

Biomechanics

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Biomechanics Unit 1 - Introduction

STAGE 1 DESIRED RESULTS			
Standards	Transfer		
3.2.9-12.I Analyze data to support the claim that Newton's second	Students will be able to independently use their l Biomechanics is the application of mechani The human body can move as a whole (i.e. 1)	ical principles in the study of living organisms.	
law of motion describes the	N	Meaning	
mathematical relationship among the net force on a macroscopic object, its mass, and its acceleration.	UNDERSTANDINGS Students will understand that Biomechanics is the application of mechanical principles in the study of living organisms.	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS Students will keep considering What is Biomechanics? How can qualitative and quantitative approaches be used to analyze human movement?	
3.1.9-12.B Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms. 3.1.9-12.C Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence	 The human body must be described and referred to using specific anatomical terminology, nomenclature, and equipment. The human body has a variety of joint types (i.e. hinge, ball-and-socket) to achieve different motions. 	 ☐ How are qualitative analyses of human movement performed? ☐ Why is a common anatomical language necessary? ☐ How are body planes, axes, regional, and directional terms used to "map" out the human body? ☐ How is movement described scientifically? ☐ What tools are used to measure kinematic quantities? 	
that feedback mechanisms	Acquisition(need to align with above and standards)		
maintain homeostasis.	Students will know PS2.A: Forces and Motion Newton's second law accurately predicts changes in the motion of macroscopic objects. Key vocabulary/other knowledge: biomechanics	Students will be skilled at Define the terms biomechanics, statics, dynamics, kinematics and kinetics Explain the ways in which statics, dynamics, kinematics, and kinetics are related. Construct an explanation to distinguish between qualitative and quantitative approaches for analyzing human movement.	

Biomechanics Unit 2 - Kinematics

STAGE 1 DESIRED RESULTS		
Standards	Transfer	
3.2.9-12.I Analyze data to support	Students will be able to independently use their learning to Linear kinematics governs the movement of the human body and its segments.	
the claim that Newton's second law of motion describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on a macroscopic object, its mass, and its acceleration. 3.1.9-12.B Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.	UNDERSTANDINGS Students will understand that Motion is relative. Motion can be described using position, velocity, acceleration and time. Mathematical and graphical models can be used to describe and predict bodily motion.	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS Students will keep considering How is kinematic data collected? What is the difference between scalars and vectors? What is the relationship between position, displacement, velocity, and acceleration? What is the difference between average and instantaneous quantities? How is linear kinematics used in research studies? How do you solve quantitative problems that employ linear kinematic principles? How can human body movement be described scientifically?
3.5.9-12.I (ETS) - Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world	Acquisition(need to align with	
problem based on prioritized criteria and trade-offs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts. 3.5.9-12.K (ETS) - Use a computer simulation to model the impact of proposed solutions to a complex real-world problem with numerous criteria and	Students will know PS2.A Forces and Motion ☐ Newton's second law accurately predicts changes in the motion of macroscopic objects. ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions ☐ When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. ☐ Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the	Students will be skilled at Analyze and interpret data to differentiate and classify human motion as linear, angular, or general Develop and use anatomical models or diagrams to accurately identify and describe standard reference positions, planes of motion, and axes of rotation relevant to human movement. Use anatomical directionality and joint movement vocabulary to construct explanations of movement Plan and carry out an effective qualitative human movement analysis

constraints on interactions within and between systems relevant to the problem.	engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs.	 □ Use mathematical and computational thinking to apply appropriate SI units when describing and solving biomechanical problems involving mass (kg), force (N), weight (N), and torque (Nm) □ Construct explanations that describe how linear motion applies to different human movements
	Other knowledge: average initial velocity instantaneous kinematics laws of constant acceleration linear acceleration linear displacement linear velocity meter Newton's second law accurately predicts changes in the motion of macroscopic objects.	

