

During Expedition Mars, students are exposed to the following national standards.

Next Generation Science Standards

MS-SEP: Analyze and interpret data to determine similarities and differences in findings.

MS-SEP: Ask questions to clarify evidence of an argument.

MS-SEP: Construct a scientific explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from sources.

MS-PS2-2: Plan an investigation to provide evidence that the change in an object's motion depends on the sum of the forces on the object and the mass of the object.

MS-ETS1-1: Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.

MS-ETS1-2: Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.

MS-ETS1-3: Analyze data from tests to determine similarities and differences among several design solutions to identify the best characteristics of each that can be combined into a new solution to better meet the criteria for success.

MS-ESS2-5: Collect data to provide evidence for how the motions and complex interactions of air masses results in changes in weather conditions.

MS-LS1-3: Use arguments supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells.

Common Core State Standards

L.6.6: Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

SL.6.1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacherled) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

SL6.2: Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.

MP2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

MP6: Attend to precision.

RST.6-8.3: Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.

RST.6-8.7: Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually.

RST.6-8.9: Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.