



A Position Statement of the

Michigan Science Teachers Associations
On
A Framework for K-12 Science Education

In July 2011 the National Research Council, National Science Teacher Association, American Association for the Advancement of Science and Achieve, called for the creation of new national standards for science education. As a result, Michigan became one of 26 states invited to participate in the development of what is to become the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). In keeping with the Michigan Science Teachers Association's mission statement, to stimulate, support and provide leadership, we have taken on a key role in the writing and review process for this initiative.

While the final version of the standards has not yet been adopted, we enthusiastically embrace the vision provided in [A Framework for K-12 Science Education](#) from which they were developed. We heartily endorse the key dimensions, which include the Science and Engineering Practices, Crosscutting Concepts and Disciplinary Core Ideas around which the Next Generation Science Standards are being finalized. Our goal is to promote the effective, systemic and sustained implementation of the new NGSS once they are approved.

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