**Next Generation Science Standards: Three Key Things to Know:**

* We are currently in the “awareness” phase; beginning to understand, train, transition
* Designed to align with and connect & support Common Core
* Shift in focus: beyond just content, to including student abilities to think about, apply, analyze, & communicate as they build content understanding

**Next Generation Science Standards Have Three Strands:**

* Science & Engineering Practices (What scientists & engineers “**do**”)
* Cross Cutting Concepts (How scientists & engineers **think about** what they do)
* Disciplinary Core Ideas (The “content” or “topics”)

**For 2014-15: Main focus is on Science & Engineering Practices**

**To learn more about the Practices, or about NGSS in general:**

http://www.crscience.org/educators/practices