster citizenship and problem solving (i.e., "thinking outside the box"). Students may experience and identify access limitations personally or observe the bias against a family member or friend. This bias may exist due to disabilities or economic status. Students also need to identify the technology bias and accessibility issues that many people have globally.

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Students will determine appropriate technologies for making computing accessible to all. Through research, students will identify a particular need and then determine the appropriate technology or adaptation.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**  
*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*  
3. Employ self- and peer-advocacy to address bias in interactions, product design and development methods.

**IC.Cu.7.c** Identify and explore careers related to the field of computer science.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students had experience using technology on personal and/or school devices. They had classroom conversations about a few computer science employment opportunities. At the end of 7th grade, students understand that there are many different people and jobs involved in creating the technology that they utilize and this fact equates to numerous jobs in the computer science fields. In future grades, students will evaluate how new technologies and professions will solve real-world problems.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- It is necessary to stay up-to-date on future industry needs.
- Computer science is more than writing code or building a piece of hardware.
- The ever-evolving area of computing will create jobs that do not exist today.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Describe several different existing careers involving computer science and understand that there will be positions in the future that have not yet been defined.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
There are many careers under the umbrella of computer science, many of which do not involve coding and building a piece of hardware. Students should be aware of the possibilities that exist today and realize that there will be new jobs for them when they graduate that does not even exist today.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students need to understand that a computer science career is not just writing code, but is an integral part of all industries and world culture.

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**IC.Cu.7.d** Explain how computing impacts innovation in other fields.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students had experiences utilizing several different mediums of technology, such as email, shared school documents, electronic grade books and research on the internet. By the end of 7th grade, students should be able to identify both the positive and negative impact that computing has had in other fields (e.g., robotics in manufacturing, virtual meetings, medical advances). In future grades, students will evaluate how new technologies and professions will solve real-world problems.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- The communication, computation, and connection opportunities provided by computing technologies have provided a wave of innovation in other fields.
- Due to the current data processing, networking and computational abilities of computers, we are now able to accomplish things that we had never dreamed possible.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Identify areas where the benefits of computing technology could be applied to other fields to make them more efficient and/or successful.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

The big idea here is that computing applies to a wide variety of fields. Students should be allowed to make connections between computing technologies and how they could impact and continue to improve people's lives.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students should have the ability to identify current computing innovations and explore the relationship of how those innovations both positively and negatively affect various careers and other fields of study. Students should study how computing can relate to a variety of careers and explain the advantages and disadvantages of current technologies.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

1. Include the unique perspectives of others and reflect on one's perspectives when designing and developing computational products.
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**IC.SI.7.a** Analyze and present beneficial and harmful effects of electronic communications to understand their impacts on interpersonal, global, economic, political, business and cultural interactions.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students had continual conversations with teachers about the proper use of electronic devices whenever there was a lesson that involved use of a computing device. In 7th grade, students explore the global, economic, political, business and cultural effects a little more deeply. In future grades, interpersonal use of devices should be a continual conversation and not contained to this single strand.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Identify positive and negative impacts of devices and computing on the health and well-being of businesses, economics, politics and cultural interactions.
- Provide examples of beneficial and harmful effects of persons through social media, phones and other devices.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Differentiate between the harmful and beneficial effects of computing and devices globally and locally on economics, businesses, politics and cultural differences.
- Describe ways in which the internet globally impacts business, politics and economics.
- Communicate the pros and cons of personal interaction with email, phones and social media.
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of electronic collaboration for interpersonal use.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Computing and devices have a significant impact on connecting with other people, sharing information and expressing ideas. Students need to understand the power of these devices and differentiate between their beneficial and harmful effects. The economic/business/political uses of these devices can be quantified. The interpersonal effects may be a good transition to an anti-bullying lesson/unit.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students should be able to evaluate how the use of computing devices can contribute or be a detriment to the economics, businesses, politics and cultural differences at the global and local levels. Students also should be able to determine how social media and technological devices can contribute to or have consequences in their daily lives.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

1. Include the unique perspectives of others and reflect on one’s perspectives when designing and developing computational products.
2. Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
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In previous grades, students should have had experience with devices at school and had lessons/teacher conversations about information sharing. By the end of 7th grade, students understand and can explain the difference between public and personal information and the necessity of not sharing personal information. In future grades, students should be able to apply these concepts and continually investigate security concerns and legal rights.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Identify what is considered to be personal information (e.g., address, phone number, birth date, social security number, financial information).
- Be familiar with some of the "attacks" made by third parties trying to misuse private information.
- Identify the consequences of providing misinformation.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Differentiate between personal and public information and make decisions about which items can be safely shared within social media.
- Recognize third-party attempts of retrieving personal information (e.g., emails, phishing).
- Communicate the contents of one's digital footprint.
- Communicate the implications of providing false or misinformation with devices.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Social engineering is based on tricking people into breaking security procedures and can be thwarted by being aware of various kinds of attacks, such as emails with false information and phishing. Security attacks often start with personal information that is publicly available online. All users should be aware of the personal information, especially financial information, that is stored on the websites they use. Protecting personal online information requires authentication measures that can often make it harder for authorized users to access information. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)
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**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will be able to identify and understand what information is considered to be personal (e.g., address, phone number, birth date, social security number, financial information) vs. public. It is vital that students understand what information should be kept private and secure to protect themselves. Teachers need to reinforce that decisions made regarding their personal information will become a "digital footprint" and be at risk for "attacks" made by third parties trying to misuse private information. Students will additionally be able to understand how the release or sharing of personal information can publicly harm their livelihood or others.

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IC.SLE.7.c Evaluate the development of new technologies in communication, entertainment and business to understand the impact.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students had experiences with collaborative documents, school email, electronic grade books and electronic school communication. By the end of 7th grade, students can identify some of the positive and negative effects that technology in communication has in the business world, including the entertainment business. In future grades, students will be able to apply these concepts.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Technology has had a profound effect in the business world.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Explain how communication in the business world has become faster and easier and has expanded opportunities.
- Describe the advantages (e.g., speed and efficiency, communication log, mobile workers).
- Describe the disadvantages (e.g., lack of relationship building, informal communication, distractions).
- Explain why communication must be more deliberate; reacting to electronic messages should be well thought out.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Technology has changed the business world in many ways and perhaps the biggest impact computing has had is in the way businesses communicate. It has expanded the market and business partnerships with companies and allowed for expansion. Overall, this has been a positive impact on businesses and the economy, but it can make communication more distracting and less clear.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will be able to focus on the positive and negative impacts of computing on the business world.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*
2. Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.
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**Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing**
1. Cultivate working relationships with individuals possessing diverse perspectives, skills and personalities.
2. Create team norms, expectations and equitable workloads to increase efficiency and effectiveness.
3. Solicit and incorporate feedback from, and provide constructive feedback to, team members and other stakeholders.

**IC.SLE.7.d** Provide appropriate credit when using resources or artifacts that are not our own.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students had some experience creating original work that may include code, text, video or graphics and had discussions on citing/providing credit to any sources that were copied/inserted into their work. By the end of 7th grade, students should continue providing credit for all sources. In future grades, students should continue providing credit for all sources.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Plagiarism/cheating is when you represent someone else’s work as your own.
- In creating a computational artifact, students can create their original work, including video, music, text, images, graphs and program code.
- When using external work to integrate into a computational artifact, one must acknowledge, attribute and/or cite sources and include a bibliography with their submission. External work that should be acknowledged includes video, music, text, images, graphs and programmed code that are used in the creation of computational artifacts.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Provide proper credit for items inserted into their work; the credit may be in MLA or APA formatted citations or some other accepted format.
- Give credit to not only textbooks, scientific reports and websites but also appropriate persons in a collaboration effort.
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#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Ethical complications arise from the opportunities provided by computing. The ease of sending and receiving copies of media on the internet, such as video, photos and music, creates the opportunity for unauthorized use, such as online piracy, and disregard of copyrights, such as lack of attribution. (CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards, 2017). Students need to learn the importance of providing proper credit for all sources, not only the electronic sources but also those persons with whom they have worked.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will be able to give appropriate credit for items, such as information, videos and pictures, that they use in their work.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*
3. Articulate ideas responsibly by observing intellectual property rights and giving appropriate attribution.

**IC.SLE.7.e** Explain the connection between the longevity of data on the internet, personal online identity and personal privacy.

#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students should have had experience using the internet, school email, school electronic communication and an electronic grade book. Students should have also learned to differentiate between appropriate and inappropriate websites and behavior on the internet and social media. By the end of 7th grade, students understand the tracking that is done while they are electronically communicating and the fact that they leave a "digital footprint." In future grades, students will be able to apply these concepts.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Identify the type of information contained in a "digital footprint."

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Identify the data points accessed by apps on a phone (e.g., email, location, phone number, call logs, calendar events).
- Identify online tracking with websites, cookies, cross-device tracking, passwords and hotspots.
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**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
As students access the internet and search online, whether it is via apps on their phones or a web browser on a computing device, they are providing information about themselves. These pieces of information can be equated to puzzle pieces where more pieces are needed to complete the picture. Computing devices (e.g., through web browsers and phone apps) collect these puzzle pieces to form this complete picture. Students need to be aware of this "digital footprint" that is being collected about them, and they need to investigate strategies to reduce this footprint.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students should focus on the contents of their digital footprint and what information they leave behind about themselves on the internet.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

1. Include the unique perspectives of others and reflect on one's perspectives when designing and developing computational products.
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students learned how to evaluate devices dependent upon personal needs. By the end of 8th grade, students can identify improvements to possibly make a computing device for better interaction with users. In future grades, students will be able to extract technological information about computing systems to determine the best practice for situations.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Identify a problem and make appropriate revisions.
- Brainstorm ideas to improve a computing device.
- Hardware defines how the user can interact with the device.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Evaluate and communicate the advantages and disadvantages of a computing device.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students will work collaboratively and communicate the advantages and disadvantages of computing devices, such as memory limitations.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students can make recommendations to improve a computing device.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

3. Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.
### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students used/simulated hardware and software components to accomplish a task. By the end of 8th grade, students make decisions on the use of hardware and software combinations to effectively complete a task. In future grades, students will make decisions on the use of hardware and software combinations to effectively complete a task.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Research, select and use/simulate appropriate hardware and software components to accomplish a task.
- Experience the project management process.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Evaluate hardware and software to determine which combination(s) will produce a proper outcome based on a request.
- Determine the best hardware and software to use to produce a result.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Consider multiple components, such as functionality, cost, size, speed, accessibility and aesthetics to select the appropriate hardware or software for a given task.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students can summarize and recommend the best combination of computing device(s) and software(s) to use to produce an outcome based on a requirement provided. Students will use project management skills as a key tool to effectively complete a task.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions.*
1. **Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.**
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**CS.T.8.a** Use a systematic process to identify and evaluate the source of a routine computing problem. Select the best solution to solve the computing problem and communicate the solution to others.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students worked to diagnose problems, describe the problem and develop strategies to resolve technology issues. By the end of 8th grade, students can identify and evaluate problems, determine the best solution and communicate with others to help them solve those problems. In future grades, students will understand the troubleshooting process to evaluate a pre-determined situation.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Use a basic troubleshooting process.
- Have a working knowledge of computing devices.
- Communicate to others via electronic and/or in-person communication.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Utilize knowledge of computing devices, hardware and software to locate and solve a problem.
- Create a list of possible solutions to implement.
- Evaluate solutions to determine the best one.
- Communicate a solution to others.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

As students gain more experience listing possible solutions, they need to be able to test the solutions and determine the best solution. They also need to learn how to communicate these solutions to others via electronic or in-person communication to help guide others to a solution.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students can identify troubleshooting steps that are key to solving the software/hardware problem. This process involves collaboratively working through the troubleshooting steps.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.
2. Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students developed a basic understanding of how devices and protocols are used in networking. By the end of 8th grade, students can develop a model representing networking hardware to understand the flow of information across the internet. In future grades, students should be able to apply these concepts.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Multiple devices are required for data to flow using protocols on the internet.
- Each device has a role in the flow of data on the internet.
- Understanding the role of each device allows the student to diagram the flow of data from one location to another across the internet.
- Students should be able to explain concepts, including routers, switches, packets and protocols

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Collaboratively create a working model of how data travels through a network, incorporating key hardware components.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will identify basic components (e.g., computer, router, server) where they can create a model to make connections of how information travels across the internet.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will understand the purpose of hardware and how it enables communication on the internet.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing
1. Cultivate working relationships with individuals possessing diverse perspectives, skills and personalities.

Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions
3. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
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**Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts:**
1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, taking into account key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.

**NI.N.8.b** Model protocols (i.e., rules) and explain why they are used to transmit data across networks and the internet.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students developed a basic understanding of how devices and protocols are used in networking. By the end of 8th grade, students can identify a wide range of protocols and how they are utilized to transfer data across the internet. In future grades, students will understand a wider range of networking methodologies.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Protocols are used for websites, including http and https (usage not mechanics).
- Protocols are used for email, including POP3 and IMAP (usage not mechanics).
- Introduce additional protocols, such as TCP/IP (usage not mechanics).

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Demonstrate how data is transmitted across networks.
- Illustrate how data is transmitted.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
At this level, students need to know protocols are used for internet communication on many levels. There are layers of protocols in place to transmit information across the internet.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will understand that protocols are used and are necessary for communication across the internet.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

**Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions**
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**NI.N.8.c** Explain how a system responds when information is lost to understand the effect it has on the transferred information.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students developed a basic understanding of how devices and protocols are used in networking. By the end of 8th grade, students understand that information that is lost via transmission will be re-transmitted. In future grades, students will learn about retransmission algorithms.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Understand how information is broken into packets.
- Lost packets will be re-transmitted.
- The result of missing packets can mean a loss of quality or missing information.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Utilize a working model to simulate missing packets.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students will utilize a working model of basic components (e.g., computer, router, server) to model how protocols are used to transmit information across the internet.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will understand that hardware combined with specific software protocols work together to get data from one location to another location on the internet.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

3. Modify an existing artifact to improve or customize it.
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| NI.C.8.a Explain how physical and digital security measures are used to protect electronic information. |

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students developed an understanding that encryption is one way to secure information. By the end of 8th grade, students understand physical measures to protect devices and software measures to protect electronic information. In future grades, students will learn different security measures to protect information.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Be able to safeguard physical devices from theft.
- Differentiate between physical and digital locks.
- Password protect all devices.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Define physical locks (e.g., a locked room or car).
- Define software digital locks (e.g., Encryption is a software digital lock).

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
In this grade, students will understand that physical locks, such as a locked car, can protect electronic information in combination with digital locks like encryption.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will understand physical locks and digital locks can be used to protect devices and electronic information.

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**NI.C.8.b** Compare and contrast the effects of different types of malware to determine strategies for how to protect devices.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In previous grades, students developed an understanding that encryption is one way used to secure information. By the end of 8th grade, students understand general practices used to identify malware infections. Students can describe how malware can affect information. In future grades, students will learn about removal strategies for malware.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Follow best practices to password protect all devices.
- It is best to use biometrics, when available.
- Recognize the symptoms of a malware infection.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Identify behaviors of malware to determine a possible infection.
- Develop strategies for how to protect devices.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Students can identify that malware behaviors, such as reduced speed and pages that will not load, are evidence of infection. Students will understand protection strategies including anti-malware software, regular software updates and common sense (i.e., practice skeptical computing).

