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Note 1: Correlation locations are activity numbers (not page numbers).

Note 2: Correlations do not usually include reference to the science practices chapter.

Note 3: Correlations to the standard statement include background material to address the specific objectives.

## North Carolina Earth and Environmental Standards

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**TITLE:** Earth and Space Sciences for NGSS (3ed)

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### Strand: Earth's Place in the Universe

Standard	Objectives	Correlation location
<b>ESS.EES.1</b> <i>Explain how Earth's position relative to the Sun influences conditions on Earth.</i>		Activities 11 - 26, 27 - 42, 87 - 89
	<b>ESS.EES.1.1</b> Use models to illustrate the formation of the solar system.	Activities 29, 30
	<b>ESS.EES.1.2</b> Use mathematics and computational thinking to analyze Earth's motion through space.	Activities 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39
	<b>ESS.EES.1.3</b> Use models to illustrate how the sun produces energy.	Activities 18, 19, 21, 22, 24
	<b>ESS.EES.1.4</b> Construct an explanation to infer how incoming solar radiation interacts with Earth systems to support life.	Activities 88, 89,

Strand: Earth's Systems		
Standard	Objectives	Correlation location
<b>ESS.EES.2</b> <i>Analyze how the geosphere is shaped by plate tectonics and the rock cycle.</i>		Activities 68 - 75, 76 - 86
	<b>ESS.EES.2.1</b> Use models to explain how mantle convection powers plate tectonics.	Activities 69, 70, 71, 74
	<b>ESS.EES.2.2</b> Analyze and interpret data to predict locations of volcanoes and earthquakes based on plate boundaries.	Activities 71, 72, 75
	<b>ESS.EES.2.3</b> Use models to explain how plate tectonics influence topography.	Activities 72
	<b>ESS.EES.2.4</b> Carry out investigations to explain how the rock cycle and rates of weathering, erosion, and soil formation influence Earth's systems.	Activities 80, 82, 83
	<b>ESS.EES.2.5</b> Analyze and interpret data to explain how volcanic activity influences changes in Earth's atmosphere, geosphere, biosphere, and hydrosphere.	Activity 64
<b>ESS.EES.3</b> <i>Analyze how the interactions between the hydrosphere and atmosphere transfer energy and influence climate.</i>		Activities 59, 60, 64, 65, 77, 78, 80 - 83, 87 - 102, 150, 156
	<b>ESS.EES.3.1</b> Carry out investigations to explain the properties of water.	Activity 77
	<b>ESS.EES.3.2</b> Use models to explain how water is an agent of energy transfer.	Activities 80 - 83
	<b>ESS.EES.3.3</b> Analyze and interpret data to explain how major greenhouse gases influence climate.	Activities 93, 94, 100, 101, 150, 156
	<b>ESS.EES.3.4</b> Analyze and interpret data to attribute how atmospheric composition and surface conditions influence heat retention in the troposphere.	Activities 64, 65, 91
	<b>ESS.EES.3.5</b> Construct an explanation to conclude that heat exchange between the ocean and atmosphere results in local, regional, global weather phenomena, and climate patterns.	Activities 88, 91
<b>ESS.EES.4</b> <i>Analyze the connections between the biosphere and other Earth systems (geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere).</i>		Activities 87 - 102, 133, 147 - 156

	<p><b>ESS.EES.4.1</b> Use models to explain how abiotic/biotic interactions shape various ecosystems.</p>	Activities 92, 93
	<p><b>ESS.EES.4.2</b> Analyze and interpret data to explain how carbon cycling influences various ecosystems.</p>	Activities 98, 99, 102
	<p><b>ESS.EES.4.3</b> Analyze and interpret data to explain past climate trends.</p>	Activities 93, 100, 101, 150, 151, 156
	<p><b>ESS.EES.4.4</b> Construct an explanation to predict how potential future changes in abiotic factors could impact biodiversity and species distribution.</p>	Activities 146, 152, 153,
	<p><b>ESS.EES.4.5</b> Obtain, evaluate and communicate information to explain how biodiversity impacts ecosystem resilience.</p>	Activity 133

<b>Strand: Earth and Human Activity</b>		
<b>Standard</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Correlation location</b>
<b>ESS.EES.5</b> <i>Evaluate how human consumption patterns impact Earth's systems.</i>		Activities 87 - 102, 103 - 121, 132 - 146
	<b>ESS.EES.5.1</b> Analyze and interpret data to explain the impacts of land use on Earth's systems.	Activities 110, 113, 114, 115, 118, 142
	<b>ESS.EES.5.2</b> Analyze and interpret data to evaluate how human use of ground and surface waters impacts water quality and availability in river basins, wetlands, estuaries, and aquifers.	Activities 107, 108,
	<b>ESS.EES.5.3</b> Construct an argument to evaluate the ways that human activities influence atmospheric composition.	Activities 93, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102
	<b>ESS.EES.5.4</b> Construct an argument to evaluate the benefits and trade-offs of using non-renewable or renewable energy sources for electricity production and transportation fuels.	Activities 108, 111
	<b>ESS.EES.5.5</b> Construct an argument to evaluate potential solutions that will ensure sustainable consumption of Earth's resources.	Activities 119, 136, 137, 140, 143
	<b>ESS.EES.5.6</b> Construct an argument to evaluate a range of solutions to mitigate impacts of human activities on Earth's systems.	Activities 101, 112, 114, 116, 117, 144, 146, 154
<b>ESS.EES.6</b> <i>Analyze how Earth's systems impact humans and the biosphere.</i>		Activities 103 - 121, 122 -131, 132 - 146
	<b>ESS.EES.6.1</b> Analyze and interpret data to infer how use of natural resources impacts ecosystems and human populations, including human health.	Activities 105, 107, 108, 110, 113, 115
	<b>ESS.EES.6.2</b> Construct an argument to infer how some natural hazards (such as flooding and wildfires) are increasing in frequency and intensity due to human activities.	Activities 126, 128, 129, 131
	<b>ESS.EES.6.3</b> Construct an argument to explain how natural hazards and other environmental problems may impact some human populations more than others.	Activities 124, 125