Biomechanics Unit 3 - Human Balance

STAGE 1 DESIRED RESULTS				
Standards	Transfer			
3.2.9-12.I Analyze data to support	Students will be able to independently use their learning to Angular kinetics governs the movement of the human body and its segments.			
the claim that Newton's second	Meanir	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
•	UNDERSTANDINGS Students will understand that Torque depends on the magnitude of a force and the point of force application. Net torques cause changes in rotation. Centripetal force is required for motion along a curved path. Mechanical advantage is dependent on the placement of the force and fulcrum.	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS Students will keep considering What is torque? What is the impact of Newton's Laws for human movement? What is moment of inertia? What is center of mass/center of gravity? How can the center of mass be calculated for a human body? What are the three classes of levers? How can you analyze single joint movement? What is stability and how does it affect human movement? How can you dynamically analyze single joint movement? What is the relationship between torque		
minimizes the force on a	and balance?			
macroscopic object during a	Acquisition(need to align with			
collision. 3.2.9-12.0 Create a computational model to calculate the change in the energy of one component in a system when the change in energy of the other component(s) and energy flows in and out of the system are known.	PS2.A Forces and Motion ☐ Newton's second law accurately predicts changes in the motion of macroscopic objects. ☐ 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 of the system.	Students will be skilled at □ Define torque, quantify resultant torques, and identify the factors that affect resultant joint torques. □ Develop and use models to identify the mechanical advantages associated with the different classes of levers and explain the concept of leverage within the human body. □ Use mathematical and computational thinking to solve basic quantitative		

3.2.9-12.P Develop and use models to illustrate that energy at the macroscopic scale can be accounted for as a combination of energy associated with the motions of particles (objects) and energy associated with the relative positions of particles (objects). 3.1.9-12.B Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms. 3.1.9-12.C Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis.	 PS3.A Definitions of Energy □ Energy is a quantitative property of a system that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system. That there is a single quantity called energy is due to the fact that a system's total energy is conserved, even as within the system, energy is continually transferred from one object to another and between its various possible forms. □ At the macroscopic scale, energy manifests itself in multiple ways, such as in motion, sound, light, and thermal energy. PS3.B. Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer □ Conservation of energy means that the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system. □ Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems. □ Mathematics expressions, which quantify how the stored energy in a system depends on its configuration and how kinetic energy depends on mass and speed, allow the concept of conservation of energy to be used to predict and describe system behavior. Other knowledge: □ Balance, base of support. center of mass, center of gravity. Equilibrium. first-class lever. Fulcrum, 	equilibrium. Construct explanations to show the significance of center of gravity location in the human body. Construct an explanation to show how mechanical factors affect a body's stability. Develop and use models to explain why changes in the configuration of a rotating airborne body can produce changes in the body's angular velocity. Use mathematical and computational thinking to solve quantitative problems relating to the factors that cause or modify angular motion of the human body.
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Biomechanics Unit 4 - Work and Power

STAGE 1 DESIRED RESULTS		
Standards	Transfer	
3.2.9-12.I Analyze data to support the claim that Newton's second law of motion describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on a macroscopic object, its mass, and its acceleration. 3.2.9-12.J Use mathematical representations to support the claim that the total momentum of a system of objects is conserved when there is no net force on the system. 3.2.9-12.K Apply scientific and engineering ideas to design, evaluate and refine a device that minimizes the force on a macroscopic object during a collision. 3.2.9-12.O Create a computational model to calculate the change in	Students will be able to independently use their learning	an body and its segments. er.
the energy of one component in a system when the change in	studies? Acquisition(need to align with above and standards)	
energy of the other component(s) and energy flows in and out of the system are known.	Students will know PS2.A Forces and Motion Newton's second law accurately predicts changes in the motion of macroscopic objects.	Students will be skilled at Identify Newton's Laws of Motion and Gravitation and describe practical illustrations of the laws using human movement.

3.2.9-12.P Develop and use models to illustrate that energy at the macroscopic scale can be accounted for as a combination of energy associated with the motions of particles (objects) and energy associated with the	 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 of the system. 	 Construct an explanation to show what factors affect friction and discuss the role of friction in daily activities and sports. Use mathematical and computational thinking to calculate impulse and momentum changes during collisions and explain the relationship between two bodies. Discuss the relationships among
relative positions of particles (objects). HS-LS1-2. Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.	PS3.A Definitions of Energy ☐ Energy is a quantitative property of a system that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system. That there is a single quantity called energy is due to the fact that a system's total energy is conserved, even as within the system, energy is continually transferred from one object to another and between its various possible forms. ☐ At the macroscopic scale, energy manifests itself in multiple ways, such as in motion, sound, light, and thermal energy.	mechanical work, power, and energy as it relates to human movement. Use mathematical and computational thinking to solve quantitative problems related to kinetic concepts.
HS-LS1-3 - Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis.	PS3.B. Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer ☐ Conservation of energy means that the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system. ☐ Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems. ☐ Mathematics expressions, which quantify how the stored energy in a system depends on its configuration and how kinetic energy depends on mass and speed, allow the concept of conservation of energy to be used to predict and describe system behavior. Other knowledge: ☐ friction ☐ kinetic energy	