#### CONTENT FOCUS

Students will be able to recognize common behaviors of malware to determine a possible infection on their computers. Students will develop strategies for how to protect devices.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

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**NI.C.8.c** Compare and contrast examples of various threat actors, such as nation-states, cyberterrorist groups, organized crime or hacktivists.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students developed a general understanding that private information should be protected from malware threats, online services and unauthorized access. By the end of grade 8, students should recognize different threat actors and threat vectors that are commonly employed.

In future grades, students will be able to infer, articulate and employ best practices for threat mitigation.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- There are different types of threat actors that operate differently with different motivations.
- There are different threat vectors commonly employed to access information or disrupt services.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Identify the types of threat actors and their objectives.
- Identify common threat vectors.
- Discuss cyber hygiene and threat mitigation.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will begin to work more independently. Previously, they will and have been working with computing, data systems, and devices like Raspberry Pi’s, Arduinos and other devices. Now students should become more aware of online threats and threat actors.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Understand and discuss different threat vectors that are used by the different threat actors and their motives.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students developed a general understanding of basic encryption. By the end of grade 8, students should recognize different encryption methods. In future grades, students will be able to utilize various encryption techniques to protect data.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Encryption is a key concept in password and personal data security.
- Encryption is needed to protect data in transit and at rest.
- Understanding encryption could lead students to more advanced cyber security topics.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Identify the goals of encryption.
- Identify types and explain the uses of encryption.
- Discuss the uses of encryption.
- Use encryption methods to solve problems.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

There are many classic examples of encryption that can be engaging and interesting to both teachers and students. Discuss how encryption can solve problems in computing and protect assets.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

As students leave grade 8, they should know and understand what personal data is, why it is important to them and why it is important to protect personally identifiable information.

Students should also understand that information and data can be protected using encryption methods and other processes. This includes the idea of the CIA triad, a concept that focuses on the balance between the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data under the protection of your information security program.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

- 2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 7, students will recognize the positive and negative impacts that technology has on their daily lives, as well as the impact of technology on society as a whole. In grade 8, students will explore their career interests through embedded activities. Career exploration strategies are opportunities for students to discover and understand the various aspects of IoT importance. In grades 9-12, students can gather information so they can design simple smart applications and an accompanying life cycle.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Various careers are associated with IoT.
- IoT information has a lifecycle.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- List the various career pathways associated with the IoT field.
- Explain the lifecycle of the information in the IoT.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will explore IoT careers and investigate the necessary pathways to engage in future academic and industry professions.

The lifecycle of information in the IoT is data gathering, transmission, reception and analysis. To understand IoT, analysis involves recreating a real-world scenario such as using IoT-enabled lighting settings to make lights bright or dim, warm or cool.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The Internet of Things (IoT) is revolutionizing every industry, from home appliances to agriculture to space exploration.

The IoT is the worldwide network of internet-connected, automated devices that sense and collect interconnected data to enable users to monitor and control an environment.
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**DA.DCS.8.a** Interpret digital data collection tools to manage information effectively.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students worked with data tools and differentiated the appropriate uses of the tools. By the end of 8th grade, students are consistently able to choose and use an appropriate data tool for any given set of data. In future grades, students will be able to understand the benefits of different data collection tools and pick the appropriate one to use for a problem.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Choose data collection tools for various activities.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Justify the choice of data collection tool when given a data set.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students need to be able to choose the correct data collection tool given certain parameters. Students can experience the collection of data either individually or collaboratively with at least two types of data sets (e.g., an opinion survey, age survey or height survey).

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students can identify types of data that are more difficult to collect than others. For example, emotions must be subjectively evaluated on an individual basis and are thus difficult to measure across a population. Access to tools may be limited by factors including cost, training, and availability. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In previous grades, students learned to identify different file types, including video and image. By the end of grade 8, students can choose and use an appropriate data tool for any given set of data. Students should be able to explain and utilize different types of file formats. Students understand that files are stored in a root directory on the hard drive or a network server (in the cloud) with folders and subfolders and be able to appropriately share files. In future grades, students will use data analysis tools.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Data collection tools can be used to find accurate data to be analyzed.
- Data analysis tools are used to interpret and investigate the data.
- There are different ways to represent data in a computer system that have varying costs and benefits.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Use data analysis tools to organize data and identify trends, patterns and outliers.
- Select an appropriate data collection tool.
- Explain how data is stored on different computer systems.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Students can collect data using
- spreadsheets,
- qualitative surveys,
- quantitative surveys and
- experimental data.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
Students should be able to extract, sort and filter data into a data storage tool like a spreadsheet, database or XML file and use tools to find useful information from the data.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
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**DA.DCS.8.c** Create a logical file structure to organize data in different storage systems to support individual and collaborative work.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students had experience with organizing files in folders and subfolders. By the end of 8th grade, students understand that files are stored in a root directory on the hard drive or in the cloud with folders and subfolders and be able to appropriately share files. In future grades, students will be able to apply these concepts.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Organize data in a format that is logical to the student's needs.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Create folders and subfolders on the hard drive or the cloud.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students are to create a file system of at least two levels.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students should be able to recognize the structure of directories and the pathname of the file.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

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| DA.VC.8.a Evaluate data to construct a model or representation. |

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students had experience reading and identifying relationships between two models. By the end of 8th grade, students can take raw data and make a model from that data. Students are then able to analyze the data in their model to determine patterns. Data visualization includes visual, auditory, tactile, oral and other sensory representations. In future grades, students will create data visualization artifacts using multiple data sources to analyze and answer real-world questions.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Models are created from a collection of raw data (e.g., survey results that have not been previously organized into any type of chart or graph).
- Analyze a model and determine patterns from raw data.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Create a variety of types of graphs and find patterns.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Given a set of data, students will select an appropriate type of data model, model the data, read and analyze the model and describe patterns noticed.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will be able to make data models from different types of graphs. Data models may include line/bar/circle/pictographs, box-and-whisker plots, maps and hierarchical or relational models.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*

1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts.*

2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.
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**DA.VC.8.b** Create a spreadsheet utilizing formulas, functions and graphs to represent and analyze data.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students used formulas and functions (canned formulas) in a spreadsheet. By the end of 8th grade, students can use functions and formulas and/or create graphs from a spreadsheet that represents collections of data. In future grades, students will evaluate the ability of data visualization artifacts to identify key features and relations by using scientific inquiry, practice and applications.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Formulas and functions are necessary to create a visual representation of a collection of data.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Create a representation (charts, graphs) of a collection of data to conclude.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Students will use formulas and functions in a spreadsheet with self-collected data to analyze and present results and conclusions.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will be able to explore (research and collect) data and utilize formulas and functions to visualize results and draw conclusions.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating about Computing*

1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts.*

1. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.
### Strand | Data and Analysis
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**Topic** | **Inference and Modeling**

| DA.IM.8.a | Create and analyze models and simulations to accurately hypothesize a real-world situation. |

| **Expectations for Learning** |

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students should have had experience analyzing data models (e.g., charts, graphs). By the end of 8th grade, students can provide evidence to support or refute a hypothesis (prediction) about a self-generated collection of data. In future grades, students will construct a model using collected data, create a hypothesis, test it and refine it to discover connections and trends.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Develop a hypothesis for a problem and then determine if the data collected around the problem supports the hypothesis.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Given a problem statement, create a hypothesis (prediction), collect data (e.g., survey results), interpret data trends, compare trends to the hypothesis and analyze data trends.
- Compare related data sets.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will create a problem statement and hypothesis, collect data, organize and analyze the results using an electronic tool and identify the trends to support or disprove the hypothesis.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will construct a problem statement and understand what type of data would be appropriate to help analyze their problem. They should then be able to complete the processes necessary to support or disclaim a hypothesis.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
Practice 7. Communicating about Computing
1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In previous grades, students should have developed a basic understanding of what goes into an algorithm and know how to write pseudocode. As students create multiple solutions to a problem, they must be able to analyze various solutions and determine the most efficient. At the end of 8th grade, students should be able to identify the parts of a program's pseudocode (input, output, decisions). In future grades, students will learn how to break a problem into steps, and then in addition to just pseudocode be able to represent the algorithm using process and data flow diagrams. Students will be able to explain the steps of the problem and be able to communicate why they broke the problem down the way they did. Finally, they will be able to implement their created algorithm in an appropriate programming language and optimize it using best practices.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Understand the flow of a program.
- Compare different sets of pseudocode and determine the most efficient solution.
- Recognize and define iteration.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Identify the inputs, outputs, processes and decisions.
- Use proper symbols to create flow charts to represent pseudocode.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Students should be able to write more than one pseudocode solution for the same problem (e.g., two different sets of directions between two locations). Then, they should be able to analyze each proposed solution and list the pros and cons of each. At this level, the expectation is that looping is done utilizing iteration, not recursion.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
Students should be able to identify the inputs, outputs, and decision steps within the algorithms they create in pseudocode. Students should be able to create a flow chart representation for each of their pseudocode solutions, using proper symbols for inputs, outputs and decisions.
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**Topic** | Variables and Data Representation

**ATP.VDR.8.a** Analyze test cases and determine the range of valid solutions.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students developed an understanding of what it means to vary (as opposed to being constant) and that this abstract value is expressed with an alphanumeric representation. By the end of 8th grade, students understand how to use variables and analyze test cases. In future grades, students will be able to understand that variables have different storage requirements and restrictions and be able to choose the correct one to use for a task. Students will also use parameters to pass variable information into methods and return values to get information out of a method. Students will also learn about the scope or when the program can access or change a variable.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Identify the top/low range of values that will successfully run a solution.
- Identify out of bound values.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Test values in and out of the range of data.
- Test value upper, middle and lower range of the data.
- Test invalid input (e.g., negative numbers, zero, etc.).

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will deepen their understanding of variables, including when and how to declare and name new variables. A variable is like a container with a name, in which the contents may change, but the name (identifier) does not. The identifier makes keeping track of the data that is stored easier, especially if the data changes. Naming conventions for identifiers, and thoughtful choices of identifiers, improve program readability. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will be able to identify variables and choose appropriate test values for each variable. Students will be able to identify "good" vs. "bad" input values for variables by tracking results on an input/output chart while running test cases. Students will learn to test for cases of invalid input (e.g., values that result in division by zero, square root of a negative value, a blank variable vs. zero, etc.)
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| ATP.VDR.8.b | Use a data structure to represent a collection. |

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<td>In previous grades, students created, used and traced variables. By the end of 8th grade, students can identify a collection of information that can be represented by a single identifier (data structure). In future grades, students will understand that variables have different storage requirements and restrictions and can choose the correct one to use for a task. Students will use parameters to pass variable information into methods and return values to get information out of a method. Students will understand the scope, or when the program can access or change a variable.</td>
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### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students developed an understanding of variables and how to use a simple conditional and loop (not compound or nested). By the end of 8th grade, students understand and incorporate proper processes, loops and conditionals in programs to solve problems. In future grades, students will understand that variables have different storage requirements and restrictions and can choose the correct one to use for a task. Students will use parameters to pass variable information into methods and return values to get information out of a method. Students will be introduced to the scope and how a program can access or change a variable.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Utilize and apply the decision structures properly in an algorithm.
- Utilize and apply the loop structures properly in an algorithm.
- Utilize and apply nested structures within an algorithm.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Properly use If-then, if-then-else, and if-then-else if statements.
- Properly use Pre-test (do-while), post-test (while) and definite loop (for, for next).

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Conditional statements can have varying levels of complexity, including compound and nested conditionals. Compound conditionals combine two or more conditions in a logical relationship, and nesting conditionals within one another allow the result of one conditional to lead to another being evaluated. An example of a nested conditional structure is deciding what to do based on the weather outside. If it is sunny outside, I will further decide if I want to ride my bike or go running, but if it is not sunny outside, I will decide whether to read a book or watch TV. Different types of control structures can be combined, such as loops and conditionals. Different types of programming languages implement control structures in different ways. For example, functional programming languages implement repetition using recursive function calls instead of loops. At this level, understanding implementation in multiple languages is not essential.
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<td>Students will be able to create compound conditional statements such as the one described by first choosing the weather: if sunny then will you go running or biking, else if rainy will you read or watch TV. Then, the student should include nesting conditions and loop (e.g., Input an integer and if it is even, prints a row of &quot;E&quot;s; if it is odd, print a column of &quot;O&quot;s.)</td>
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students had experience decomposing an event, experience or problem. For example, to create a mural or draw a scene, several "parts" must be chosen first (the background, the characters placed, the action programmed). By the end of 8th grade, students can identify and utilize the procedures/modules within a set of instructions or code. Students should also be able to reuse the modules in new problem sets or coding and pull out the modules for testing. In future grades, a student will continue to apply this concept.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Identify smaller components of an algorithm.
- Identify a set of steps of an algorithm's component that produces a result.
- Smaller components of a program (modules) can be reused in new problem situations.
- Isolate procedures (modules) for testing.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Group and organize steps that work together to produce a result.
- When provided with a result, identify the steps that were used.
- Reuse the identified module/procedure (organized set of steps) in a new problem situation.
- Identify a module and test it.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

A procedure is a module (a group of instructions within a program) that performs a particular task. Procedures are invoked to repeat groups of instructions. For example, a procedure, such as one to draw a circle, involves many instructions, but all of them can be invoked with one instruction, such as drawing a circle. Procedures that are defined with parameters are generalizable to many situations and will produce different outputs based on a wide range of inputs (arguments). (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will be able to organize code, hide details and increase reusability. Additionally, procedures increase efficiency and accuracy when testing and debugging.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

2. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.

3. Evaluate whether it is appropriate and feasible to solve a problem computationally.

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.

2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.

3. Create modules and develop points of interaction that can apply to multiple situations and reduce complexity.

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

3. Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.
### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students learned how to create a program through block-based and transitional programming. By the end of 8th grade, students can design and create their transitional languages. In future grades, students will learn how software development progresses through a life cycle.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Write code to solve a problem using a text-based programming language.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Use text-based code that includes operations, variable definitions and control structures to solve problems.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students will write code using a transitional (for students coming from block-based coding or no experience in any language) text-based programming language. Students will be using operators (add, subtract, multiply, divide), variable definitions, and control structures (for, while, do, if/then/else) in their code to solve a problem or create a graphic.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students should be able to define variables, implement control structures (loops, if/then/else) and use procedures containing variables.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
**Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems**
1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.

**Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts**
1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression, or to address a societal issue.
**Strand** | **Algorithmic Thinking and Programming**
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**Topic** | **Program Development**
**ATP.PD.8.b** Systematically test and refine programs using a range of test cases. | **Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students had experience programming in a transitional programming language. They also had some exposure to finding and correcting errors in a transitional programming language.

