





Middle School Curriculum

Lesson Information

Design Phase	Lessons or Tasks to be completed	Big Idea	Standards	Artifact	Lesson Plans	Assessments	Student Sheets	Exit Slips	Teacher Reflection	Additional Resources	Videos
Project Identification Phase	<b>1.1 MS Introduction to Service-Learning</b>	By working in teams and systematically exploring the community and clientele, they will be able to create a brainstormed list of potential EPICS projects.	NGSS-MS-ETS1.1 ELA 6-8.9, WHST.6-8.8			X		X	X		
	<b>1.2 MS Brainstorming Possible Projects</b>	By working in teams and systematically exploring the community and clientele, they will be able to create a brainstormed list of potential EPICS projects.	NGSS MS-ETS1-3. ELA SL. 6-8b-Follow rules of collegial discussions ELA SL.6-8c-Questioning	Initial List of Potential Projects							
	<b>1.3 MS Survey of Members of the community</b>	To get a good fit with the service-learning EPICS project, the students will need to survey key members of the community to get ideas of issues that are impacting the community that would be achievable for the students.	NGSS MS-ETS1-1. ELA- RST.6-8.9, WHST.6-8.8	Usable survey to gather information from the community							
	<b>1.4 MS Code of Cooperation and Conduct</b>	Students will explore examples of Codes of cooperation and through discussions will develop rules of engagement that will be the groundwork for the EPICS projects.	NGSS MS-ETS1-1. ELA SL. 6-8.1a ELA SL. 6-8b-Follow rules of collegial discussions ELA SL.6-8c-Questioning	Code of conduct guide						1.2 Code of Conduct Debate Carousel documents	
	<b>1.5 MS Teaming Skills</b>	Students will use the code of conduct that they just created to determine what are the qualities of a good team relationship and the important features that will help frame a quality EPICS project.	NGSS MS-ETS1-1 ELA SL. 6-8.1a ELA SL. 6-8b-Follow rules of collegial discussions ELA SL.6-8c-Questioning			X		X	X		Engineers without Borders video
	<b>1.6 MS Intro into Projects using Scenarios</b>	Engineers must have a deep understanding of the needs of the community to create projects and products that improve the standard of living of the under-served within the community. In this activity, the students will be using scenarios from projects that have been completed by EPICS students throughout the country as a way of understanding <u>community problems and potential projects</u> .	NGSS MS ETS 1-1, MS-ETS 1-4 ELA- WST 6-8.7- SL. 6-8.4	Initial Prototype that will be used to gather more information	X		X	X	X		
	<b>1.7 MS Prototype to Communicate</b>	Throughout this module, the students have been begun to explore how to gather information to be able to create a prototype that would meet the needs of their project partner. In this activity, the students will use the prototype that they have created to help gather more information about the needs of their partner.	NGSS MS ETS 1-1, ELA SL. 6-8.1a ELA SL. 6-8b-Follow rules of collegial discussions ELA SL.6-8c-Questioning								
	<b>1.8 MS Proof of Concept</b>	Throughout this module, the students have been begun to explore how to gather information to be able to create a prototype that would meet the needs of their project partner. In this activity, the students will use the prototype that they have created for the scenarios as a way of learning about the proof of concept and background for creating <u>their prototype in the Specification Phase</u> .	NGSS MS ETS 1-1, ELA SL. 6-8.1a ELA SL. 6-8b-Follow rules of collegial discussions ELA SL.6-8c-Questioning								
	<b>1.9 MS Engineering in the Community</b>	Students have learned that service-learning involves a partnership with the community. In this activity, we want to make the connection to the students and their own community, in that engineering design is all around. Students will explore their lives, researching and identifying how engineers impact their standard of living. Students present their example of engineering to the class. These examples can be any type of technology that can make life easier, anything from a cup to an electronic devise. Students will bring in a picture or the actual item.	NGSS MS ETS 1-1, ELA RI. 6-8.7 ELA SL. 6-8.4- Presenting Claims and Evidence			X		X	X		

