NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS
For States, By States

K-ESS2-1   Earth's Systems

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

K-ESS2-1. **Use and share observations of local weather conditions to describe patterns over time.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of qualitative observations could include descriptions of the weather (such as sunny, cloudy, rainy, and warm); examples of quantitative observations could include numbers of sunny, windy, and rainy days in a month. Examples of patterns could include that it is usually cooler in the morning than in the afternoon and the number of sunny days versus cloudy days in different months.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment of quantitative observations limited to whole numbers and relative measures such as warmer/cooler.*]

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

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Analyzing and Interpreting Data Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations. • Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. - ***Connections to Nature of Science*** **Science Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence** • Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world.	**ESS2.D: Weather and Climate** • Weather is the combination of sunlight, wind, snow or rain, and temperature in a particular region at a particular time. People measure these conditions to describe and record the weather and to notice patterns over time.	**Patterns** • Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence.

	Observable features of the student performance by the end of the grade:	
1	Organizing data	
	a	With guidance, students organize data from given observations (firsthand or from media) about local weather conditions using graphical displays (e.g., pictures, charts). The weather condition data include:
		i. The number of sunny, cloudy, rainy, windy, cool, or warm days.
		ii. The relative temperature at various times of the day (e.g., cooler in the morning, warmer during the day, cooler at night).
2	Identifying relationships	
	a	Students identify and describe* patterns in the organized data, including:
		i. The relative number of days of different types of weather conditions in a month.
		ii. The change in the relative temperature over the course of a day.
3	Interpreting data	
	a	Students describe* and share that:
		i. Certain months have more days of some kinds of weather than do other months (e.g., some months have more hot days, some have more rainy days).
		ii. The differences in relative temperature over the course of a day (e.g., between early morning and the afternoon, between one day and another) are directly related to the time of day.