By the end of 8th grade, students continue to use a transitional programming language and increase the complexity of the code (e.g., nesting conditionals) which will increase the complexity of debugging. Students should be able to identify errors (run-time and logical), modify and test code to make the program robust. In future grades, students will use the software development life cycle to refine their programs.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Compile code to successfully run programming code and produce the expected result.
- Test a variety of solutions within the programming solution.
- Identify and fix errors within the program.
- Understand the meaning of a robust program.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Use troubleshooting techniques to debug the code.
- Debug code.
- Differentiate between logical and run-time errors.
- Write robust code.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Students need to understand that errors often occur when writing code. Introduce the concept of a robust program. Students need to understand that just because their code did not "crash" and output was produced, there still may be errors in the code, especially if the output is incorrect. Many transitional programming languages have built-in features to help students identify (troubleshoot) and correct run-time errors (debug) but finding the logical errors will take more investigation.
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<td>In previous grades, students had some experience using procedures with parameters in either block-based or transitional programming languages. By the end of 8th grade, students are experienced using multiple procedures that have one or more parameters in a transitional language. In future grades, students will continue their investigation of procedures by passing multiple parameters and returning values.</td>
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*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

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### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 7, students modeled how unsupervised learning finds patterns in unlabeled data to identify how machine learning takes place. In high school, students will explain at least one way bias can enter the machine learning system and explain how that bias impacts people.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Explain the difference between a classification and a prediction model.
- Compare how the same tabular data set creates different results when run through a classification model vs. a prediction model.
- Interpret the quality of the data set once the model has been run and explain what qualities should be present.
- Describe strategies for improving data sets.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Students will be able to explain the difference between a classification and prediction model and the reasons for using one versus the other in machine learning.
- Students will be able to identify the quality of their data set based on the outcome of running their chosen model.
- Students will be able to train a classification model or prediction model using a tabular data set.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

A classification model is a process of finding a good model that describes the data classes or concepts. The purpose of classification is to predict the class of objects whose class label is unknown. A prediction model identifies or predicts the missing or unavailable data for a new observation based on the previous data and future assumptions. In prediction, the output is a continuous value. A tabular data set is a collection of rows and columns.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Machine learning models have specific applications based on the desired outcome of a given data set. Classification models sort a data set into groups of similar data (e.g., grouping students by interest in specific sports) vs. prediction models which create a prediction based on previous data to take a new data set and predict where it will go or do (ex. predicting a student's lunch order based on their previous orders.)
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*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

3. Create modules and develop points of interaction that can apply to multiple situations and reduce complexity.
### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 7, students identified the components of a chatbot and explain how each component contributes to the chatbot's human-like responses. In high school, students will describe how artificial intelligence drives many software and physical systems.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Compare human, animal and machine intelligence.
- Explain what it means for something to be intelligent.
- List the ways to determine intelligence.
- Discuss ways to improve the intelligence of machine learning/Artificial Intelligence (AI).

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Students will be able to analyze natural vs. machine intelligence and explain the differences and commonalities between the two.
- Students will be able to identify and describe elements of intelligence in humans, animals and machines to better understand how machines learn.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Natural intelligence is the ability of a living being to think, gain from various expressions, comprehend complex ideas, solve numerical issues, adapt to new situations, use knowledge to manipulate one's environment and speak with fellow living beings.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Machine intelligence is limited to the information given to it. It cannot learn and grow from mistakes or the past. It takes longer to adjust to new information than natural intelligence. Machines are faster than human brains. They are not able to mimic social and emotional behaviors on their own.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

2. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 7, students explain how images are represented digitally by computer. In grade 8, students explain how sounds and images are represented digitally in a computer. In high school, students explain how radar, lidar, GPS and accelerometer data are represented.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Computers perceive the world using sensors.
- Perception is the extraction of meaning from sensory information using knowledge.
- Sounds and images can be represented digitally.

#### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES
- Explain how sounds are represented digitally in a computer.
- Explain how images are represented digitally in a computer.
- Understand how sensor data is stored in a computer.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Sounds are digitally encoded by sampling the waveform at discrete points (typically several thousand samples per second), yielding a series of numbers.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
The transformation from signal to meaning takes place in stages, with increasingly abstract features and higher-level knowledge applied at each stage.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*
1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.
Artificial Intelligence

AI.P.8.b Describe how a vision system might exhibit cultural bias if it lacked knowledge of objects not found in the culture of the people who created it to create inclusive and equitable data sets.

Expectations for Learning

LEARNING PROGRESSION
In Grade 7, students learned how edge detectors can be composed to form more complex feature detectors. In high school, students will learn what Artificial Intelligence (AI) can do that humans and more traditional programs cannot.

IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Define cultural bias.
- Discuss cultural bias as it applies to vision systems.
- Distinguish ways to overcome cultural bias in vision systems.
- Analyze how to make a vision set more inclusive and equitable.

KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES
- Students will be able to analyze vision systems to understand how the data set for the system might exhibit cultural bias.
- Students will be able to explain ideas for creating more equitable and inclusive vision programs and why they are important.

Content Elaborations

CLARIFICATIONS
Cultural bias is the interpretation of situations, actions or data based on the standards of one’s own culture. A vision system allows a computing device to inspect, evaluate and identify still or moving images. Domain knowledge must take multiple cultures into account if an AI application is to serve diverse groups.

CONTENT FOCUS
How does cultural bias impact the accuracy of vision systems? A self-driving car that only knows about American traffic signs will not be able to recognize traffic signs in Europe or Asia.

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**AI.P.8.c** Illustrate how sequences of words can be recognized as phrases, even if some of the words are unclear, by looking at how the words fit together to create a text recognition program.

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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In grade 7, students learned how to illustrate the concept of feature extraction from images by simulating an edge detector. In high school, students will learn what Artificial Intelligence (AI) can do that humans and traditional programs cannot.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Recognize how the meaning of a word can change when it is used in a sentence.
- Explain how the meaning of a word can be determined by its context.
- Draw conclusions about how text recognition programs misinterpret an input because of the words it is given.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Students will be able to identify how words fit together into phrases and the impact of the phrase on the meaning of the words within it.
- Students will be able to create a series of phrases to work accurately within a text recognition program.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Text recognition programs are also known as optical character recognition (OCR) and are used to detect text in images and scanned documents.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Student should be aware of how the meaning of a word changes when used in a phrase and how that will impact text recognition.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*
1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.
### Strand | Artificial Intelligence
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**Topic** | Representation & Reasoning
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AI.RR.8.a | Model the process of solving a graph-search problem using breadth-first search to draw a search tree.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In grade 7, students compared several algorithms that could be used to solve a specific type of reasoning problem. In high school, students will assess the impact of data on algorithmic outcomes.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Explain what a breadth-first search is and summarize when it is used.
- Relate how a breadth-first search is visualized in a search tree.

#### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES
- Students will be able to explain set theory and graph theory, specifically how information can be organized into a set, node and an edge (e.g., set: internet, node: computers, edge: routers).
- Students will be able to create a search tree that can be searched using breadth-search first.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
In computer science, a graph is a non-linear data structure that consists of nodes and edges, visualizes relationships between objects; it is a breadth-first search. An algorithm or method of graph traversal that considers a given node as the parent and connected nodes as children. A breadth-first search visits the sibling vertices before the child vertices.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
Graph theory shows the relationship between objects and set theory consists of sets of well-defined objects. Breadth search first allows a search of each node of a graph by moving through "children" of a node to "siblings" before moving on to the next "child" and repeating until the whole graph is searched.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*
- 4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
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**Career Connections**

**CAREER EXPLORATION**
Using OhioMeansJobs K12, students take the Career Cluster Inventory and ask themselves “Am I interested in a career in Computer Science?” Students use the Dynamic Career Pathways tool to explore occupations in this industry while using the Employment Projections tool to research further and determine whether a career in Computer Science may be of interest to them.
## Strand: Artificial Intelligence

### Topic: Machine Learning

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<td>Explain how the choice of training data shapes the behavior of the classifier to identify how bias can be introduced if the training set is not properly balanced.</td>
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### Expectations for Learning

In grade 7, students modeled how unsupervised learning finds patterns in unlabeled data to identify how machine learning takes place. In high school, students will explain at least one way that bias can enter the machine learning system and explain how that bias impacts people.

### Important Concepts

- Describe training in machine learning.
- Describe using a reason model in machine learning.
- Compare and contrast machine learning using a training versus a reasoning model.
- Select the proper model (training or reasoning model) for machine learning.
- Construct training sets for object recognition.
- Balance the training set so that bias is not introduced.

### Key Skills/Procedures

- Students will be able to define a training model in terms of machine learning.
- Students will be able to define a reasoning model.
- Students will be able to explain the difference between training and using a reasoning model.
- Students will be able to label data.
- Students will be able to identify bias in training data.

### Content Elaborations

**Clarifications**

Training is the process of providing a machine learning algorithm with data to learn from to create a machine learning model. A reasoning model, also known as machine reasoning, generates conclusions from available knowledge by using logical techniques like deduction and induction.

Students can be given a set of images and asked to draw a bounding box around every person, dog or traffic sign in the image, and label the object appropriately. As a follow-up, students could be asked to estimate the time it would take to construct a labeled data set with several thousand examples.

Machine learning requires large amounts of data to be effective. Human expertise is usually required to label the data, which could be labor-intensive.

A classifier trained on a loan application data set where most of the rejected applicants lived in Pleasantville might decide to never make a loan to anyone who lives in Pleasantville.

**Content Focus**

Students should be given a set of images and label the objects appropriately.
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Students should know the differences and specific uses of training models versus a reasoning model. Bias can result if the model is asked to classify inputs that don't resemble the training data or if the training data contains irrelevant correlations the classifier should not rely on.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions

Abstractions are formed by identifying patterns and extracting common features from specific examples to create generalizations. Using generalized solutions and parts of solutions designed for broad reuse simplifies the development process by managing complexity. By the end of Grade 12, students should be able to:

1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.
2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.
3. Create modules and develop points of interaction that can apply to multiple situations and reduce complexity.
4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 7, students identified and explained the effect training data has on the accuracy of an artificial intelligence system to uncover bias in training data. In high schools, students will identify, research and analyze current events in the field of artificial intelligence, considering new technology developments, social and ethical impact and future implications.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Analyze how the composition of training data affects the outcome of a supervised Artificial Intelligence (AI) system.
- Determine how bias can be identified in a training data set.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Students will be able to identify how the composition of training data affects the outcome of a supervised AI system and explain how this can be used to identify bias in data sets.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Bias (in machine learning) is a phenomenon that skews the result of an algorithm in favor or against an idea. A supervised artificial intelligence system is a computer algorithm trained on input data that has been labeled for a particular output.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Supervised AI is trained on a set of data that will give the desired result when run. Data sets with bias will cause the AI system to be biased, as the training data impacts how it responds to data sets given to it in the future. There are strategies for overcoming bias in data sets.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 7, students identified and explained the problems of classification in the supervised artificial intelligence context to create data sets that are inclusive and accurate. In high school, students will analyze the impact new artificial intelligence developments have or will have on its intended users and society at large.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Explain the process of identifying bias in the design of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) system.
- Describe what strategies are used to prevent bias from occurring in an AI system.
- Explain how to use inclusive AI design to prevent algorithmic bias.
- Define an inclusive AI design.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Students will be able to define and explain inclusive AI design.
- Students will be able to identify bias in the design of an AI system.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Inclusive design is a methodology that understands the full range of human diversity as a resource for a better design.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Strategies for inclusive AI design include user studies, algorithm development and system validation.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*
1. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.
Strand | Impacts of Computing
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**Topic** | **Culture**
IC.Cu.8.a | Compare current technologies and how they affect the current economy.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students should have become familiar with the history of computing and the ways in which we currently communicate via technology. By the end of 8th grade, students develop an understanding of the impact of computing on our country and the global economies. In the future, students will analyze new technologies to predict realistic impacts on society.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Identify how technology increases efficiency in the workforce.
- Identify how technology contributes to automation/job loss.
- Technology can result in the need for refitting the educational requirements for jobs.
- Technology improves communication and collaboration in the workforce.
- Advancements in technology contribute to new and unknown careers.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Communicate via school technology with one's parents, class and teacher.
- Explain the economic impact of the advancement of computing.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Globalization, coupled with the automation of the production of goods, allows access to labor that is less expensive and creates jobs that can easily move across national boundaries. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)

Students should explore the many pros and cons of this automation and globalization as it pertains to the economy and job market. Students need to learn about the additional learning needed when a worker changes jobs and the challenge of training young students for jobs that do not exist today.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students should consider a specific technology and its impact on the world. Students should discuss the economic impacts of this piece of technology on families, communities and the world.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students need to have developed an understanding that computing has become a global connection. By the end of 8th grade, students can identify technologies that have bias and accessibility issues for many areas of the world and then propose potential guidelines/modifications that would eliminate the bias and increase accessibility for all. In future grades, students will evaluate an alternative solution where a current tool does not exist due to limited resources.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Computing makes all aspects of our lives more efficient. It gives us the opportunity to communicate on a global scale.
- Bias and accessibility within technology include third world countries, equity, socio-economic status, and persons with disabilities.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Explain that access is important for everyone regardless of their socioeconomic status, disability or geographic location.
- Research the issue of bias and accessibility of computing, identify some of the technologies with this issue and propose guidelines/modifications for improvements.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
The educational system tries to level the computing access playing field for all students when not all students have the same opportunities or access once they leave the school setting. Helping students become aware of the world in which they live will help foster citizenship and problem solving (i.e., "thinking outside the box"). Students may experience and identify access limitations personally or observe the bias against a family member or friend. This bias may exist due to disabilities or economic status. This life experience may give them ideas for ways to improve accessibility. Students also need to identify the technology bias and accessibility issues that many people have globally.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students will determine technologies with bias in computing. Through research, students will identify the bias, determine the appropriate technology or adaptation and propose guidelines/modifications for improvements to positively impact bias and accessibility.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students had experience using technology on personal and/or school devices and had several classroom conversations about computer science employment opportunities. At the end of 8th grade, students understand that there are many different people and jobs involved in creating the technology that they utilize, and this fact equates to numerous jobs in the computer science fields. In future grades, students will evaluate how new technologies and professions will solve real-world problems.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- It is necessary to stay up to date on future industry needs.
- Computer science is more than writing code or building a piece of hardware.
- The ever-evolving area of computing will create jobs that do not exist today.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Describe several different existing careers involving computer science and understand that there will be positions in the future that have not yet been defined.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
There are many careers under the umbrella of computer science, many of which do not involve coding and building a piece of hardware. Students should be aware of the possibilities that exist today and realize that there will be new jobs for them when they graduate that do not even exist today.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The priority is that students need to understand that a computer science career is not just writing code but is an integral part of all industries and world culture.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

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**Topic** | **Culture**

IC.Cu.8.d **Explain how computing impacts innovation in other fields.**

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students had experience utilizing several different mediums of technology, such as email, shared school documents, electronic grade books and research on the internet. By the end of 8th grade, students should be able to identify both the positive and negative impact that computing has had in other fields (e.g., robotics in manufacturing, virtual meetings, medical advances). In future grades, students will evaluate how new technologies and professions will solve real-world problems.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- The communication, computation, and connection opportunities provided by computing technologies have provided a wave of innovation in other fields.
- Due to the current data processing, networking, and computational abilities of computers, we are now able to accomplish things that we had never dreamed possible.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Identify areas where the benefits of computing technology could be applied to other fields to make one more efficient and/or successful.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
The big idea here is that computing applies to a wide variety of fields. Students should be given the opportunity to make connections between computing technologies and how they could impact and continue to improve people’s lives.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students should have the ability to identify current computing innovations and explore the relationship of how those innovations both positively and negatively affect various careers and other fields of study. Students should study how computing can relate to a variety of careers and explain the advantages and disadvantages of current technologies.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*
  1. Include the unique perspectives of others and reflect on one’s perspectives when designing and developing computational products.
## Strand: Impacts of Computing
### Topic: Social Interactions

**IC.SI.8.a** Evaluate the impacts of electronic communication on personal relationships to be able to evaluate differences between face-to-face and electronic communication.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
In previous grades, students had continual conversations with teachers about the proper use of electronic devices whenever there was a lesson that involved the use of a computing device. By the end of 8th grade, students evaluate the pros and cons of face-to-face interactions versus electronic interactions (e.g., emails, phones, social media). In future grades, students will have a continual conversation on interpersonal use of devices and this conversation will not be contained to this single strand.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Identify positive and negative impacts of devices and computing on the health and well-being of businesses, economics, politics and cultural interactions.
- Explain the advantages and disadvantages when comparing electronic meetings with face-to-face meetings.
- Provide examples of beneficial and harmful effects on persons through social media, phones and other devices.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Differentiate between the harmful and beneficial effects of computing and devices globally and locally on economics, businesses, politics and cultural differences.
- Describe ways in which the internet globally impacts business, politics and economics.
- Communicate the pros and cons of personal interaction with email, phones and social media.
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of electronic collaboration for interpersonal use.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Computing and devices have a significant impact on connecting with other people, sharing information and expressing ideas. Students should discuss and investigate the pros and cons of electronic communication (i.e., email, phone, social media) versus face-to-face meetings. This is not only something that can be discussed at an interpersonal level but also on the business side where companies must weigh the expense of travel for meetings against the impersonal electronic meetings. The interpersonal effects may be a good transition to an anti-bullying lesson/unit.
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**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students should be able to evaluate how the use of computing devices can contribute or be a detriment to the economics, businesses, politics and cultural differences at the global and local levels.