# Project Identification Phase

<b>1.10 MS Survey Results</b>	<p>In past lessons, the students have been in the process of gathering information to create a project that would serve the community. They have broken the potential project into tasks with standards and skills. Now the students will be taking all of the information for a potential project and evaluating which project would be most beneficial by using decision tools.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-1, MS-ETS1.A-Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems          ELA RI. 6-8.1          ELA SL. 6-8.4- Presenting Claims and Evidence</p>	<p>Analysis of the Survey Results</p>												
<b>1.11 MS Project Partners</b>	<p>Students have learned that service-learning involves a partnership with the community. In this activity, we want to make the connection to the students and their own community, in that engineering design is all around. Students will explore their lives, researching and identifying how engineers impact their standard of living. Students present their example of engineering to the class. These examples can be any type of technology that can make life easier, anything from a cup to an electronic devise. Students will bring in a picture or the actual item.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-1,          ELA RI. 6-8.7 Compare and contrast text          ELA WST 6-8.2- Writing informational texts          ELA SL. 6-8.4- Presenting Claims and Evidence</p>		<p>X</p>			<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>						
<b>1.12 MS Project charter</b>	<p>In this reflective lesson, the students will be taking the information that they have gathered about their community, project partner and potential stakeholders and further condense it into an action plan called a Project Charter which will be the underpinning of their service-learning project.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-1,          ELA RI. 6-8.7 Compare and contrast text          ELA WST 6-8.2- Writing informational texts          ELA SL. 6-8.4- Presenting Claims and Evidence</p>		<p>X</p>			<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>						
<b>1.13 MS Pert chart and Project Managment</b>	<p>The students will continue to create a plan for their EPICS project by examining the information from their Project Charter and determine the tasks that will need to be completed for the successful delivery of the project. In this lesson they will be developing a PERT chart which will help them determine which tasks can be completed in tandem and the order in which other task will need to be accomplished.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-1,          ELA SL. 6-8.4- Presenting Claims and Evidence</p>		<p>X</p>			<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>						
<b>1.14 MS Gantt Chart</b>	<p>The students will continue to create a plan for their EPICS project by examining the information from their Project Charter and determine the tasks that will need to be completed for the successful delivery of the project. In this lesson they will be developing a Gantt chart which will help them determine which tasks can be completed in tandem and the order in which other task will need to be accomplished.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-1,          ELA RI. 6-8.7 Compare and contrast text          ELA WST 6-8.2- Writing informational texts          ELA SL. 6-8.4- Presenting Claims and Evidence</p>		<p>X</p>			<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>						
<b>1.15 MS Budget</b>	<p>The students have created a potential project based on data both qualitative and quantitative related to the needs within the community. They have gathered information that that lists the tasks and steps for the project. They will now need to develop a fiscal plan to implement this project.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-1,          ELA SL. 6-8.4- Presenting Claims and Evidence          Mathematical Practices:          MP.2- Reason abstractly and quantitatively          MP.4- Model with Mathematics.</p>					<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>						
<b>1.16 MS GATE 1</b>	<p>In this lesson the students reflect on all of the information they have gathered about their community and a potential service-learning project. They will present the information that they have gathered about the stakeholders and the community and will develop a list of objectives and project constraints.          The artifacts that will need to be included in the project proposal are:          • Project Charter          • Profile of the Project Partner          • Pert Chart with Critical Pathways          • Gantt Chart          • Projected Budget</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-2,          MS ETS 1-4          ELA SL 6-8.1          ELA SL 6-8.4</p>		<p>X</p>			<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>					

