

Planning and implementing integrated STEM

Part 2: Assessment and implementation

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Constraints

- Constraints and criteria of a task should **define the assessment** of the task

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- Set a *minimum or maximum* bridge length, width, height and/or weight
- A testing regime for the bridge that investigates *the effects of pushing, pulling, placing vs dropping weights, etc.*

Potential Assessments

- Evidence of considering length, weight, etc in planning documents for their bridge
- Documentation of student use of measurement tools to check their physical bridges (such as a checklist)
- An experiment/results template for students to record bridge tests and explanations of the effects of forces on their bridges.

Inclusive Resources

- Does the resource allow students to document their progress and learning?
- Does it consider literacy and numeracy needs?
- Does it provide scope to differentiate based on skill level?
- Does it support collaboration and problem solving?

STEM Skills

Science Inquiry Skills	Creating Designed Solutions
Questioning and Predicting	Investigating
Planning and Conducting	Generating
Recording and Processing	Planning and Managing
Analysing and Evaluating	Producing
Communicating	Evaluating

Implementing

- Collect your resources
- Complete a 'test run'
- Do it with your students
- Reflect and iterate

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