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Louisiana Guide to Implementing Amplify: Grade 3

To assist teachers with the implementation of the third grade Amplify curriculum, this document provides guidance regarding how Amplify units correlate with the Louisiana Student Standards for Science (LSSS). The Amplify curriculum provides ample instructional guidance for teachers. This Louisiana Guide for Implementing Amplify goes a step further to point out places in which teachers may need to make strategic decisions considering student needs.

This guidance document is considered a “living” document as we believe that teachers and other educators will find ways to improve the document as they use it. Please send feedback to STEM@la.gov so that we may use your input when updating this guide.

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Standards by Unit¹

	Unit 1 Balancing Forces	Unit 2 Inheritance of Traits	Unit 3 Environments & Survival	Unit 4 Weather & Climate
Number of Lessons	22 lessons	22 lessons	22 lessons	22 lessons
Anchor Phenomenon Question	How is it possible for a train to float?	What is the origin of the traits of Wolf 44—a wolf that appears to be different from the rest of its pack?	How can learning about how grove snails survive help engineers design effective solutions to problems?	Which island would be the best location for an orangutan reserve? How can you protect buildings from damage by weather-related natural hazards?
Books in the Unit	<i>Forces All Around</i> <i>Handbook of Forces</i> <i>What My Sister Taught Me About Magnets</i> <i>Hoverboard</i> <i>Explaining a Bridge</i>	<i>Blue Whales and Buttercups</i> <i>The Code</i> <i>How the Sparrow Learned Its Song</i> <i>Scorpion Scientist</i> <i>Handbook of Traits</i>	<i>Earthworms Underground</i> <i>Mystery Mouths</i> <i>Environment News</i> <i>Cockroach Robots</i> <i>Biomimicry Handbook</i>	<i>Science Walk</i> <i>A Plant in the Desert</i> <i>Above and Below</i> <i>Investigating Monarchs</i> <i>Handbook of Plants</i>
Standards	3-PS2-1 3-PS2-2 3-PS2-3 3-PS2-4	3-LS1-1 3-LS2-1 3-LS3-1 3-LS3-2	3-LS4-1 3-LS4-2 3-LS4-3 3-LS4-4	3-ESS2-1 3-ESS2-2 3-ESS3-1 3-LS4-3*

* The performance expectation is only partially addressed using the identified phenomenon. The performance expectation is addressed in other unit(s)

¹ Adapted from guidance developed by Amplify

Investigative Phenomena by Unit¹

Units	Investigative Phenomena Questions
Unit 1 Balancing Forces	Chapter 1: Why does the train rise? Chapter 2: Why does the train rise without anything touching it? Chapter 3: Why does the train fall? Chapter 4: Why does the train float? Chapter 5: Why does the train change from floating to falling?
Unit 2 Inheritance of Traits	Chapter 1: Why are wolves different from each other even though they are all the same species? Chapter 2: Why is Wolf 44's color similar to one pack but different from the other? Chapter 3: Why isn't Wolf 44 like the Bison Valley Pack in hunting style and size? Chapter 4: How can scientists investigate questions about traits?
Unit 3 Environments & Survival	Chapter 1: Why are the snails with yellow shells not surviving well? Chapter 2: Why are the snails with banded shells more likely to survive than the snails with yellow shells? Chapter 3: Why were snails with yellow shells more likely to survive in their environment 10 years ago? Chapter 4: How can engineers use what they learn from organisms' traits to design solutions?
Unit 4 Weather & Climate	Chapter 1: Which island's weather would be best for orangutans? Chapter 2: Which island's weather will continue to be best for orangutans? Chapter 3: Over many years, which island's weather will be best for orangutans? Chapter 4: How can the Wildlife Protection Organization (WPO) prepare for natural hazards that might damage their offices?

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LDOE Formative Assessment Resources

Created by Louisiana educators to support formative assessment in the classroom, the Department has released a library of discrete items and item sets correlated to the Louisiana Student Standards for Science. These items, along with LEAP 2025 Practice Test Items, may be used in conjunction with guidance from high-quality curriculum as opportunities for students to demonstrate what they have learned. LDOE Formative Assessment Resources can be found on the [K-12 Science Planning](#) webpage.

Unit	Discrete Items	Item Sets and Practice Test Items
Unit 1 Balancing Forces	Cradle (3-PS2-1) Volleyball (3-PS2-1) Skateboard (3-PS2-1) Ball Type (3-PS2-2)	Practice Item Set Seesaws (3-PS2-1 and 3-PS2-2) Bowling (3-PS2-1, 3-PS2-2) Oil Spill (3-PS2-2 and 3-PS2-3)
Unit 2 Inheritance of Traits	Black Bears (3-LS1-1) Butterfly Cycle (3-LS1-1) Lions & Tigers (3-LS2-1) Penguins (3-LS2-1) Moth (3-LS4-2)	Practice Item Set Amazon River Dolphins (3-LS2-1 and 3-LS1-1) Practice Item Set Rattlesnake (3-LS3-1 and 3-LS4-2) Practice Item Set Plants and Heat (3-LS3-2 and 3-ESS2-1) Pythons (3-LS3-1 and 3-LS3-2)
Unit 3 Environments & Survival	Fossils (3-LS4-1) Ashfall Fossil bed (3-LS4-1) Shark Tooth (3-LS4-1) Red Snapper (3-LS4-4) Tortoises (3-LS4-4) Snails (3-LS4-3)	Practice Item Set Rattlesnake (3-LS3-1 and 3-LS4-2)
Unit 4 Weather & Climate	Climates (3-ESS2-2) LA_BOS (3-ESS2-2) Gr3 Tornadoes (3-ESS3-1) Levees (3-ESS3-1) Gulf Birds (3-LS4-3)	Practice Item Set Winter Storms (3-ESS2-1 and 3-ESS3-1)