

K-12 Conceptual Vertical Articulation of PS2 – Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions

PS2.A: Forces and Motion

Grade Band	Disciplinary Core Idea Statement with 2021 Performance Expectation Linked
K–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pushes and pulls can have different strengths and directions. Pushing or pulling on an object can change the speed or direction of its motion and can start or stop it. (K-PS2-1) (K-PS2-2)
3–5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each force acts on one particular object and has both strength and a direction. An object at rest typically has multiple forces acting on it, but they add to give zero net force on the object. Forces that do not sum to zero can cause changes in the object’s speed or direction of motion. (3-PS2-1) The patterns of an object’s motion in various situations can be observed and measured; when that past motion exhibits a regular pattern, future motion can be predicted from it. (3-PS2-2)
6–8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For any pair of interacting objects, the force exerted by the first object on the second object is equal in strength to the force that the second object exerts on the first, but in the opposite direction (Newton’s third law). (8-PS2-1) The motion of an object is determined by the sum of the forces acting on it; if the total force on the object is not zero, its motion will change (inertia). The greater the mass of the object, the greater the force needed to achieve the same change in motion. For any given object, a larger force causes a larger change in motion. The positions of objects and the directions of forces and motions must be described using a qualitative comparison and scalar quantities. In order to share information with other people, a reference frame must also be shared. (8-PS2-2)
9–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newton's second law accurately predicts changes in the motion of macroscopic objects ($F_{net}=ma$). (P-PS2-1) Momentum is defined for a particular frame of reference; it is the mass times the velocity of the object. If a system interacts with objects outside itself, the total momentum of the system can change; however, any such change is balanced by changes in the momentum of objects outside the system. (P-PS2-2) If a system interacts with objects outside itself, the total momentum of the system can change; however, any such change is balanced by changes in the momentum of objects outside the system. (P-PS2-3)

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PS2.B: Types of Interactions

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K–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When objects touch or collide, they push on one another and can change motion. (K-PS2-1)
3–5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects in contact exert forces on each other. (3-PS2-1) • Electric and magnetic forces between a pair of objects do not require that the objects be in contact. The sizes of the forces in each situation depend on the properties of the objects and their distances apart and, for forces between two magnets, on their orientation relative to each other. (3-PS2-3) (3-PS2-4) • The gravitational force of Earth acting on an object near Earth’s surface pulls that object toward the planet’s center. (5-PS2-1)
6–8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric and magnetic (electromagnetic) forces can be attractive or repulsive, and their sizes depend on the magnitudes of the charges, currents, or magnetic strengths involved and on the distances between the interacting objects. (8-PS2-3) • The magnitude of the gravitational force depends on the masses and distances between interacting objects. Long-range gravitational interactions govern the evolution and maintenance of large-scale structures in the universe and the patterns of motion within them. (8-PS2-4) • Forces that act at a distance (electric, magnetic, and gravitational) can be explained by fields that extend through space and can be illustrated by their effect on a test object (a charged object, or a ball, respectively). (8-PS2-5)

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9–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="422 207 1839 277">• Attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale explain the structure, properties, and transformations of matter, as well as the contact forces between material objects. (C-PS1-3) (C-PS2-6)<li data-bbox="422 326 1940 472">• Newton’s law of universal gravitation and Coulomb’s law provide the mathematical models to describe and predict the effects of gravitational and electrostatic forces between distant objects. Forces at a distance are explained by fields (gravitational, electric, and magnetic) permeating space that can transfer energy through space. Magnets or electric currents cause magnetic fields; electric charges or changing magnetic fields cause electric fields. (P-PS2-4)<li data-bbox="422 521 1982 634">• Forces at a distance are explained by fields (gravitational, electric, and magnetic) permeating space that can transfer energy through space. Magnets or electric currents cause magnetic fields; electric charges or changing magnetic fields cause electric fields. (P-PS2-5)<li data-bbox="422 683 1955 787">• Attraction and repulsion between electric charges at the atomic scale explain the structure, properties, and transformations of matter, as well as the contact forces between material objects. The structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms. (P-PS2-6)

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