

Grade 5

3.3.5.C Earth and Space Sciences: Earth's Systems

Students who demonstrate understanding can develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact.

Clarifying 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.

Science and Engineering Practices (SEP)	Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCI)	Crosscutting Concepts (CCC)
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. • Develop a model using an analogy, example, or abstract representation to describe a scientific principle.	Earth Materials and Systems 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,	Systems and System Models A system can be described in terms of its components and their interactions.
	and influences climate. Winds and clouds in the atmosphere interact with the landforms to determine patterns of weather.	

Pennsylvania Context: N/A

PA Career Ready Skills: Identify one's own strengths, needs, and preferences.

Connections to Other Standards Content and Practices

Standard Source	Possible Connections to Other Standard(s) or Practice(s)
Agriculture (AFNR)	CS.06.01.01.a: Research and explain the foundational cycles in AFNR (e.g., water cycle, nutrient cycle, carbon cycle, etc.).
Science, Environmental Literacy and Sustainability (NAAEE)	5-8 Strand 1.F. Working with models and simulations: Learners use models to analyze information that support their environmental investigations. They explain the purposes and limitations of these models. 5-8 Strand 2.1.A. Earth's physical systems: Learners describe the physical processes that shape Earth, including weather, climate, plate tectonics, and the hydrologic cycle. They explain how matter cycles and energy flows among the abiotic and biotic components of the environment. They describe how humans affect and are affected by Earth's physical systems.

Science, Technology & Engineering, and Environment Literacy & Sustainability (STEELS)



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PA Core Standards: ELA	CC.1.2.5.G: 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. CC.1.4.5.W: 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. CC.1.5.5.E: Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.
PA Core Standards and Practices: Math	MP.2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively. MP.4: Model with mathematics. CC.2.3.5.A.1: Graph points in the first quadrant on the coordinate plane and interpret these points when solving real world and mathematical problems. CC.2.4.5.A.2: Represent and interpret data using appropriate scale.
PA Standards: Social Studies	7.2.5.B: Identify the basic physical processes that affect the physical characteristics of places and regions.
Educational Technology (ISTE)	1.6. Creative Communicator: Students communicate clearly and express themselves creatively for a variety of purposes using the platforms, tools, styles, formats and digital media appropriate to their goals.
Technology and Engineering (ITEEA)	STEL-2F: Describe how a subsystem is a system that operates as part of another, larger system.