# Specifications Development Phase

<b>2.1 MS Developing a Prototype</b>	The students will create a prototype using the information that they have gathered about their potential stakeholders as a way of empathizing with an underrepresented member of the community.	NGSS MS ETS 1-1, MS-ETS 1-4 ELA SL. 6-8.4- Presenting Claims and Evidence ELA- WST 6-8/7		X		X	X	X		
<b>2.2 MS Prototype to communication</b>	Throughout this module, the students have been begun to explore how to gather information to be able to create a prototype that would meet the needs of their project partner. In this activity, the students will use the prototype to gather more information about the needs of their partner	NGSS MS ETS 1-1, MS-ETS 1-4 ELA SL. 6-8.4- Presenting Claims and Evidence ELA- WST 6-8/7				X	X	X		
<b>2.3 MS Testing prototype</b>	In this activity, the students will be taking the information that they have gathered from the stakeholders about the prototype and use that to develop a Proof of Concept Plan for their project. This process allows the students a way of testing and validating the project that they have developed to this point quantitatively. They will be evaluating the information, develop a testing protocol based on the project specifications, test and measure the prototype and draw conclusions about the viability and usefulness of the proposal.	NGSS MS ETS 1-1, MS-ETS 1-4 ELA SL. 6-8.1c- ELA- WST 6-8.1d	Testing Data for the Prototype						Testing protocol guide sheet	
<b>2.4 MS Specifications</b>	The students have built a basic 3D prototype which has been used as a discussion tool with their community partner. The students are now ready to determine the specifications that are the framework for the creation of the project. In this lesson the students will be examining the prototype extensively to determine the design specifications.	NGSS MS ETS 1-1, MS-ETS 1-4 ELA SL. 6-8.4- Presenting Claims and Evidence ELA- WST 6-8/7	Specifications for the Project	X		X	X	X	Specifications Document	
<b>2.5 MS Persona and Scenarios</b>	The students continue to gather information about the needs of their community and particularly a specific stakeholder. They are now going to create a scenario and persona as a way of further identifying the needs that this project addresses while protecting the identity of the stakeholders and their particular situations. The Scenarios and Personas will be used throughout the project as a way of visualizing the stakeholders.	NGSS MS ETS 1-1, MS-ETS 1-4 ELA SL. 6-8.1c ELA- SL.6-8.1d	Personas and Scenarios for the Project	X	Rubric Assessment of Persona and Scenario	X	X	X	Persona and Scenario development document	
<b>2.6 MS Prior Art</b>	The students are developing a good understanding of the problem and the stakeholder and have developed an initial prototype. In this activity they are going to refine their thinking by looking for projects or products that are already on the market. The students will be examining why these products do not meet the needs of the stakeholders and how a new project would be needed.	NGSS MS ETS 1-1, MS-ETS 1-4 ELA SL. 6-8.1c ELA- SL.6-8.1d	List of State of the Art products similar to the project						Prior Art documentation sheet	
<b>2.7 MS Debrief Specifications</b>	In this lesson the students reflect on all of the information they have gathered about their community and a potential service-learning project. They will present the information that they have gathered about the stakeholders and the community and will develop a list of objectives and project constraints. The artifacts that will need to be included in the project proposal are: • 2.3 Project Charter • 1.13 PERT Chart • 1.14 Gant Chart • 2.1 Specifications • 2.5 Persona and Scenarios • 2.6 Benchmark of Prior Art	NGSS MS ETS 1-2, MS ETS 1-4 ELA SL 6-8.1 ELA SL 6-8.4			* Rubric for Specification Debrief * Individual Evaluation Rubric				GATE Student Sheet	
<b>2.8 MS GATE 2 Specifications Phase</b>	In this lesson the students will present the information they have collected about a need in the community and how they would address that need through the planning reflected in the Gantt Chart and the PERT chart and other artifacts from Phases 1 and 2 in the EPICS Design cycle. Because you may have multiple projects in your EPICS classroom, the suggestion is that students present using flipsnacks which are hosted on the web. This way each student group can present when they are ready to pass through GATE 2 into the Conceptual Design Phase.	NGSS MS ETS 1-2, MS ETS 1-4 ELA SL 6-8.1 ELA SL 6-8.4		X	Rubric for Gate 2 * Peer Evaluation Rubric * Self Reflection for Presentation	X	X	X	GATE Student Sheet	