Students also should be able to determine how social media and technological devices can contribute to or have consequences in their daily lives.

Students should be able to distinguish the benefits and ramifications of face-to-face meetings and electronic meetings.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*
1. Include the unique perspectives of others and reflect on one's perspectives when designing and developing computational products.
2. Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*
2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
### Strand | Impacts of Computing
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**Topic** | Safety, Law and Ethics

| **IC.SLE.8.a** | Explain user privacy concerns related to the collection and generation of data that may not be evident through automated processes. |
| **IC.SLE.8.b** | Describe the social and economic implications of privacy in the context of safety, law or ethics to be global digital citizens. |

#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students should have had experience with devices at school and had lessons/teacher conversations about information sharing. By the end of 8th grade, students understand and can explain the difference between public and personal information, the necessity of not sharing personal information and the implications of misinformation. In future grades, students should be able to apply these concepts and continually investigate security concerns and legal rights.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Identify what is personal information (e.g., address, phone number, birth date, social security number, financial information).
- Be familiar with some of the "attacks" made by third parties trying to misuse the private information.
- Identify the consequences of providing misinformation.
- Review cases where auto-generated information-gathering programs put the public users at risk and misused their data.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Differentiate between personal and public information and make decisions about which items can be safely shared within social media.
- Recognize third-party attempts of retrieving personal information (e.g., emails, phishing).
- Communicate the contents of one's digital footprint.
- Recognize unsafe auto-generated data collection tools.
- Communicate the implications of providing false or misinformation with devices.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Social engineering is based on tricking people into breaking security procedures and can be thwarted by being aware of various kinds of attacks, such as emails with false information and phishing. Security attacks often start with personal information that is publicly available online. All users should be aware of the personal information, especially financial information, that is stored on the websites they use. Protecting personal online information requires authentication measures that can often make it harder for authorized users to access information. (K-12 Computer Science Framework, 2016)
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**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students will be able to identify and understand what information is personal (e.g., address, phone number, birth date, social security number, financial information) vs. public. It is vital that students understand what information should be kept private and secure to protect themselves. Teachers need to reinforce that those decisions made regarding their personal information will become a "digital footprint" and be at risk for "attacks" made by third parties trying to misuse private information. Students will also be able to understand how the release or sharing of personal information publicly can harm their livelihood or others. Additionally, students will learn of the long-term impact social media and auto-generated data collection tools will have on their lives because they gather and store personal information.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

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*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

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**IC.SLE.8.c** Identify ethical and legal security measures used to protect electronic information.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students explored and identified some of the positive and negative effects technological communication has had in the business world, including the entertainment business. By the end of 8th grade, students can identify ways in which computing has made the demand for increased security and information protection necessary in the business world. In future grades, students will investigate security concerns, such as data breaches, privacy policies and intellectual property laws.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Be able to identify the moral and basic legal issues facing business, such as the storage of patient information by hospitals, universities and medical offices.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Explain that businesses must protect patient/client privacy and confidential information.
- Explain that businesses must assure the security of patient/client information.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Confidential information is at risk more today than ever. Students need to have a basic understanding that they should give out their personal information to only those businesses approved by their parents. They should understand that businesses are under moral and ethical obligations to keep their sensitive data secure.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students should focus on issues that have occurred dealing with data breaches exposing personal information and the responsibilities businesses must protect data.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*

1. Include the unique perspectives of others and reflect on one's perspectives when designing and developing computational products.
### Strand | Impacts of Computing
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**Topic** | Safety, Law and Ethics

| IC.SLE.8.d | Provide appropriate credit when using resources or artifacts that are not our own. |

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In previous grades, students had some experience creating original work that may include code, text, video or graphics and had discussions on citing/providing credit to any sources that are copied/inserted into their work. By the end of 8th grade, students should continue providing credit for all sources. In future grades, students should continue providing credit for all sources.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Plagiarism/cheating is when you represent someone else’s work as your own.
- In creating a computational artifact, students can create their original work, including video, music, text, images, graphs and program code.
- When using external work to integrate into a computational artifact, one must acknowledge, attribute and/or cite sources and include a bibliography with their submission. External work that should be acknowledged includes video, music, text, images, graphs and programmed code that are used in the creation of computational artifacts.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Provide proper credit for items inserted into their work; the credit may be MLA, APA citations or some other accepted format.
- Provide credit to not only textbooks, scientific reports and websites but also appropriate persons in a collaboration effort.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Ethical complications arise from the opportunities provided by computing. The ease of sending and receiving copies of media on the internet, such as video, photos and music, creates the opportunity for unauthorized use, such as online piracy, and disregard of copyrights, such as lack of attribution. (CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards, 2017)

Students need to learn the importance of providing proper credit for all the sources, not only the electronic sources but also those persons with whom they have worked.
### Strand: Safety, Law and Ethics

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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

3. Articulate ideas responsibly by observing intellectual property rights and giving appropriate attribution.
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#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8:
Students will be able to identify improvements to possibly make a computing device for better interaction with users.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will extract technological information about computing systems and their limitations to determine effective solutions for given situations.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will extract technological information about computing systems to determine and integrate the best practices for complex situations.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Different devices interact with each other.
- Everyday devices have computers in them.
- Criteria can be used to evaluate computing systems.
- There are multiple methods to evaluate computing systems.
- Computing systems can consist of both virtual and physical components.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Communicate/explain how different devices interact to determine the proper device for usage.
- Identify the different devices and their purpose to evaluate the proper device for usage.
- Create criteria to effectively evaluate a computing system.
- Apply a method of evaluation to verify functionality.
### Strand: Computing Systems
### Topic: Devices

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Examples of simple devices could be:  
- a garage door opened,  
- a toaster and  
- a microwave.  

Examples of complex devices could be:  
- tablet on a refrigerator,  
- an alarm system and  
- a multi-functional printer.  

Examples of virtual devices could be:  
- a cloud server,  
- a remote server,  
- a software driver emulating hardware and  
- a virtual hard drive.  

Examples of connecting technologies could be:  
- wired networks and components,  
- routers and switches,  
- wireless network technologies and  
- Bluetooth. |

**CONTENT FOCUS**  
Understand that everyday devices have computers  
Understand how different devices communicate with each other  
Understand the difference between virtual and physical  

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**  
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*  
1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena
Strand | Computing Systems
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Topic | Hardware and Software

### CS.HS.9-12.F.a

Compare and contrast interactions between application software, system software and hardware.

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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

By the end of grade 8:

Students will make decisions on the use of hardware and software combinations to effectively complete a task.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:

Students dictate the appropriate software to install onto specific hardware to work as specified.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:

Students will construct a working system based on hardware and software criteria.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Hardware must have software to function.
- Software consists of operating systems, firmware and applications.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Evaluate the purpose of operating systems, firmware and applications to enable the hardware to operate as designed.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Operating systems are software that controls the computer basic functions. Examples of operating system types are:

- server (web, e-mail, file, application, print),
- desktop/client,
- mobile,
- IoT and
- simple/complex (garage door opener/multi-function printer).

Firmware controls specific hardware (graphics card).

Applications provide a service for the end-user.

#### CONTENT FOCUS

Focus on understanding what operating systems are and how they work.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**  
*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*  
3. Solicit and incorporate feedback from and provide constructive feedback to, team members and other stakeholders.  
4. Evaluate and select technological tools that can be used to collaborate on a project.*
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**CS.T.9-12.F.a** Apply a systemic process to identify problems and take steps to correct them within an integrated computing system.  
**CS.T.9-12.F.b** Analyze an IT device to determine either what repairs are needed or how to build it.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8:
Students will be able to identify a problem, make a list of possible solutions to a problem, determine the best solution and also communicate with others to help them solve the problem.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will understand the troubleshooting process to evaluate a predetermined situation.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will use the troubleshooting process to resolve a real-world problem.

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Systematic processes can be used to solve problems.
- Not all computer parts are compatible.

### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Apply an existing systematic process to correct problems.
- Identify common problems with devices.
- Explain the compatibility of different components.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

The troubleshooting process includes the following:
1. Identify a problem/gather information.
2. Theorize possible solutions.
3. Test possible solutions. If no solutions result, return to step 2.
4. Implement the solution.
5. Do a full system test, the user tests system.
6. Create documentation.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Focus on using systematic processes to solve problems.  
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
2. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.
3. Evaluate whether it is appropriate and feasible to solve a problem computationally.

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.
2. Identify and fix errors using a systematic process.

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
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**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Network devices have connectivity.
- Protocols are used for network communications.
- Network topologies have limitations.
- Different network topologies can be interconnected.
- Devices have both a physical and logical address.

**KEY SKILLPROCEDURES**
- Demonstrate how to connect to a network device.
- Identify the tools to trace data through a network.
- Explain how to trace data through a network.
- Compare and contrast network topologies.
- Compare and contrast network devices.
- Identify the network a device is connected to.
- Define the common network protocols.
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

**By the end of grade 8:**
Students understand physical measures to protect devices and software measures to protect electronic information. Students understand general practices used to identify malware infections. Students can describe how malware can affect information.

**In the 9-12 Foundational Level:**
Students will be able to understand the cybersecurity impact on business and economy. Students will be able to employ principles of cybersecurity and emergent technologies including cluster computing and quantum key distribution.

**In the 9-12 Advanced Level:**
Students will be able to find the cybersecurity threat and provide a plan of action to remove the threat.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- All endpoints must be protected.
- Physical security is the protection from physical actions and events that could cause loss or damage.
- Humans are the weakest point in cybersecurity.
- As emerging technologies evolve, so do the threats of cybersecurity attacks.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Identify the goals, objectives and purposes of cybersecurity.
- Identify common risks, alerts and warning signs.
- Describe the concepts of malware attacks.
- Identify types of controls to eliminate malware from occurring.
- Demonstrate understanding of authentication, authorization and verification.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Know a response plan to understand why it is needed.

Know the cybersecurity cycle to be able to create a response plan.

Apply authentication, authorization and verification to be able to control network usage.

Know common types of cybersecurity attacks to recognize and implement countermeasures.
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Physical security is necessary to limit access to important hardware, making it more difficult to add malicious code to computers and network devices. Examples of physical security could include how and when to limit computer access to certain individuals, how to secure computers, and where to store backups and external hard drives.

Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) is a quantum cryptography protocol for the secure sharing of information. It produces a shared secure key for encryption and decryption of messages.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
- Understand the cybersecurity cycle.
- Create Response plans (i.e., plan & prepare, identify, containment, investigation, remediation, follow-up).
- Understand and discuss common types of cybersecurity attacks.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*
2. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*
1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
In previous grades, students began to employ best practices for threat mitigation. By the end of the foundational level in grades 9-12, students will compare threat actors and threat vectors that are used. In previous grades, students should recognize different encryption methods. In future grades, students will be able to utilize various encryption techniques to protect data.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Threat actors are those parties who plan and execute threats.
- Threat vectors are ways threat actors enter a network or system.
- Encryption is a concept that allows information to help protect files, networks and systems.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Discuss threat vectors and the threat actors behind attacks.
- Discuss how encryption helps to secure files, networks and systems.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Threat actors could be nation-states, cyber terrorists, hacktivists or organized crime.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
By the end of grade 12, students should understand what data they should share and when it should be shared. They should exhibit good digital citizenry as it applies to cyber security hygiene, awareness and safe browsing. They also should know how to connect safely to online services using a Virtual Private Networking (VPN).

Students also should understand that information and data can be protected using encryption methods and other processes. This includes the idea of the CIA triad, a concept that focuses on the balance between the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data under the protection of your information security program.

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**NI.IOT.9-12.F.a** Design an IoT life cycle scenario that encompasses data gathering, transmission, reception and data analysis to demonstrate how the IoT operates and apply these skills to design products that model the process.

**NI.IOT.9-12.F.b** Explore and plan career pathways related to IoT to identify careers associated with the computer science field.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

*In grade 8:*
Students modeled the lifecycle of information in the IoT, data gathering, transmission, reception and analysis, to recreate a real-world scenario.

*By the end of the 9-12 Foundational Level:*
Students can gather information to be able to design simple smart applications and an accompanying lifecycle.

*In the 9-12 Advanced Level:*
Students will be able to design and implement a working smart device and its life cycle or application for a smart device life cycle.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Smart devices with sensors are a part of the IoT life cycle.
- A smart device may receive as well as send information.
- Students will identify and analyze the data they gather and what they transmit across the internet, and determine what entity receives the data and what is done with the data after it is received.

#### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES

- Demonstrate understanding of smart devices.
- Demonstrate the life cycle of smart device implementations.
- Design a smart device life cycle.
- Implement a smart device life cycle (advanced).

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Smart devices, while an essential part of an IoT life cycle, must be paired with other devices to transmit and receive data. That data must then be analyzed to provide meaning from that data.

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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

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*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, taking into account key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

By the end of grade 8:
- Students will consistently be able to choose and use an appropriate data tool for any given set of data.
- Students should be able to explain and utilize different types of file formats and explain the capacity limits of each file. Students will understand that files are stored in a root directory on the hard drive or in the cloud with folders and subfolders and be able to appropriately share files.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
- Students will use scientific practices to select data analysis tools to organize data and identify trends, patterns and outliers. Students will be able to understand the benefits of different data collection tools and pick the appropriate one to use for a problem. Students will learn how data is stored on different computer systems.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
- Students will apply basic techniques for locating, collecting, manipulating and interpreting small-scale multidimensional data sets (e.g., creating and distributing user surveys, accessing real-world data sets). Students will use various data collection techniques for different types of computational problems (e.g., mobile device, Global Positioning System (GPS), user surveys, embedded system sensors, open data sets, social media data sets).

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Scientific practices are used for data analysis.
- Data collection tools can be used to find accurate data.
- Data analysis tools are used to interpret and investigate the data.
- There are different ways to represent data in a computer system that have varying costs and benefits.
- Data can be stored locally or on the network.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Use data analysis tools to organize data and identify trends, patterns and outliers.
- Use scientific practices to answer questions about real-world challenges; gather, analyze and interpret data to develop models and explanations.
- Identify an appropriate data collection tool for a given situation.
- Demonstrate understanding of how data is stored on different computer systems.
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**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Scientific practices are a methodology that focuses on investigation, evaluation and developing explanations of the natural world.

Data collection could include data found from:
- spreadsheets,
- qualitative surveys,
- quantitative surveys, and
- experimental data.

Data analysis tools could include:
- filters,
- pivot tables,
- similarity matching,
- regression, and
- classifications.

