

Grade 5 - Earth's Surface Systems
Pacing – Approximately 4-6 weeks

Big Ideas:

- The Earth's major systems, the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact to affect Earth's surface and processes.
- The Earth's water is found in various constructed and natural reservoirs.
- Communities can use scientific information to protect the Earth's resources and environments

Essential Questions

- How does water change as it travels through the water cycle?
- How does the ocean affect climate?
- How do winds and clouds interact with landforms to affect weather patterns?
- How can communities use scientific information to protect the Earth's resources and environment?

Vocabulary:

Earth, model, water cycle, water, gas, liquid, solid, states of matter, evaporation, precipitation, condensation, run off, ocean, phase changes, air temperature, air (barometric) pressure, humidity, wind speed, wind direction, weather, rain, snow, hail, sleet, environments, grasslands, rainforests, tundra, wetland, swamps, deserts, mountains, climate zones, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, equator, coast line, sea level, polar, tropical, temperate, latitude, elevation, proximity, forecasting weather, weather map, key, clouds, cumulus, cirrus, stratus, cumulonimbus, weather related tools, barometer, thermometer, wind vane, rain gauge, hygrometer, anemometer

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact.**[Clarification Statement: Examples could include the influence of the ocean on ecosystems, landform shape, and climate; the influence of the atmosphere on landforms and ecosystems through weather and climate; and the influence of mountain ranges on winds and clouds in the atmosphere. The geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere are each a system.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to the interactions of two systems at a time.]
- 5-ESS2-2. Describe and graph the amounts and percentages of water and fresh water in various reservoirs to provide evidence about the distribution of water on Earth.**[Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to oceans, lakes, rivers, glaciers, ground water, and polar ice caps, and does not include the atmosphere.]
- 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.**

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

<p style="text-align: center;">Science and Engineering Practices</p> <p>Developing and Using Models Modeling in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to building and revising simple models and using models to represent events and design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a model using an example to describe a scientific principle. (5-ESS2-1) <p>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking Mathematical and computational thinking in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to extending quantitative measurements to a variety of physical properties and using computation and mathematics to analyze data and compare alternative design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe and graph quantities such as area and volume to address scientific questions. (5-ESS2-2) <p>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</p> <p>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to evaluating the merit and accuracy of ideas and methods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain and combine information from books and/or other reliable media to explain phenomena or solutions to a design problem. (5-ESS3-1) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Disciplinary Core Ideas</p> <p>ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth’s major systems are the geosphere (solid and molten rock, soil, and sediments), the hydrosphere (water and ice), the atmosphere (air), and the biosphere (living things, including humans). These systems interact in multiple ways to affect Earth’s surface materials and processes. The ocean supports a variety of ecosystems and organisms, shapes landforms, and influences climate. Winds and clouds in the atmosphere interact with the landforms to determine patterns of weather. (5-ESS2-1) <p>ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth’s Surface Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nearly all of Earth’s available water is in the ocean. Most fresh water is in glaciers or underground; only a tiny fraction is in streams, lakes, wetlands, and the atmosphere. (5-ESS2-2) <p>ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human activities in agriculture, industry, and everyday life have had major effects on the land, vegetation, streams, ocean, air, and even outer space. But individuals and communities are doing things to help protect Earth’s resources and environments. (5-ESS3-1) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Crosscutting Concepts</p> <p>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard units are used to measure and describe physical quantities such as weight and volume. (5-ESS2-2) <p>Systems and System Models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A system can be described in terms of its components and their interactions. (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS3-1) <p>-----</p> <p>Connections to Nature of Science Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science findings are limited to questions that can be answered with empirical evidence. (5-ESS3-1)
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade: N/A</i></p>		
<p><i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels:</i> 2.ESS2.A (5-ESS2-1); 2.ESS2.C (5-ESS2-2); 3.ESS2.D (5-ESS2-1); 4.ESS2.A (5-ESS2-1); MS.ESS2.A (5-ESS2-1); MS.ESS2.C (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2); MS.ESS2.D (5-ESS2-1); MS.ESS3.A (5-ESS2-2),(5-ESS3-1); MS.ESS3.C (5-ESS3-1); MS.ESS3.D (5-ESS3-1)</p>		
<p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p> <p><i>ELA/Literacy -</i></p> <p>RI.5.1 Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (5-ESS3-1)</p> <p>RI.5.7 Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently. (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2),(5-ESS3-1)</p> <p>RI.5.9 Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (5-ESS3-1)</p> <p>W.5.8 Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources. (5-ESS2-2),(5-ESS3-1)</p> <p>W.5.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (5-ESS3-1)</p> <p>SL.5.5 Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes. (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2)</p> <p><i>Mathematics -</i></p> <p>MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2),(5-ESS3-1)</p> <p>MP.4 Model with mathematics. (5-ESS2-1),(5-ESS2-2),(5-ESS3-1)</p> <p>5.G.A.2 Represent real world and mathematical problems by graphing points in the first quadrant of the coordinate plane, and interpret coordinate values of points in the context of the situation. (5-ESS2-1)</p>		