# Detail Design Phase

<b>4.1 MS DFMEA</b>	<p>In this lesson, the students will be taking this information that they have gathered from the Gantt and PERT chart along with the Specifications document and go through the Engineering Design process of DFMEA (Design Failure Mode Effects Analysis). They will be examining the project to date to determine any potential design flaws and how those can be minimized for the success of the project.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-1, MS ETS 1-2, MS ETS 1-3, MS ETS 1-4</p>	<p>Design Failure Mode listings for future testings</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>DFMEA chart DFMEA Planning</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>		
<b>4.2 MS Field Testing</b>	<p>In this activity, the students will be working to test their prototype for usability and reliability with the stakeholders. To make sure that the design is viable, the students will be taking quantitative evidence from testing protocols that will be developed based on the DFMEA and qualitative evidence of the teams observing the use of the product by the stakeholders.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-1, MS ETS 1-2 ELA RI 6-8.7 ELA WST 6-8.2 ELA SL 6-8.4</p>	<p>Testing Data for the Prototype</p>		<p>Field Testing Plan</p>				<p>Usability and Reliability Testing Document</p>	
<b>4.3 MS User's Manual</b>	<p>As the students are preparing to deliver their working prototype, they need to determine what information will be essential for the stakeholders to be able to continue to use the project after the initial design and implementation is complete. The students will evaluate the information that is essential and create a user's manual that will be given to the stakeholder upon delivery that will help with troubleshooting and basic maintenance of the working prototype.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-2, MS ETS 1-4 ELA WHST 6-8.7 ELA WST 6-8.8 ELA WST 6-8.9</p>	<p>user's Manual for the project</p>		<p>Rubric for evaluation of the User's Manual for the Project</p>				<p>Template to create a User's Manual</p>	
<b>4.4 MS Materials List</b>	<p>The students have a good idea of the specifications for the project and have created the budget and updated said budget at least once to this point. They are now ready to create a materials list that will help them further define the project. This materials list and the budget will be presented to the teacher as a way of documenting the cost of the project and an easy way for the teacher, administrator or school to have a document to order supplies for the project.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-2, MS ETS 1-4 ELA WHST 6-8.7 ELA WST 6-8.8 ELA WST 6-8.9</p>	<p>List of materials for the project</p>						<p>Template embedded in the student sheet to list materials</p>	
<b>4.5 MS Demonstration with Stakeholders</b>	<p>In this activity, the students will be observing the stakeholders use the prototype and will be recording this information for possibly one last adjustment to the product. To make sure that the design is viable, the students will be taking quantitative evidence from testing protocols that have been collected and the redesigned prototype. The students will use this information to complete the final testing of the working prototype before delivery.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-1, ELA RI 6-8.7 ELA WST 6-8.2 ELA SL 6-8.4</p>	<p>Stakeholder Observation sheet using the prototype</p>							
<b>4.6 MS Safety Analysis</b>	<p>In this activity, the students will be conducting a hazard and safety analysis of their project to determine if there are specific problems that might be eliminated or controlled through a redesign. The students will be using their DFMEA and their field testing as the benchmarks of data for this testing. This should give the students a basic understanding of possible safety issues that will need to be the focus of this assessment.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-1, MS ETS 1-2, MS ETS 1-4 ELA WHST 6-8.7 ELA WST 6-8.8 ELA WST 6-8.9</p>	<p>Safety Analysis for Prototype</p>						<p>Safety Analysis Template</p>	
<b>4.7 MS Peer Evaluation</b>	<p>The students have gone through almost 4 phases of the EPICS design cycle and have worked with their team to create a working prototype that is due to be delivered during the 5<sup>th</sup> phase of the cycle. The students have evaluated the projects at each of the GATES, but this is the first time that they will be evaluating each other. The EPICS program adheres to the philosophy that assessments are important for students to learn to help each other through positive, yet authentic feedback.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-1, MS ETS 1-2, MS ETS 1-4 ELA WHST 6-8.7 ELA WST 6-8.8 ELA WST 6-8.9</p>	<p>Peer Evaluation</p>						<p>Peer Evaluation Rubric</p>	
<b>4.8 MS Self Evaluation</b>	<p>The students are on the last leg of their project and are ready to critique their progress and the progress of their project. In this lesson, the students will evaluate their contributions to the project and the overall success of the project. It is your decision WHEN the students do a formal self-evaluation. A suggestion is that the students do the Individual Self-Evaluation at the end of each semester. Additionally it is essential to conduct informal assessment just to "check in" with the groups to make sure they are making progress.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-2, MS ETS 1-4 ELA SL 6-8.1 ELA SL 6-8.4</p>	<p>Self Evaluation Project Evaluation Engineering Notebook Evaluation</p>		<p>Self Evaluation Project Evaluation Engineering Notebook Evaluation</p>				<p>Self Evaluation Project Evaluation Engineering Notebook Evaluation</p>	
<b>4.9 MS Project Feedback</b>	<p>This lesson is to be used as a way of communicating with the individual students and the teams. As your students are completing their project, you will need to meet with students individually and with their groups. This will be a time to review the individual assessment and the project assessment for the students to get feedback that will help them solidify their service-learning engineering experience.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-2, MS ETS 1-4 ELA SL 6-8.1 ELA SL 6-8.4</p>	<p>Engineering Notebook Checklist Individual Evaluation Rubric</p>		<p>Engineering Notebook Checklist Individual Evaluation Rubric</p>					
<b>4.10 MS Preparation for GATE 4</b>	<p>In this phase, the teams have evaluated the general design of their product, leaving the smaller details for the Detailed Design Phase. The students will compile all of the documentation for the Detailed Design Phase and create a presentation for GATE 4. This information will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the information from the DFMEA to create new testing for the prototype to prepare for delivery.</li> <li>Information from the testing and redesign of your prototype</li> <li>The updated budget for the project.</li> <li>Creation of the user's manual</li> </ul> <p><b>Purpose of the Gate 4:</b> This document and presentation will be the foundation for the Detailed Design phase of your project and must be approved by your teacher and your community partner.</p>	<p>NGSS MS ETS 1-2, MS ETS 1-4 ELA SL 6-8.1 ELA SL 6-8.4</p>								