Ways of representing data could include:
- ASCII,
- UTF,
- decimal,
- binary, and
- hexadecimal.

Ways of encoding data could include:
- XML,
- databases,
- spreadsheets, and
- flat files.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Focus on extracting data into a data storage tool like a spreadsheet, database or XML file and using tools to find useful information from the data.

Focus as well on how data and data structures can be stored on different systems.
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*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
### Strand: Data and Analysis

#### Topic: Visualization and Communications

**DA.VC.9-12.F.a** Analyze the benefits and limitations of data visualization or multisensory artifacts and tools to communicate which is most appropriate to solve a real-world problem.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8:

Students will be able to take raw data and make a model from that data. Students then will be able to analyze the data in their model to determine patterns. Students will be able to utilize functions and formulas and will be able to create graphs from a spreadsheet that represent collections of data.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:

Students will evaluate the ability of multisensory data artifacts to identify key features and relations by using scientific practices.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:

Students will create data visualization artifacts using multiple data sources in order to analyze and answer real-world questions.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Multisensory artifacts, such as visualizations, are used to analyze data.
- Different multisensory artifacts have varied benefits and limitations.
- Multisensory artifacts can be used to look at real-world data and suggest solutions from the data.
- Different data analysis tools, including virtual tools, have varied advantages and disadvantages.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Explain data analyzation artifacts.
- Analyze multisensory data artifacts to interpret their information.
- Communicate complex information gathered from analysis.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

A multisensory artifact could be:

- data visualizations,
- audio analysis,
- tactile analysis, and
- olfactory analysis.
### Strand  | Data and Analysis
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**Topic** | **Visualization and Communications**

A data visualization artifact could be:
- a web page,
- a chart, or
- a graph.

A web page would utilize HTML and CSS to create a data visualization.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Focus on creating graphs or charts to analyze a data set that is appropriate for the target audience. Present the created graphs or charts to relay the relevant information to the target audience.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*
- Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*
- Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*
- Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
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**DA.IM.9-12.F.a** Evaluate a model by creating a hypothesis, testing it and refining it to discover connections and trends in the data.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

**By the end of grade 8:**
Students will be able to evaluate a model associated with a concept to extract meaning.

**In the 9-12 Foundational Level:**
Students will construct a model using collected data, and create a hypothesis, test it and refine it to discover connections and trends.

**In the 9-12 Advanced Level:**
Students will collect, analyze and reorganize multiple sets of data to construct a model, create a hypothesis, test it and refine it to discover connections and trends between the multiple sets of data.

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Scientific practices should be used to analyze data in a model.
- Data can be both valid and invalid.
- There are many different types of data models that can be utilized.
- There is a proper notation to use in a simple model.

### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Create a simple model from given data.
- Evaluate data for validity.
- Demonstrate an understanding of fundamental data design techniques.
- Identify common model notations.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of common data model types.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Below, are steps to model data:

- Identify entity types.
- Identify attributes.
- Apply naming conventions.
- Identify relationships.
- Assign keys.
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Examples of data model types include hierarchical and relational. Analyzation is to deconstruct an argument; examine it critically to bring out essential elements.

Below, are Common Model notations:
- Multiplicities (e.g., zero to one, one only, zero or more, one or more, specific range)
- Attributes (e.g., names, primary keys/unique identifier, foreign key)
- Associations (e.g., labels)

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus should be on creating a model from a set of data.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.
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**ATP.A.9-12.F.a** Define and use appropriate problem-solving strategies and visual artifacts to create and refine a solution to a real-world problem.

**ATP.A.9-12.F.b** Define and implement an algorithm by decomposing problem requirements from a problem statement to solve a problem.

**ATP.A.9-12.F.c** Define and explain iterative algorithms to understand how and when to apply them.

**ATP.A.9-12.F.d** Define and explain recursive algorithms to understand how and when to apply them.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

**By the end of grade 8:**
Students have a basic understanding of what goes into an algorithm and know how to write pseudocode. Students are able to analyze various solutions to determine the most efficient. Students are able to identify the parts of a program's pseudocode (input, output, decisions).

**In the 9-12 Foundational Level:**
Students will learn how to break a problem into steps, and then, in addition to pseudocode, be able to represent the algorithm using process and data flow diagrams. Students will explain the steps of the problem and be able to communicate why they broke the problem down the way they did. Finally, they will be able to implement their created algorithm in an appropriate programming language and refine it using best practices.

**In the 9-12 Advanced Level:**
Students will progress to learn about complex list algorithms such as sorting and searching. They will also understand and explain the concept of recursion, where a method calls itself until an exit condition is met.

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Algorithms are the steps to solve a problem.
- There are strategies that simplify problem-solving.
- Problems can be broken down into smaller parts, such as inputs, outputs, decisions, loops and calculations.
- The flow of information through a program can be represented visually.
- Steps of a computer program can be represented by a diagram.

### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Demonstrate how to break a problem into steps.
- Create a process flow diagram, data flow diagram and pseudocode for an algorithm.
- Explain the steps of a problem.
- Implement an algorithm in an appropriate programming language.
- Optimize an algorithm by removing redundant or repeated code and using alternative control structures.
- Use control structures to create an iterative algorithm.
- Use control structures to create a recursive algorithm.
## Strand: Algorithmic Thinking and Programming
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### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Algorithms are the steps to solve a problem.

A complex problem is one in which the solution requires multiple (i.e., three or more) methods, objects and/or data structures.

Problems can be broken down into smaller parts.

The flow of information through a program can be represented visually.

Steps of a computer program can be represented by a diagram.

Present programming languages to students without extra functionality added by libraries, modules, etc. For example, using JavaScript without additional libraries like jQuery or React.

A problem-solving strategy has the following steps:
- Identify the problem.
- Analyze the problem.
- Identify decision criteria.
- Develop multiple solutions.
- Choose the optimal solution.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
The most important concept is the breaking down of problems into smaller pieces. You should also focus on at least one way of visualizing the algorithm.

You should also focus on one programming language to implement the algorithm.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*
1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
2. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.
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**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
A constant literal is not a variable as it cannot be changed.

Identify primitive data types (i.e., integer, Boolean, floating-point).

Information should be stored in the smallest possible data type. It should also be stored in the correct data type (e.g., characters should be stored in a character data type).

Programmers create variables to store data values of selected types. A meaningful identifier is assigned to each variable to access and perform operations on the value by name. Variables enable the flexibility to represent different situations, process different sets of data, and produce varying outputs.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Integer data includes integer, long integer, unsigned integer, character and byte.

Floating-point includes float and double.

A string is not primitive as it is a collection of characters.

Using the correct data type allows efficiency in memory management by using just enough memory storage without overflow or underflow.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.
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**ATP.CS.9-12.F.a** Define control structures and Boolean logic and use them to solve real-world scenarios.

**ATP.CS.9-12.F.b** Use appropriate syntax to create and use a method.

**ATP.CS.9-12.F.c** Use data scoping to isolate data.

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8:

Students will understand variables and how to use a simple conditional and loop. Students will understand and incorporate proper processes, loops and conditionals in programs to solve problems.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:

Students will look at Boolean statements to test a condition. They will then use this to create if/then/else statements in code. They will also code the definition of a method and then use it to solve a problem. Students will then expand their understanding to include methods that have parameters and return values. Students will also see how control structures can be nested to form more readable complex control structures.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:

Students will move on to learn how to put together methods, control structures and data structures to form a well-written program. They will use methods to organize the code into readable parts, data structures to organize data for easier processing, and control structures to direct the flow of the program. They will also learn to identify and remove redundant and inefficient code from a program.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- An IF Statement conditionally executes a section of code based on the outcome of a Boolean statement.
- A Boolean statement compares one or more items using comparison and logical operators and returns true or false.
- Code can be executed repeatedly using loops.
- Methods can be used to organize and allow the reuse of code.
- Scope determines when and where a variable can be accessed.
- Variables can be used to pass data and return data through methods.
- Decimal data could be too precise to be used in Boolean statements and cannot be used in switch selection.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Write an IF statement to compare one or more items and execute code depending on whether it is true or false.
- Apply iteration (loops) to solve a programming problem.
- Use logical operators in compound conditional statements.
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- Code the definition of a method.
- Call a method to solve a problem.
- Use parameters and return types to pass information into and out of methods.
- Nest same and different control structures.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Examples of control structures could be:
- if-else,
- switch,
- loops,
- method definitions, or
- calling methods.

A switch selects a section of code to execute based upon the value of a variable.

Coding a definition of a method involves writing out the all the code necessary to use it in a program.

Comparison operators evaluate the relation between two objects and return TRUE or FALSE.

Logical operators evaluate the relation between multiple statements and return TRUE or FALSE.

NOT reverses the Boolean outcome. For example, if a Boolean outcome results in TRUE, a NOT would result in comparing it to FALSE. If a Boolean outcome is FALSE, a NOT would result in comparing it to TRUE.

Programmers consider tradeoffs related to implementation, readability and program performance when selecting and combining control structures.

Programs use procedures to organize code, hide implementation details and make code easier to reuse. Procedures can be repurposed in new programs. Defining parameters for procedures can generalize behavior and increase reusability.
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**CONTENT FOCUS**

Below, are key control structures that should be addressed (syntax and practice):

- If-else
- For and while loops
- Method declaration
- Calling methods
- Comparison and logical operators

Understanding program flow (defining and calling methods) is very difficult for new learners. Spend a lot of time on simple method declarations and method calls.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.
2. Create modules and develop points of interaction that can apply to multiple situations and reduce complexity.

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.
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## Algorithmic Thinking and Programming

### Program Development

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### Expectations for Learning

### LEARNING PROGRESSION

**By the end of grade 8:**
- Students will be able to design and create their own code-based program using transitional programming languages.
- Students will be able to identify run-time and logical errors and modify and test code to make the program robust.
- Students will be experienced using pre-built procedures that have one or more parameters.

**In the 9-12 Foundational Level:**
- Students will define different software development lifecycle methodologies, including phases, roles and workflows.
- Students will also see how unit, system and integration tests differ, and what they are used for.
- They will also see how common conventions, such as naming and commenting conventions, will improve code fixes and readability.
- Students will also see how source control can make finding errors easier by illustrating the changes that were made to the code.

**In the 9-12 Advanced Level:**
- Students will then learn how to implement a solution to a problem using a software methodology from inception through support. This will require them to learn how to communicate as a team and work within their assigned role. Additionally, they will see how the practices they have learned so far make the project implementation simpler.

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- A software methodology is a series of phases to manage the design, development, testing and support of a software project.
- Different software methodologies have different roles and organization of team members to complete a project.
- Testing methodologies specify when and how coding is tested.
- Consistent naming conventions, version control and comments allow for easier maintenance and reuse of code.

### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Define different software methodologies, including phases, roles and workflows.
- Utilize unit test, system test and integration test to validate an application.
- Utilize print statements, logging statements and debuggers to identify and correct issues.
- Define and follow a naming and commenting convention.
- Use source control to maintain versions of code.
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**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Software methodologies include Waterfall, Agile, top-down, bottom-up and RAD.

Version control software is software that maintains revisions and changes to code. Examples would include GIT, TFS and SVN.

People design meaningful solutions for others by defining problems, criteria and constraints, carefully considering the diverse needs and wants of the community and testing whether criteria and constraints were met.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Key software methodologies are the Waterfall Model and the Agile Development Model. The steps in both differences in approach should be discussed in this phase.

GIT is the most common version control structure used by colleges and students should know how to use it to save, see and merge changes to files.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*
1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*
1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.
2. Identify and fix errors using a systematic process.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8:
Students explain the difference between training and using a reasoning model to identify how a machine learns.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will illustrate what happens during each of the steps required when using machine learning to construct a classifier or predictor.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will evaluate a data set used to train a real Artificial Intelligence (AI) system by considering the size of the data set, the way that the data were acquired and labeled, the storage required and the estimated time to produce the data set. Artificial Intelligence (AI), is the science and engineering of making intelligent machines and computer programs.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Decide on a problem to solve.
- Discover where to obtain the training data.
- Choose a feature set.
- Discover how to label the data.
- Run the learning algorithm.
- Use cross-validation set to decide when training should stop.
- Use a test set to measure performance.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Outline the steps of machine learning and elaborate on what is happening.
  - How the machine learns the information.
  - How the information is being stored.
  - How the machine changes or modifies its existing algorithm.
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**CLARIFICATIONS**
The cross-validation set is used to avoid overfitting. The test set consists of examples that were not used during training or for cross-validation, so it provides an unbiased prediction of the reasoner's performance on new inputs.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
- The origins of the data set.
- How the data is being used.
- How the machine will make decisions or modify the existing algorithm as it learns more information.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

- Practice 3.1 Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.

At any level, students should be able to identify problems that have been solved computationally.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8, students will train a classification or prediction model using machine learning on a tabular data set to evaluate the quality of the data set.

In the grades 9-12 Foundational Level, students will use either a supervised or unsupervised learning algorithm to train a model on real-world data, then evaluate the results.

In the grades 9-12 Advanced Level, students will investigate imbalances in training data in terms of gender, age, ethnicity or other demographic variables that could result in a biased model by using a data visualization tool.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- The supervised learning model is trained on a training set to produce the correct labels for labeled data. Students should evaluate the results by measuring the percent of items in a test set that are labeled correctly.
- The unsupervised learning model is trained to assign each input to a cluster of similar inputs. The clusters are determined by the learning algorithm because there are no labels attached to the training data. Students should evaluate the results by examining the clusters to see if they capture useful distinctions in the data set.

AI.ML.9-12.F.b Use either a supervised or unsupervised learning algorithm to train a model on real-world data, then evaluate the results.
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**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

**Supervised Learning Algorithm**

*Example*: Sort animal images into categories and teach a machine how to sort the images. Then, expose the machine to new images and quantify the results based on how many correct labels were applied to the new images.

**Unsupervised Learning Algorithm**

*Example*: Teach the machine to sort images into clusters based on useful distinctions, such as two legs, long tails, etc. Do not assign the images to distinct categories. Quantify the results by evaluating the contents of each cluster.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Supervised and unsupervised learning algorithms find patterns in data. In supervised learning, the "pattern" is the relationship between feature values and class labels. In unsupervised learning, the pattern is the way data is grouped into clusters. Real-world data sets are now widely available on the web. In earlier grade bands, students might test their trained models on a few new data points, but in this grade band, students are asked to quantitatively measure the performance of a trained model on a nontrivial test set.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Using a search engine, conduct a search for “machine learning tools.” Choose one that is free and compatible with the 1:1 devices used in the classroom. Model how the tool is used and have the students try to train the tool in various manners.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3.1* Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally. At any level, students should be able to identify problems that have been solved computationally.

**Career Connections**

**CAREER PLANNING**

Students research Artificial Intelligence career pathways using the Dynamic Career Pathways tool in OhioMeansJobs K-12 and identify qualifications (education, certification and experience) and career progression (entry, intermediate, advanced and expert level progression). Students examine how training data with models and discovering trends and relationships in a data set are used in these careers.
## Artificial Intelligence

### Natural Interaction

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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

**By the end of grade 8:**
Students will create a program, individually and collaboratively, that implements a language processing algorithm to create a functional chatbot.

**In the 9-12 Foundational Level:**
Students will construct context-free grammar to parse simple languages, use language processing tools to construct a chatbot and use sentiment analysis tools to extract emotional tone from text.

