ASET Science & Engineering Practices (SEP) Tool: Planning and Carrying out Investigations

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| **Components of SEP**  
In this lesson/unit plan, it is clear that **students** have a structured opportunity to: | | | | |
| 1) **Identify the phenomenon** to be investigated and **purpose** of the investigation | | | | |
| 2) **Take appropriate parameters** into account when **planning how to investigate** a scientific question or test a design solution | | | | |
| 3) **Make predictions** and/or **hypotheses** about the outcome of an investigation* | | | | |
| 4) **Conduct** an investigation | | | | |
| 5) **Collect data** to answer a scientific question or test a design solution | | | | |
| 6) **Evaluate** and/or **revise** an experimental design | | | | |

**Notes on Context/Special Considerations** (part of school year, differentiation, student developmental considerations, etc.):

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## ASET Grade Band Criteria *(Grade Band: 6-8)*

### Science & Engineering Practices

**SEP 3: Planning and Carrying out Investigations:** Planning and carrying out investigations in 6-8 builds on K-5 experiences and progresses to include investigations that use multiple variables and provide evidence to support explanations or solutions.

*By the end of the grade band students will have had a structured opportunity to develop an understanding of each of these. Individual lessons or units should include opportunities for students to practice one or more of the following components ......*

| 1) Identify the phenomenon to be investigated and purpose of the investigation | Students identify the:  
   a. phenomenon under investigation (from a given investigation plan or for a plan they will design)  
   b. purpose of the investigation |
| 2) Take appropriate parameters into account when planning how to investigate a scientific question or test a design solution | Students plan an investigation or test a design individually and collaboratively, to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence and identify:  
   a. independent and dependent variables and controls  
   b. what tools are needed to do the gathering  
   c. how measurements will be recorded  
   d. how many data are needed to support a claim |
| 3) Make predictions and/or hypotheses about the outcome of an investigation* | Students make testable hypotheses (specifying variables and outcome):  
   a. based on prior experiences and/or observed patterns  
   b. about what would happen if a variable changes. |
| 4) Conduct an investigation | Systematically carry out the given/planned investigation and make observations and/or record data  
   If the investigation plan was given to students, they will describe:  
   a. the data to be collected and the evidence to be derived from the data  
   b. how the tools and methods included in the experimental design will provide the evidence necessary to address the purpose of the investigation |
| 5) Collect data to answer a scientific question or test a design solution | Students collect/produce data:  
   a. to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a scientific question [science] or test design solutions [engineering] under a range of conditions  
   b. about the performance of a proposed object, tool, process, or system under a range of conditions [engineering]  
   c. that meet the specific goals of an investigation. |
| 6) Evaluate and/or revise an experimental design | Students should:  
   a. evaluate the accuracy of various methods for collecting data to determine the most appropriate.  
   b. revise the experimental design, if needed, to collect/produce data that meets the specific goals of the investigation |

*This component is based on criteria required at the K-2 and 3-5 grade band. Making predictions/hypothesis may happen at the start of an experiment or towards the end depending on the level of experience students have with the content.

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