☐ kinetic friction	
☐ linear momentum	
static friction	
☐ normal reaction force	
potential energy	
power power	
gravitational potential energy	
☐ work	

Biomechanics Unit 5 - Biomechanics of Injuries

STAGE 1 DESIRED RESULTS		
Standards	Transfer	
3.2.9-12.I Analyze data to support	Students will be able to independently use their learning to Angular kinetics governs the movement of the human be	ody and its segments.
the claim that Newton's second	Meaning	
law of motion describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on a macroscopic object, its mass, and its acceleration.	UNDERSTANDINGS Students will understand that Forces and torques can cause injuries to bones and/or soft tissues in the human body. Proper techniques for sports can help athletes properly support movements to avoid injuries.	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS Students will keep considering What are forces and movements at major joints in the human body? How do forces and torques affect skeletal systems and soft tissues in
3.2.9-12.J Use mathematical representations to support the claim that the total momentum of a system of objects is conserved when there is no net force on the system.	 Humans can use preventative techniques to avoid injuries. Newton's Laws can be applied to human movements to distribute forces and torques to avoid injuries. 	the human body? How can the laws of motion be applied to prevent injuries? What is the impulse-momentum theorem and how it affects human movement? What is the work-energy theorem and how it affects human movement?
3.2.9-12.K Apply scientific and engineering ideas to design,		How is linear kinetics used in research studies?
evaluate and refine a device that	Acquisition(need to align with above	ve and standards)
minimizes the force on a macroscopic object during a collision. 3.2.9-12.O Create a computational	Students will know PS2.A Forces and Motion Newton's second law accurately predicts changes in the motion of macroscopic objects. Momentum is defined for a particular frame of	Students will be skilled at Analyze and interpret data using tools, technologies, and/or models (e.g., computational, mathematical) in order to make valid and reliable
model to calculate the change in the energy of one component in a system when the change in energy of the other component(s) and energy flows in and out of the system are known.	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 of the system. PS3.A Definitions of Energy	scientific claims or determine an optimal design solution. Define torque, quantify resultant torques, and identify the factors that affect resultant joint torques. Develop and use models to identify the mechanical advantages associated with the different classes

3.2.9-12.P Develop and use models to illustrate that energy at the macroscopic scale can be accounted for as a combination of energy associated with the motions of particles (objects) and energy associated with the relative positions of particles (objects).	 Energy is a quantitative property of a system that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system. That there is a single quantity called energy is due to the fact that a system's total energy is conserved, even as within the system, energy is continually transferred from one object to another and between its various possible forms. At the macroscopic scale, energy manifests itself in multiple ways, such as in motion, sound, light, and thermal energy. PS3.B. Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer 	of levers and explain the concept of leverage within the human body. Use mathematical and computational thinking to solve basic quantitative problems using the equations of static equilibrium. Plan and conduct investigations to determine the location of the center of gravity in different postures (e.g., standing, squatting, leaning). Develop and use models to explain the significance of center of gravity
HS-LS1-2. Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms. HS-LS1-3 - Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis.	 Conservation of energy means that the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system. Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems. Mathematics expressions, which quantify how the stored energy in a system depends on its configuration and how kinetic energy depends on mass and speed, allow the concept of conservation of energy to be used to predict and describe system behavior. Other knowledge: Balance, base of support, force, torque, skeletal system, soft tissues (ligaments), equilibrium 	location in the human body. Construct explanations to explain how mechanical factors affect a body's stability. Use mathematical and computational thinking to solve quantitative problems relating to the factors that cause or potentially cause injuries to the human body. Apply Newton's Laws of Motion and torques to physical movements of the human body to analyze injuries.