

PLC Pathway: Session 4

Highlight Evidence



Goal for this session: In the NGSS vision, students learn that science relies on evidence to answer questions about the natural world. As you plan your lessons, consider what evidence students will need to develop explanations and what classroom activities will lead to the evidence.

Study Guide

An online version of this study guide with links is available at <http://inquiryngss.terc.edu/>

- Prepare** – See what it looks like when students gather evidence they need to answer the investigation question.
 1. Read *The Challenges of Developing Explanations Based on Data and Reasoning*
 2. Get to know the *Evidence Collection Planning Tool*. Study the *Example* of a filled-in tool that was used to design a *Transformations of Matter* lesson.
 3. Which NGSS science practices do you think will play a big role in finding evidence? You can review detailed descriptions of all eight practices in *Chapter 3 of the Framework* (pp. 41-82).

- Use the Planning Tool** – Make your lesson reflect the NGSS vision.
 1. Select a lesson from your current curriculum.
 2. Identify the learning goal and how it contributes to the disciplinary core idea (DCI).
 3. Complete the *Evidence Collection Planning Tool*.
 4. What about a sequence of learning experiences? Use the *Story Line Planning Tool* to map the way evidence builds from one lesson to the next. (You can review an [example of a filled-in tool](#) here.)

- Discuss in Your PLC**

Discuss your experiences using the *Evidence Collection Planning Tool* (and *Story Line Planning Tool*), both the benefits and challenges. Plan your next steps.