**In the 9-12 Advanced Level:**
Students will identify and debate the issues of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and consciousness.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Context-free grammars (CFGs) are a set of recursive rules used to generate patterns of strings and to describe context-free languages. CFGs can describe all regular languages and more, but they cannot describe all possible languages.
- Sentiment analysis (or opinion mining) is a natural language processing (NLP) technique used to determine whether data is positive, negative or neutral.

#### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES

- Describe Context-Free Grammar (CFG) and how the weighted and probabilistic extensions handle the ambiguity of natural language.
- Write an algorithm to create a chatbot.
- Incorporate a sentiment analysis tool into an algorithm to allow the machine to determine whether the data is positive, negative or neutral to generate its response.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

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**CONTENT FOCUS**
Create a Chatbot that will respond to inputs based on the sentiment of inputed data. After students have gained experience testing (P6.2), debugging and revising (P6.1), they should begin to evaluate and refine their computational artifacts.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 6.3* Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.

**AI.NI.9-12.F.b** Demonstrate how sentence parsers handle ambiguity.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
By the end of grade 8:
Students will create a program, individually and collaboratively, that implements a language processing algorithm to create a functional chatbot.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will demonstrate how sentence parsers handle ambiguity.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Parsing is an NLP task to assign syntactic structures to sentences according to grammar.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Differentiate between how humans and Artificial Intelligence (AI) learn language ambiguities.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
This was mentioned under AI Perceptions with the differences between written and spoken language.
Students should begin to evaluate and refine their computational artifacts after they have gained experience testing, debugging and revising.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Machine learning can overcome language ambiguities.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 6.3* Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8:
Students critically analyze and discuss features that make an entity intelligent, including discussing differences between human, animal and machine intelligence to identify how machine intelligence varies from natural intelligence.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students describe how artificial intelligence drives many software and physical systems.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a component of smart homes, smartwatches and smartphones.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Brainstorm areas where AI exists in students’ everyday encounters.
- Students will choose one area and present to the class how AI is used in that area.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Examples include digital ad delivery, self-driving cars and credit card fraud detection.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
AI is everywhere.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 6.3* Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility. After students have gained experience testing (P6.2), debugging and revising (P6.1), they should begin to evaluate and refine their computational artifacts.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8:
Students explain how sounds and images are represented digitally in a computer to explain how sensor data is stored in a computer.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will explain how radar, lidar, GPS and accelerometer data are represented.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will describe some of the technical difficulties in making computer perception systems function well for diverse groups.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Radar and lidar do depth imaging; each pixel is a depth value.
- GPS triangulates position using satellite signals and gives a location as longitude and latitude.
- Accelerometers measure acceleration in three-orthogonal dimensions.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Define radar, lidar, GPS and accelerometers.
- Determine if this data is a string, numeric as integer or decimal or boolean.
- Choose one sensor device to research how the data is stored on the computer.
- Students should report findings to the whole class.
- Students should know how to explain the complex concepts in simple language and should add to their report based on questions from the class.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Radar and lidar measure distance as the time for a reflected signal to return to the transceiver. GPS determines position by triangulating precisely timed signals from three or more satellites. Accelerometers use orthogonally oriented strain gauges to measure acceleration in three dimensions.
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**CONTENT FOCUS**
Teachers should focus on deconstruction activities that help students analyze and interpret how sensors operate and how the computer stores data. The Artificial Intelligence (AI) components of the sensors will make decisions based on the information.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
Practice 5.3 Modify an existing artifact to improve or customize it. At all grade levels, students should be able to examine existing artifacts to understand what they do.

**AI.P.9-12.F.b** Describe the limitations and advantages of various types of computer sensors.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
By the end of grade 8:
Students will describe how a vision system might exhibit cultural bias if it lacked knowledge of objects not found in the culture of the people who created it to create inclusive and equitable data sets.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will describe the limitations and advantages of various types of computer sensors.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will illustrate the abstraction hierarchy for speech understanding, from waveforms to sentences, showing how knowledge at each level is used to resolve ambiguities in the levels below.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Sensors are devices that measure physical phenomena such as light, sound, temperature or pressure.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Brainstorm types of computer sensors and the type of data they collect.
- Create a table, Venn diagram or another graphic organizer to illustrate the advantages and disadvantages of each type of sensor.
- Troubleshoot one sensor to provide a possible solution to a disadvantage.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Cameras have limited resolution, dynamic range and spectral sensitivity. Microphones have limited sensitivity and frequency response. Signals may be degraded by noise, such as a microphone in a noisy environment. Some sensors can detect things that people cannot like infrared or ultraviolet imagery or ultrasonic sounds.
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**CONTENT FOCUS**
The focus is on cultural bias of programmers, ethics and limited data sets.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 5.3* Modify an existing artifact to improve or customize it. At all grade levels, students should be able to examine existing artifacts to understand what they do.
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<td><strong>AI.RR.9-12.F.b</strong></td>
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

By the end of grade 8:
Students will categorize problems like classification, prediction, combinatorial search or sequential decision problems.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will categorize real-world problems like classification, prediction, sequential decision problems, combination search heuristic search, adversarial search, logical deduction or statistical inference.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Reasoning problems can be categorized based on:
  - Types of inputs supplied,
  - Types of outputs to be produced, and
  - Characteristics of the search space, if applicable.

#### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES

- Define combination search, heuristic search, adversarial search, logical deduction and statistical inference as it relates to computer science.
- Give students examples of different real-world problems to categorize.
- Students will justify their reasoning based on their knowledge of the categories.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

A heuristic search is needed when the state space is too large to examine all possible states. It uses a rule of thumb to limit the search by focusing on the most promising states. In an adversarial search used in a game-playing scenario, the algorithm alternates between finding the best move for the player, the best response for the opponent and which would be the worst move from the player’s perspective. An adversarial search may require heuristics if the game is complex, such as chess or go.

The reasoner can apply inference rules to reach a logical deduction by starting with a set of facts to derive new facts. The logical deduction can be done using formal logic such as propositional or predicate logic, or ad hoc inference rules used with semantic networks or the IF-THEN rules found in expert systems. Statistical inference involves reasoning with probabilities.
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### CONTENT FOCUS
Reasoning problems can be categorized based on the types of inputs supplied, the types of outputs to be produced and the characteristics of the search space, if applicable.

### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 3.1* Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
At any level, students should be able to identify problems that have been solved computationally.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION
By the end of grade 8:
Students will model the process of solving a graph search problem using breadth-first search to draw a search tree.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will describe the differences between types of search algorithms.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will illustrate breadth-first, depth-first and best-first search algorithms to grow a search tree.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- There are multiple algorithms for generating a search tree, each with its own advantages.

#### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES
- Categorize problems.
- Predict outcomes.
- Define and use the various algorithms.

#### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Some algorithms may be easier to implement in a particular programming language, work faster, require less memory to store data and be applicable in a wider variety of situations than other algorithms. Algorithms used to search and sort data are common in a variety of software applications. Encryption algorithms are used to secure data, and compression algorithms make data storage more efficient. At this level, the analysis may involve simple calculations of steps. Analysis using sophisticated mathematical notation to classify algorithm performance like Big-O notation is not expected.
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**CONTENT FOCUS**
There are multiple algorithms for generating a search tree, each with its own advantages. Students should begin to evaluate and refine their computational artifacts after they have gained experience testing, debugging and revising.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
Practices 6.3 Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.
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### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8:

Students will identify and explain how the composition of training data affects the outcome of a supervised artificial intelligence system.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:

Students will critically explore the positive and negative impacts of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) system.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:

Students will design an AI system to address social issues or explain how AI could be used to address a social issue.

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Weak AI vs strong AI.
- Robots replacing humans in the workforce.
- Overcoming the innate bias of creating AI.
- Ethics debates based on “just because we can, should we?”

### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES

- Investigate and propose solutions to ethical and societal AI issues in a variety of settings like public safety, finance, social media marketing or government use.
- Discuss issues of bias and accessibility in the design of existing technologies.
- Using a web tool that trains a machine learning model without coding, investigate examples of bias and identify solutions.
- Identify and analyze examples of legal policies related to AI, including why and how they were or are being developed.
- Analyze real-world AI scenarios to determine the ethical and legal implications.
## Artificial Intelligence
### Societal Impacts

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**CONTENT FOCUS**
Students can have an ethical debate about AI. It is important to discuss the impacts that AI is having on society and develop criteria for the ethical design and deployment of AI-based systems.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practices 3.1* Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally. At any level, students should be able to identify problems that have been solved computationally.
### Impacts of Computing

#### Topic: Culture

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#### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8:

Students will understand the impact of computing on our country and the global economies. Students have identified technologies that have bias and accessibility issues for many areas of the world; persons with disabilities and those of a lower social economic status.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:

Students will analyze new technologies to be able to predict and recognize their impact on society, economy and culture.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:

Students will be able to evaluate, analyze, adapt and make predictions about new technologies and professions to solve real-world situations. These real-world situations will include a wide variety of economic, scarcity, social and geopolitical factors. Students will focus on individual, local and global interactions to solve these higher-level real-world situations.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Technology can have positive and negative effects on society.
- Technology can often have unintended effects on society.
- New technologies should be studied in ways that measure their impact on society.
- Computers have had a major impact on many professions, not only computer programming jobs.
- Computer science skills are important to many different professions.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Analyze technology's impact on society.
- Describe the different impacts technology can have on society.
- Explain the changes that computers have brought to other professions.
- Define what skills are included in computer science.
- Investigate what professions are now using computer science skills.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Examples of the impacts that technology has had on society often address mentality, working different hours, no longer being connected to land lines and different jobs.
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**IC.SI.9-12.F.a** Evaluate tools to increase connectivity of people in different cultures and career fields.

**IC.SI.9-12.F.b** Analyze the collection and generation of data through automated processes to explain the privacy concerns that are not always evident to users.

### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of 8th grade:
Students will have evaluated the pros and cons of face-to-face interactions versus electronic interactions (e.g., emails, phones, social media).

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will create and use detailed criteria to evaluate the appropriateness of different computer communication tools to solve a given problem. Students will also begin to recognize and investigate the amount of information generated by a computer's automated processes and the resulting privacy concerns.

Beyond the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will continue to investigate digital social interactions at the collegiate level.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Technology has made communication much cheaper and easier.
- Criteria can be created and used to determine the best solution to a problem.
- There are many tools that can be used to increase communication, and each has different costs and benefits.
- Information is valuable.
- Many people do not understand when and how their information is collected and used.
- Giving away private information can make it easier for your identity to be stolen.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Identify criteria that would be useful in evaluating computer communication tools.
- Evaluate and use computer communication tools for appropriateness to solve a given problem.
- Compare and contrast different communication tools.
- Understand the value of information, especially personally identifiable information.
- Describe how automated processes can capture data.
- Explain the privacy concerns of automatic data collection.
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### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Examples of computer communication tools include email, social networking sites, IM, RF and Bluetooth.

Personally, identifiable information is any information that can tie a piece of data back to the person who originally owned it. Examples would include SSN, last name, first name, favorite food, birth city and state, ID number and credit card information.

Criteria for evaluating communication tools could include reliability, access to software/hardware, cost and bandwidth requirements.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Focus on how technology has affected communication and the difficulty in using communication tools without giving up some privacy information. Do not worry too much about the mechanisms of automated collection. Focus on the impact of automated collection.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture*
1. Include the unique perspectives of others and reflect on one's own perspectives when designing and developing computational products.
2. Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.

*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*
4. Evaluate and select technological tools that can be used to collaborate on a project.

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*
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<td>• There are legal ramifications when individuals or groups break security or privacy laws. • There are many practices involving privacy and security that, while technically legal, are not ethical. • It is difficult to increase security in a system without decreasing usability. • It is difficult to increase usability in a system without decreasing security. • Automated collection of data can have legal implications depending on how it is done. • Users have legal rights that they often are not aware of. • Intellectual property laws impact how data can be used and what attribution is required. • There are multiple types of licenses that can be applied to information and processes. • Intellectual property laws can both protect creators and stifle innovation. • Software &quot;Terms of Use&quot; and privacy policies can affect your legal rights. • Existing law and legislation may not be current due to emerging technologies’ rapid advancement. • Challenges identified with classical technologies can guide how we prepare for future technologies.</td>
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<td>• Describe what constitutes a breach of security or a breach of privacy. • Analyze security and privacy breaches. • Summarize the legal and ethical impact of security breaches.</td>
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### Impacts of Computing

#### Topic: Safety, Law and Ethics

- Explain the difference between law and ethics.
- Analyze the tradeoffs between security and usability.
- Describe the legal protections people have under current laws.
- Compare how different companies use automatic processes of data collection.
- Define intellectual property.
- Explain the beneficial and harmful effects of intellectual property laws.
- Describe the different types of licenses that exist to protect content creators.
- Explain what a Creative Commons license is and how it is used.

#### Content Elaborations

**Clarifications**
Analyzing security and privacy breaches could include looking at how they happened and why. Additionally, you could examine what the company could have done to minimize or avoid the breach.

Students should understand software "Terms of Use" and privacy policies.

Your legal rights include the rights to your personal data and your intellectual property rights.

**Content Focus**
Focus on tradeoffs, both security versus usability and free software versus commercial software. You do not need to go deeply into legal understanding. A basic understanding should be sufficient to discuss the impact of the laws.

**Computer Science Practices**

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
3. Articulate ideas responsibly by observing intellectual property rights and giving appropriate attribution.
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<td>Identify the functionality of various categories of hardware components and the communication between them, and use that information to build a system virtually or physically for a specific task.</td>
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will be able to extract technological information about computing systems to determine the best practice for situations.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will extract technological information about computing systems to determine and integrate the best practices for complex situations.

Beyond High School:
Students will gain a deeper understanding of how all devices interact in computing systems at the collegiate level.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Devices are used to solve problems.
- Different devices interact with multiple devices.
- Different devices can be connected into a computing system.
- There are multiple methods to evaluate a computing system.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Differentiate between a simple and complex device to understand how each is used both independently and as a resource in a system.
- Utilize multifunctional computing devices to solve a problem.
- Build a computing system to solve a need.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Examples of simple devices could be:
- a garage door opener,
- a toaster and
- a microwave.
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Examples of complex devices could be:
- a tablet on a refrigerator,
- alarm system and
- multi-functional printer.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Understand how multiple devices communicate with each other.

Utilize multiple devices to solve a problem

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

3. Create modules and develop points of interaction that can apply to multiple situations and reduce complexity.

4. Model phenomena and processes and simulate systems to understand and evaluate potential outcomes.
### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

- **By the end of the 9-12 Foundational Level:**
  Students can dictate the appropriate software to install onto specific hardware to work as specified.

- **In the 9-12 Advanced Level:**
  Students will construct a working system based on hardware and software criteria.

- **Beyond High School:**
  Students will continue to further explore and evaluate the interactions and relationships between systems software and hardware at the collegiate level.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Different operating systems are used for different purposes.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Describe the hardware requirements and the purpose of the hardware to determine which operating system will be used for installation.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Operating systems are software that controls the computer basic functions. Examples of operating system types are:

- server (web, e-mail, file, application, print),
- desktop/client,
- mobile and
- IoT simple/complex (garage door opener/multi-function printer).

#### CONTENT FOCUS

Focus on constructing a system for a given purpose to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, considering key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.

2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression, or to address a societal issue.

3. Modify an existing artifact to improve or customize it.

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

6.3. Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**
By the end of the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will understand the troubleshooting process to evaluate a predetermined situation.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will use the troubleshooting process to resolve a real-world problem.

