

Grades 3-5

3.5.3-5.Y Technology and Engineering: Core Concepts of Technology and Engineering

Students who demonstrate understanding can identify the resources needed to get a technical job done, such as people, materials, capital, tools, machines, knowledge, energy, and time.

Clarifying Statement: Elementary students involved in problem-solving activities such as Odyssey of the Mind need to develop a list of resources that they will need for a play they must perform in front of judges. Strategic planning of resources might include the backdrop, costumes, props, what roles the team members will play, and a consideration of deadlines.

Assessment Boundary: N/A

Science and Engineering Practices (SEP)

Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions.

 Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered.

Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCI)

Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems

 Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account.

Technology and Engineering Practices (TEP)

Critical Thinking

Knows how to find answers to technological questions.

Pennsylvania Context: Examples of Pennsylvania context include but are not limited to manufacturing businesses.

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

Connections to Other Standards Content and Practices

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



Standard Source	Possible Connections to Other Standard(s) or Practice(s)
PA Core Standards: Reading and Writing in Science and Technical Areas	CC.1.2.3.G: Use information gained from text features to demonstrate understanding of a text. CC.1.2.4.G: Interpret various presentations of information within a text or digital source and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of text in which it appears. 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.1.4.3.V: Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic. CC.1.4.4.V: Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. CC.1.4.5.V: Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. CC.1.4.3.W: Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories. CC.1.4.4.W: Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources. 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.
PA Core Standards and Practices: Math	MP.2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively. MP.4: Model with mathematics. MP.5: Use appropriate tools strategically.
Science, Technology & Engineering, and Environmental Literacy & Sustainability Academic Standards	N/A