Challenges & Opportunities Launching an Open Textbook Publishing Program

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Goals

- Grow open textbook publishing expertise and capacity in higher education
- Increase the availability of open textbooks (CC BY) for use by instructors and students around the world

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To-Do

establish shared publishing infrastructure, process, community, technical and services support
Building Blocks

● OTN partners with Scribe, mission-driven publishing services company

● OTN funds start-up costs, institutions fund projects

● Deliver first iteration of professional development and orientation curriculum

● Community of practice and professional support during project phase

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LESSON 2

What Makes Air Hot?

PREPARATION

Teacher Background Knowledge

The Language of Energy Conversion

In this lesson, students will learn about energy transfer and transformation, as those processes relate to solar energy. The conventional term used by the scientific community is energy transformation—the process of energy converting or transforming from one type to another. However, the similarity of the words transfer and transformation can cause significant confusion for students. As they explain phenomena related to energy, they often use the incorrect term even as they provide a correct explanation. For that reason, IQWST often...

Wall is a good place to make the difference visible. Write both transfer and conversion on the word wall, adding (transformation) parenthetically under the word conversion. Use pictures, drawings, artifacts from activities, or any other visual cues that can support students as they not only learn the concepts, but learn the language that applies to both.

Light Energy

Light is unusual. It is not matter, yet it is something. It has energy—light energy. This may trouble some students and is actually a very complex subject. If students raise questions...

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