Beyond High School:
Students will continue to identify and compare more complex problems in computing systems at the collegiate level.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Some processes are better suited to troubleshoot a given problem.
- Processes can be fine-tuned to create a better solution.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Evaluate a systematic process for suitability to a problem.
- Modify a systematic troubleshooting process.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
The troubleshooting process includes the following:
1. Identify a problem/Gather information,
2. Theorize possible solutions,
3. Test possible solutions. If no solutions result, return to step 2,
4. Implement the solution,
5. Do a full system test,
6. Do a user test and
7. Create documentation.

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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
2. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.
3. Evaluate whether it is appropriate and feasible to solve a problem computationally.

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.
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**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Network architecture is both logical and physical subnetting.
- Protocols are used for network communications.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Demonstrate understanding of subnetting.
- Choose the appropriate network protocol to use for specific communication situations.
- Create a LAN.
- Expand a LAN to a WAN.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
- Know IPV4 and IPV6 addressing.
- Know variable-length subnetting and CIDR notation.
- Know basic networking protocols.
- Distance communication can be a remote connection/VPN connection.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
- IPV4 and IPV6 addressing
- Variable length subnetting and CIDR notation
- Basic networking protocols

**NI.N.9-12.A.a** Construct a networking devices map solution for a real-world scenario to establish communication between distant devices.

**NI.N.9-12.A.b** Develop a solution to a real-world scenario using networking protocols to establish network communication.

**NI.N.9-12.A.c** Improve scalability and reliability of networks to describe the relationships and effects of how the different types of networks work together.
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**NI.C.9-12.A.a** Identify cybersecurity ethics and law.

**NI.C.9-12.A.b** Implement a devised solution to counter a security threat.

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

- By the end of the 9-12 Foundational Level:
  Students can understand the cybersecurity impact has on business and the economy.

- In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
  Students will be able to find the cybersecurity threat and provide a plan of action to remove the threat.

- Beyond High School:
  Students will be able to intern at a company and be able to help identify and mitigate cybersecurity threats in real-time.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- There is a difference between ethical and unethical uses of cybersecurity.
- There are multiple techniques that can be used to counter a security threat.
- A plan of action should include multiple ways to secure a network and counter an attack.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Remove malware threats.
- Implement authentication, authorization and verification.
- Implement a plan of action to remove a cybersecurity threat.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Know what virus protection software does and how it works.

Understand a signature to be able to maintain integrity.

Know how to detect where threats are located and how to remove these safely (i.e., safe mode.)

Know how to reinstall the system from backups.

Know how social threats are used to alter reliability (e.g., changing of data.)

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Understanding virus protection.

Focus on ethics and laws regarding cybersecurity.
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing*

1. Cultivate working relationships with individuals possessing diverse perspectives, skills and personalities.
2. Evaluate and select technological tools that can be used to collaborate on a project.

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

2. Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.

**NI.C.9-12.A.c** Compare and contrast various threat actors, such as nation-states, cyber terrorist groups, organized crime or hacktivists.

**NI.C.9-12.A.d** Explore and utilize examples of encryption methods (e.g., Vigenére, Bacon’s cipher and Enigma).

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In the Foundational Level 9-12, students researched types of threat actors. In the Advanced Level 9-12, students should focus on a deeper level of understanding of how and why various threat actors break the law, what individuals and groups hope to gain or change by their actions and the mitigation of physical security attacks, such as social engineering, security policies and malicious actors.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Compare encryption methods with a focus on real-world examples.
- Compare types of threat actors and their objectives.
- Use safe browsers and cyber practices to protect personal information.
- Explore and discuss real-world scenarios including social engineering and other cyber threat vectors.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Discuss threat vectors and the threat actors behind attacks.
- Discuss the interrelationship between the CIA (confidentiality, integrity and availability) triad; a concept that focuses on the balance between the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data under the protection of information security programs.
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**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Cybersecurity assessment examples may include full- or limited-scope penetration tests, hardware analysis and source code audits. Undesired outcomes include a false sense of security that may result from improperly conducted assessments.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Researching malware includes understanding the different classes of malware (e.g., potentially unwanted programs, ransomware, rootkits, trojans, viruses, worms) and the reasoning for its application by an adversary. Mitigations may include configuring file permissions, configuring host- network-based firewalls and using encryption technology for network communications. Mitigation strategies include reducing the potential vulnerabilities caused by social engineering of humans, which is an attack vector present in all systems, including hardware, software and networks.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**
*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*
1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts.*
1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.
### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In grade 8:
Students modeled the lifecycle of information in the IoT: data gathering, transmission, reception and analysis to demonstrate how the IoT operates and apply these skills to design products that model the process.

By the end of the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students are able to gather information to be able to design simple smart applications and an accompanying life cycle.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will be able to design and implement a working smart device and its life cycle or application for a smart device life cycle. Beyond high school, students should be able to fully understand how smart devices communicating with each other create an IoT.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- The IoT life cycle consists of smart devices.
- A smart device may receive as well as send information.
- Students will identify and analyze the data they gather and what they transmit across the Internet, as well as what entity receives the data and what is done with the data after it is received.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Demonstrate understanding of smart devices.
- Demonstrate the life cycle of smart device implementations.
- Design a smart device life cycle.
- Implement a smart device life cycle (advanced).

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Smart devices, while an essential part of an IoT life cycle, must be paired with other devices to transmit and receive data. That data must then be analyzed to provide meaning from that data.

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*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*
2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*
1. Plan the development of a computational artifact using an iterative process that includes reflection on and modification of the plan, taking into account key features, time and resource constraints and user expectations.
2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*
1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.
2. Identify and fix errors using a systematic process.
3. Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.

**Career Connections**

**CAREER PLANNING**
Have students work with professionals such as those within the district’s Business Advisory Council to identify mentorship/job shadowing opportunities where they can explore how IoT relates to the world of work and how the IoT life cycle scenario is applied. Consider how this type of opportunity may lead to an internship or other work-based learning opportunity for students.
### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will use data analysis tools and scientific practices to organize data and identify trends, patterns and outliers. Students will be able to understand the benefits of different data collection tools and pick the appropriate one to use for a problem. Students will learn how data is stored on different computer systems.

By the end of the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will apply basic techniques for collecting, manipulating and interpreting small-scale multidimensional data sets (e.g., collecting and organizing user surveys, accessing real-world data sets). Students will use various data collection techniques for different types of computational problems (e.g., mobile device Global Positioning System (GPS), user surveys, embedded system sensors, open data sets, social media data sets).

Beyond High School:
Students will apply techniques for collecting, manipulating and interpreting large-scale multidimensional data sets (e.g., collecting and organizing user surveys, accessing real-world data sets).

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- A multidimensional collection is a collection of multiple sets of the same data.
- Multidimensional collections can vary in performance depending on the data.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES
- Utilize various methods of data collection.
- Manipulate and interpret small-scale multidimensional data sets.
- Identify the best data collection tool for a given situation.

#### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**
When collecting data, be sure to address the tradeoffs and limitations of data storage.

Below, are examples of multidimensional collections:
- A library contains data about books.
- A window has many panes.
- A video game has many NPCs who have the same attributes, but different values in those attributes.
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**CONTENT FOCUS**
Focus on how to collect, organize and manipulate data to solve real-world problems.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*
1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
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**DA.VC.9-12.A.a** Create visualization or multisensory artifacts to communicate insights and knowledge gained from complex data analysis that answers real-world questions.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will be able to evaluate the ability of data visualization artifacts to identify key features and relations by using scientific practices.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Given a real-world relatable problem, students will perform complex data analysis to create a data visualization that produces an optimal solution.

Beyond High School:
Students will further their understanding of advanced visualization techniques. They will also look at advanced data analysis tools.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Data analysis is used to find patterns and trends.
- Different inputs and actions can affect behaviors.
- Real-world questions can be restated and interpreted as data questions.
- Based on the data analysis, changes can be made to improve a solution or process.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Accurately complete complex data analysis.
- Create multisensory artifacts from data sets.
- Translate real-world questions into data analysis questions.
- Communicate the solutions found in the data set.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Complex data analysis could include:
- relational database queries,
- data regression,
- spreadsheets,
- inferences and predictions.
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Data questions include testable hypotheses based on the data. For example, "If the price of eggs goes up, do people buy fewer eggs?"

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Focus on how to translate real-world questions into data questions that can be answered by data analysis. Have students create and present the visualizations based on their analysis.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*  
1. Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.

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**DA.IM.9-12.A.a** Create a model that simulates a complex system and uses extracted data to hypothesize, test and refine the model to discover connections or trends.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will construct a model using collected data, and create a hypothesis, test it and refine it to discover connections and trends.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will collect, analyze and reorganize multiple sets of data in order to construct a model, and create a hypothesis, test it and refine it to discover connections and trends between the multiple sets of data.

Beyond High School:
Student will collect, analyze and reorganize multiple sets of data to construct a real-world model to find patterns and be able to do prediction analysis.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Data models can have different applications.
- Data models can be constructed from multiple data sources.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Demonstrate an understanding of when and when not to create a data model.
- Explain and correctly use advanced common model notations.
- Create a data model from multiple data sources.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Apply data model patterns

Normalize to reduce data redundancy
De-normalize to improve performance

An example of multiple sets of data would be a high school course registration where the following exists: a schedule, prerequisites, seat maximum/minimum, teacher/course availability and early registration for more senior students.
### Strand Data and Analysis
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Below are common model notations.
- Associations
- Entity roles
- Subtyping
- Aggregation
- Composition
- OR constraint
- Exclusive OR (XOR) constraint

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Use advanced common model notations when creating a data model from multiple sources.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*
1. Systematically test computational artifacts by considering all scenarios and using test cases.
2. Identify and fix errors using a systematic process.
3. Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students can break a problem into steps, and then, in addition to pseudocode, represent the algorithm using process and data flow diagrams. Students can explain the steps of the problem and be able to communicate why they broke the problem down the way they did. Finally, they can implement their created algorithm in an appropriate programming language and refine it using best practices.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will use complex list algorithms such as sorting and searching. They will also understand, explain and use the concept of recursion, where a method calls itself until an exit condition is met. Students will further explain the need for cluster computing algorithms, where the need for improved performance and availability over a single computer exists. Students will explain the need for quantum computing algorithms and cryptography: where the existence of hidden problem structures can exploit in ways that classical computers cannot.

Beyond High School:
Students will look at how to describe the efficiency of algorithms to better compare them. Additionally, they will learn how advanced algorithms are crafted for tasks such as artificial intelligence and pathing.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- A recursive method must simplify a problem and have an exit condition.
- Sorting and searching analyzes and organizes the data.
- Different sorting and searching algorithms work more efficiently with different sets of data.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**
- Describe how recursive algorithms can be more or less effective than iterative algorithms.
- Demonstrate how to rewrite simple algorithms from iterative to recursive.
- Explain Recursive Sorting algorithms.
- Explain Simple Sorting algorithms.
- Explain simple and binary searches.
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**ATP.VDR.9-12.A.a** Utilize different data storage structures to store larger and more complex data than variables can contain.

**ATP.VDR.9-12.A.b** Identify the appropriate data structures or variables to use to design a solution to a complex problem.

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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

**By the end of the 9-12 Foundational Level:**

Students will understand that variables have different storage requirements and restrictions and will be able to choose the correct variable type to use for a task. Students will be able to use parameters to pass variable information into methods and return values to get information out of a method. Students will understand scope or when the program is able to access or change a variable.

**In the 9-12 Advanced Level:**

Student will learn how data can be organized using different structures. Students will learn that this allows more complex pieces of information to be passed into and out of methods. Additionally, they will learn what the benefits and costs are for these advanced data structures. They will also see how these data structures can be used as templates to create multiple instances of the structure.

**Beyond High School:**

Students will continue to learn how to store larger and more complex pieces of data. They will also investigate connecting to larger data stores like databases and how to store information from a database in a local data structure.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Data structures can be used to represent multiple variables as one item.
- Advanced data types are more appropriate for certain problems.
- Multiple similar pieces of data can be stored in a structure called an array.
- Variables and data structures can be passed into a method by reference or by value.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Code the definition of a data structure and implement multiple instances.
- Use a data structure to pass information into or out of a method.
- Describe the benefits and costs of advanced data structures.
- Demonstrate how data structures can be passed to and from methods and objects.
- Organize like data into an array.
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**CLARIFICATIONS**
Data structures could include classes, json objects, structs, records and xml.

Coding a definition of a data structure involves writing out all the code necessary to use it in a program.

An example of implementation would be objects created from a data structure.

Data structures are used to manage program complexity. Programmers choose data structures based on functionality, storage and performance tradeoffs.

Passing a variable by reference points to its original memory location, and changes in the method will be reflected in the passed variable.

Passing a variable by value will create a temporary local variable that can be changed without changing the passed variable.

Not all languages support choose to pass by value or pass by reference. In many languages, this may be automatically determined based on the data type.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Strings are basically 1D arrays. A typical data table is an example of a 2D array.

A list is like an array, but elements are ordered in some manner and can be added and removed, varying the size of the list.

The language being studied may dictate the data structures being used.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

1. Extract common features from a set of interrelated processes or complex phenomena.
2. Create modules and develop points of interaction that can apply to multiple situations and reduce complexity.
Strand | Algorithmic Thinking and Programming
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Topic | Control Structures

**ATP.CS.9-12.A.a** Write programs that use library methods and control structures and methods to solve a problem.

**ATP.CS.9-12.A.b** Refactor a program to be smaller and more efficient.

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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will understand how to use both binary and unary Boolean statements to test a condition. They can use this to create if/then/else statements in code. They can also code the definition of a method and then use it to solve a problem. Students will understand how to create methods that have parameters and return values. Students know how control structures can be nested to form more readable complex control structures.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will learn how to put together methods, control structures and data structures to form a well-written program. They will use methods to organize the code into readable parts, data structures to organize data for easier processing, and control structures to direct the flow of the program. They will also learn to identify and remove redundant and inefficient code from a program.

Beyond High School:
Students will expand their knowledge of methods and control structures by seeing how multiple programming languages handle them. They will also look at how programming languages turn these control structures into machine code.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Developers can use code from other sources to complete their programs.
- Code that appears in multiple places in a program can be put into a method for code reuse.
- Programs are made up of methods, control structures and data structures working together.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Create and call multiple methods in a program.
- Write a program to solve a problem using methods, control structures and data structures.
- Identify and remove redundant and inefficient code from a program.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Refactoring a program involves rewriting modules to make them more efficient by simplifying algorithms, removing inefficient code and using optimal control structures.
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Complex programs are designed as systems of interacting modules, each with a specific role, coordinating for a common overall purpose. These modules can be procedures within a program; combinations of data and procedures; or independent, but interrelated, programs. Modules allow for better management of complex tasks.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Key library methods include:
- math-related functions (square root, sin, cos) and
- input and output functions such as reading and writing to and from the console and files.

Optional 3rd party libraries include graphical user interface tools.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 4. Developing and Using Abstractions*

2. Evaluate existing technological functionalities and incorporate them into new designs.

*Practice 5. Creating Computational Artifacts*

2. Create a computational artifact for practical intent, personal expression or to address a societal issue.

*Practice 6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts*

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Algorithmic Thinking and Programming

### Topic
Program Development

#### ATP.PD.9-12.A.a
Fully implement the most appropriate software methodology to complete a team programming project.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

**By the end of the 9-12 Foundational Level:**

Students will be able to define different software development lifecycle methodologies, including phases, roles and workflows. Students will understand how unit, system and integration tests differ and what they are used for. They will also understand how common conventions, such as naming and commenting conventions, improve code fixes and readability. Students will also understand how source control can make finding errors easier by illustrating the changes that were made to the code.

**In the 9-12 Advanced Level:**

Students will learn how to implement a solution to a problem using a software methodology from inception through support. This will require them to learn how to communicate as a team and work within their assigned role. Additionally, they will see how the practices they have learned so far make the project implementation simpler.

**Beyond High School:**

Students will further their understanding by seeing how larger groups can operate effectively. They will see how multiple team projects can work to get complex tasks done very quickly. They will also understand some of the pitfalls and difficulties large scale projects hold, including legacy code, communication and data storage.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Software development lifecycle methodologies allow a team to work more efficiently.
- Software development lifecycle methodologies outline the steps for design, development, test, rollout and support for an application, and the roles of team members.
- Two or more programmers may be working on the same program at the same time, but on different sections. Defining coding standards and updating design documentation helps integrate the different methods each programmer is implementing.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Solve a complex problem as a team using a single software methodology.
- Gather requirements from stakeholders.
- Collaborate with team members.
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

**By the end of grade 8:**

Students will illustrate how objects in an image can be segmented and labeled to construct a training set for object recognition.

**In the 9-12 Foundational Level:**

Students will illustrate what happens during each of the steps required when using machine learning to construct a classifier or predictor.

**In the 9-12 Advanced Level:**

Students evaluate a data set used to train a real Artificial Intelligence (AI) system by considering the size of the data set, the way that the data were acquired and labeled, the storage required and the estimated time to produce the data set.

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- A large data set is typically required to capture the diversity of a complex domain and narrow down the range of possible reasoner behaviors.
- There are multiple ways to construct, clean and verify a data set.
- There can be large costs associated with creating the data set and processing the data.
- Labeling training data is labor intensive and may require specialized expertise like spotting disease in x-rays.
- Bias can be introduced during each step of the data set creation.

### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES

- An activity can be done with common machine learning data sets found in repositories or publicly available demographic, economic or environmental data sets.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Data sets for real-world problems may involve many features and the defining characteristics of a class may involve complex relationships among these features. To narrow down the class to be learned and distinguish it from millions of other possible classes, the learning algorithm must see many examples.
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**CONTENT FOCUS**
- Uses of Big Data
- Analysis of data sets
- Bias of data sets

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**
*Practice 3.1* Identify complex, interdisciplin ary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally. At any level, students should be able to identify problems that have been solved computationally.

**AI.ML.9-12.A.b** Using a data visualization tool, investigate imbalances in training data in terms of gender, age, ethnicity or other demographic variables that could result in a biased model.

**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8:
Students will explain how the choice of training data shapes the behavior of the classifier to identify how bias can be introduced if the training set is not properly balanced.

In 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will use either a supervised or unsupervised learning algorithm to train a model on real-world data, then evaluate the results.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will investigate imbalances in training data in terms of gender, age, ethnicity or other demographic variables that could result in a biased model by using a data visualization tool.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- Machine learning algorithms will take advantage of any imbalances or correlations in the training set that help lower the error rate.
- If the data set is not representative, correlations can be misleading.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Brainstorm limitations to data.
- Research current events that illustrate bias in Artificial Intelligence (AI) facial recognition software.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Data exploration to help students uncover imbalances or correlations can be done using histograms in spreadsheet software, or using any number of data visualization tools.
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### AI.NI.9-12.A.a  
Identify and debate the issues of AI and consciousness.

### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

By the end of grade 8:
Students will critically analyze and discuss features that make an entity intelligent, including discussing differences between human, animal and machine intelligence to identify how machine intelligence varies from natural intelligence.

In the 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will construct context-free grammar to parse simple languages and use language processing tools to construct a chatbot. Use sentiment analysis tools to extract emotional tone from text.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will identify and debate the issues of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and consciousness.

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- AI consciousness affects those who interact with it.
- Bias, as an inherent human condition, is coded into the functionality of AI.
- Can computers “think”?

### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES
- Identify examples of issues related to bias, perception, privacy and accuracy in artificial intelligence.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS

Published in 1950, Alan Turing's paper "Computing Machinery and Intelligence" started the debate and the Strong AI Hypothesis. Edsger Dijkstra, in a 1984 paper, compared the question of whether machines can think with questions, such as "can submarines swim?" or "can airplanes fly?". Most will agree that airplanes can, in fact, fly but submarines can't swim.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
- Define the word "thinking."
- Research how computers think.
- Research how reliable computer decisions are.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES

*Practice 3.1* Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
At any level, students should be able to identify problems that have been solved computationally.
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

**By the end of grade 8:**
Students will describe how a vision system might exhibit cultural bias if it lacked knowledge of objects not found in the culture of the people who created it to create inclusive and equitable data sets.

In grades 9-12 Foundational Level:
Describe the limitations and advantages of various types of computer sensors.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will describe some of the technical difficulties in making computer perception systems function well for diverse groups.

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS
- Facial Recognition software is only reliable for white males.
- Digital cameras are limited in their ability to create contrast on darker objects, limiting their ability to distinguish features.

### KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES
- Discuss bias created by programmers’ limitations of data sets.
- Explore technological articles on why corporations are moving away from facial recognition software.
- Debate the ethics of whether or not historical data should be used in locating high-crime areas to increase police presence.

### Content Elaborations

#### CLARIFICATIONS
Dark or low contrast facial features are harder to recognize than bright, high contrast features. Children’s speech is in a higher register and less clearly articulated than adult speech.

#### CONTENT FOCUS
The focus is on the cultural bias of programmers, ethics and limited data sets.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES
*Practice 5.3* Modify an existing artifact to improve or customize it. At all grade levels, students should be able to examine existing artifacts to understand what they do.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8:

Students will illustrate how sequences of words can be recognized as phrases, even if some of the words are unclear, by looking at how the words fit together to create a text recognition program.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:

Students will illustrate the abstraction hierarchy for speech understanding, from waveforms to sentences, showing how knowledge at each level is used to resolve ambiguities in the levels below.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

The spoken language hierarchy is:

- waveforms
  - articulatory gesture
    - sounds
  - morphemes
    - words
    - phrases
    - sentences

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Demonstrate how an intelligent agent can misunderstand spoken words if you change the tone or pitch of your voice.
- Explain how written punctuation placement determines the meaning of a statement.
  - Example: "Let's eat, grandma." vs "let's eat grandma."
- Discuss how spoken language take this into account.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

To go from noisy, ambiguous signals to meaning requires recognizing structure and applying domain knowledge at multiple levels of abstraction. A classic example: The sentences "How to recognize speech" and "How to wreck a nice beach" are virtually identical at the waveform level.
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**CONTENT FOCUS**
How do chatbots determine responses to oral language vs. written language? Students are familiar with their smart devices such as phones and watches. They can change tone and accent while asking these devices various questions.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems*

The ability to recognize appropriate and worthwhile opportunities to apply computation is a skill that develops over time and is central to computing. Solving a problem with a computational approach requires defining the problem, breaking it down into parts and evaluating each part to determine whether a computational solution is appropriate.

By the end of Grade 12, students should be able to:

- Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.
- Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable subproblems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.
- Evaluate whether it is appropriate and feasible to solve a problem computationally.
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8:
Students will model the process of solving a graph search problem using breadth-first search to draw a search tree.

In grades 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will list an algorithm that could be used to solve a problem for each of these types of reasoning problems: classification, prediction, sequential decision making, combinatorial search, heuristic search, adversarial search, logical deduction and statistical inference.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will write code to create an algorithmic search.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**
- There are multiple algorithms for generating a search tree, each with its own advantages.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**
- Categorizing problems.
- Predicting outcomes.
- Defining and using the various algorithms.

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Some algorithms may be easier to implement in a particular programming language, work faster, require less memory to store data and be applicable in a wider variety of situations than other algorithms. Algorithms used to search and sort data are common in a variety of software applications. Encryption algorithms are used to secure data, and compression algorithms make data storage more efficient. At this level, the analysis may involve simple calculations of steps. Analysis using sophisticated mathematical notation to classify algorithm performance, like Big-O notation, is not expected.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

The focus of this content is on using code to create an algorithmic search.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 6.3 Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.*
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**Expectations for Learning**

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of grade 8:
Students will model the process of solving a graph search problem using breadth-first search to draw a search tree.

In grades 9-12 Foundational Level:
Students will categorize real-world problems like classification, prediction, sequential decision problems, combination search heuristic search, adversarial search, logical deduction or statistical inference.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:
Students will illustrate breadth-first, depth-first and best-first search algorithms to grow a search tree.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Breadth-first search finds shallow solutions quickly if they exist, but requires lots of memory.
- Depth-first search is better than breadth-first for cases where the number of nodes at each level grows exponentially because it uses less memory.
- A Binary Tree follows one simple rule that each parent node has no more than two child nodes, whereas, a Binary Search Tree is a variant of the binary tree that follows a relative order to how the nodes should be organized in a tree.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Illustrate breadth-first, depth-first and best-first search algorithms to grow a search tree for tic-tac-toe.
- Illustration is done by drawing the tree. Writing code is appropriate for advanced students (AP CSA/CSP).

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

There are multiple algorithms for generating a search tree, each with its own advantages.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Students should begin to evaluate and refine their computational artifacts after they have gained experience testing, debugging and revising.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 6.3* Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility.
### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

By the end of grade 8:

Students will understand tradeoffs in the design of Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems and how decisions can have unintended consequences in the function of a system.

In grades 9-12 Foundational Level:

Students will critically explore the positive and negative impacts of an AI system.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:

Students will design an AI system to address social issues or explain how AI could be used to address a social issue.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- What Can AI Do?
- Find trends, patterns and associations
- Discover inefficiencies
- Execute plans
- Learn and become better
- Predict future outcomes based on historical trends
- Inform fact-based decisions

#### KEY SKILLS/PROcedures

- Identify and research projects from organizations focusing on social issues and design potential solutions to the problems identified.
- Create an algorithm that will solve a social issue identified in student research.

### Content Elaborations

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Technology has helped societies all over the world to battle the most pressing issues and solve social problems. By promising faster technological advancement, artificial intelligence (AI) promises to provide answers to questions relating to the environment, security and society that we are all exploring today.
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**CONTENT FOCUS**

- Research how to solve societal issues.
- Students can explore fact-checking AI.
- Consider how computers make our work easier or harder.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 6.3* Evaluate and refine a computational artifact multiple times to enhance its performance, reliability, usability and accessibility. After students have gained experience testing (P6.2), debugging and revising (P6.1), they should begin to evaluate and refine their computational artifacts.
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**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

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In grade 9-12 Foundational Level:

Students will list an algorithm that could be used to solve a problem.

In grade 9-12 Advanced Level:

Students will illustrate breadth-first, depth-first and best-first search algorithms to grow a search tree.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) includes a wide variety of reasoning algorithms for solving different types of reasoning problems. Some algorithms use symbolic representations like search trees. Others are numerical in nature, such as neural nets operating on feature vectors.

**KEY SKILLS/PROCEDURES**

- Categorizing problems
- Predicting outcomes
- Defining and using the various algorithms

**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

Different algorithms can be used to tie shoes or decide which path to take on the way home from school. While the end results may be similar, they may not be the same. In the example of going home, some paths could be faster, slower or more direct depending on varying factors, like time or obstacles. Algorithms can be expressed in noncomputer languages, including natural language, flowcharts and pseudocode.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

AI includes a wide variety of reasoning algorithms for solving different types of reasoning problems. Some use symbolic representations while others are numerical in nature.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 3.1* Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.

At any level, students should be able to identify problems that have been solved computationally.
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### Expectations for Learning

#### LEARNING PROGRESSION

**By the end of the 9-12 Foundational Level:**

Students practiced analyzing new technologies and professions, using appropriate criteria to be able to predict and recognize the true measurable impact on each part of our complex society.

**In the 9-12 Advanced Level:**

Students will be able to evaluate, analyze, adapt and make predictions about new technologies and professions to solve real-world situations. These real-world situations will include a wide variety of economic, scarcity, social and geopolitical factors. Students will focus on individual, local and global interactions to solve these higher-level real-world situations.

**Beyond High School:**

Students will continue to investigate the impacts of technology and computing resources on all aspects of our society and culture at the collegiate level.

#### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

- Technology is not equally used or available around the world.
- There are often free and different alternatives to modern computing tools.
- It is important to account for scarcity when evaluating tools to solve a problem.
- Economic, social and geopolitical factors have influenced the computer's impact on the world.
- Computers have had a dramatic impact on our culture.
- Identify how emerging computer technologies are impacting how we imagine the future in both current research and cultural society.

#### KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES

- Evaluate a current computing tool's appropriateness for a specific problem.
- Compare and contrast computing tools based on appropriateness and scarcity.
- Describe some of the difficulties in distributing computing resources around the world.
- Explain how economic, social and geopolitical factors influence computing.
- Identify ways computation has revolutionized our culture.
- Predict how computers may impact our culture in the future.
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Computer distribution differs by network availability, such as whether broadband is available, as well as hardware availability such as the number of households that have computers.

An example of an alternative solution would be a person who does not have international phone service, but wants to talk with people from home, using a free phone app to make an online video call when both ends are connected to Wi-Fi.

**CONTENT FOCUS**

Focus on how computer distribution is different across the world, and how people then need to solve computing problems differently depending on their available resources.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

- **Practice 1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture**
  1. Include the unique perspectives of others and reflect on one's own perspectives when designing and developing computational products.
  2. Address the needs of diverse end-users during the design process to produce artifacts with broad accessibility and usability.

- **Practice 2. Collaborating Around Computing**
  4. Evaluate and select technological tools that can be used to collaborate on a project.

- **Practice 7. Communicating About Computing**
  1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
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### Expectations for Learning

**LEARNING PROGRESSION**

By the end of the 9-12 Foundational Level:

Students investigated security concerns, data breaches, privacy policies, intellectual property laws, the inverse relationship of usability versus security, a user's legal rights and the Creative Commons license. All these investigations focused on both the legal and ethical impacts on our complex society.

In the 9-12 Advanced Level:

Students will further investigate the inverse relationship of usability versus security as well as all aspects of intellectual property laws. This will also include creating, solving and implementing solutions to a variety of real-world situations.

Beyond High School:

Students will continue to investigate the safety, law and ethics of digital interactions and data at the collegiate level.

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS**

- Security measures must account for usability concerns to be successful.
- Security requires tradeoffs, both of usability and of other concepts, such as speed, size.
- Intellectual property laws include copyright, patent and trademark.
- Intellectual property laws have significant impact in the computing world.
- Intellectual property laws have ethical and legal implications for businesses, people and society.

**KEY SKILL/PROCEDURES**

- Create a realistic scenario that requires computer security.
- Explain what security tradeoffs are and how they work.
- Defend the tradeoffs of security and other concepts the student use.
- Define copyright and explain how it is protected.
- Explain what "free," "open-source" and "commercial" software types are and the differences between them.
- Argue the positive and negative impacts of copyrights.
- Describe how to research for existing intellectual property holdings.
- Evaluate and explore Terms of Use and Privacy Policies.
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**Content Elaborations**

**CLARIFICATIONS**
Any time personally identifiable information is being shared on a computer there should be security involved, so any scenario that the students create that includes this would be acceptable.

**CONTENT FOCUS**
Focus on using the understanding of security and usability tradeoffs to solve a problem.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICES**

*Practice 7. Communicating About Computing*

1. Select, organize and interpret large data sets from multiple sources to support a claim.
2. Describe, justify and document computational processes and solutions using appropriate terminology consistent with the intended audience and purpose.
3. Articulate ideas responsibly by observing intellectual property rights and giving appropriate attribution.
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