

5th Grade Water Education Resource Guide

Standard aligned learning activities for 5th grade to teach about water in Kansas



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How to Use this Guide

Teaching about water in Kansas aligns with the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards for Science. This guide is designed *by* teachers *for* teachers to provide a comprehensive listing of existing activities which can be integrated into your teaching to support a stronger understanding of water in our state and in your area, while strengthening student achievement in science.

This guide has four main components:

- Listing of the Performance Expectations and Disciplinary Core Ideas for your grade level which connect to teaching about water in your community and in the state.
- Potential Anchoring Phenomenon for your teaching
- Table of activities from several different resources organized by performance expectations and with suggested modifications to more directly connect students to water in our communities
- A searchable spreadsheet which can be sorted and rearranged to best meet your needs and which includes the activity name and source, the connected performance expectations and/or disciplinary core ideas, suggested modifications, activity setting and length and additional curricular connections to language arts, math, social studies, civics, art, physical education and socio-emotional learning,

Some of the resources listed are available readily online, while others are obtained through professional learning with KACEE. If you would like to attend a professional development experience with KACEE, [check out our schedule here](#) or contact Ashlyn Kite-Hartwich at akite@kacee.org.

Performance Expectations

The following Performance Expectations for 5th grade are aligned with teaching about water in your community:

5-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

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Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
5-LS2-1. Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment. <i>[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that matter that is not food (air, water, decomposed materials in soil) is changed by plants into matter that is food. Examples of systems could include organisms, ecosystems, and the Earth.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include molecular explanations.]</i>		
The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document <i>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</i> .		
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Developing and Using Models Modeling in 3–5 builds on K–2 models and progresses to building and revising simple models and using models to represent events and design solutions. Develop a model to describe phenomena. (5-LS2-1) ----- Connections to Nature of Science	LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems - The food of almost any kind of animal can be traced back to plants. Organisms are related in food webs in which some animals eat plants for food and other animals eat the animals that eat plants. Some organisms, such as fungi and bacteria, break down dead organisms (both plants or plants parts and animals) and therefore operate as “decomposers.” Decomposition eventually restores (recycles) some materials back to the soil. Organisms can survive only in environments in which their particular needs are met. A healthy ecosystem is one in which multiple species of different types are each able to meet their needs in a relatively stable web of life. Newly introduced species can damage the balance of an ecosystem. (5-LS2-1) LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems - Matter cycles between the air and soil and among plants, animals, and microbes as these organisms live and die. Organisms obtain gases, and water, from the environment, and release waste matter (gas, liquid, or solid) back into the environment. (5-LS2-1)	Systems and System Models A system can be described in terms of its components and their interactions. (5-LS2-1)
<i>Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade: 5.PS1.A (5-LS2-1); 5.ESS2.A (5-LS2-1)</i> <i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: 2.PS1.A (5-LS2-1); 2.LS4.D (5-LS2-1); 4.ESS2.E (5-LS2-1); MS.PS3.D (5-LS2-1); MS.LS1.C (5-LS2-1); MS.LS2.A (5-LS2-1); MS.LS2.B (5-LS2-1)</i>		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i> <i>ELA/Literacy –</i> 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-LS2-1) 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-LS2-1) <i>Mathematics –</i> MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-LS2-1) MP.4 Model with mathematics. (5-LS2-1)		

5-ESS2 Earth's Systems

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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 of salt 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.]		
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Science and Engineering Practices 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 example to describe a scientific principle. (5-ESS2-1) 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. - Describe and graph quantities such as area and volume to address scientific questions. (5-ESS2-2)	Disciplinary Core Ideas ESS2.A: 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, and influences climate. Winds and clouds in the atmosphere interact with the landforms to determine patterns of weather. (5-ESS2-1) ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes - 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)	Crosscutting Concepts Scale, Proportion, and Quantity - Standard units are used to measure and describe physical quantities such as weight and volume. (5-ESS2-2) Systems and System Models - A system can be described in terms of its components and their interactions. (5-ESS2-1)
<i>Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade:</i> N/A <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); MS.ESS2.D (5-ESS2-1); MS.ESS3.A (5-ESS2-2)		
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5-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity

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5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.		
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Science and Engineering Practices Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information 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. Obtain and combine information from books and/or other reliable media to explain phenomena or solutions to a design problem. (5-ESS3-1)	Disciplinary Core Ideas ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Crosscutting Concepts Systems and System Models - A system can be described in terms of its components and their interactions. (5-ESS3-1) ----- Connections to Nature of Science Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World. - Science findings are limited to questions that can be answered with empirical evidence. (5-ESS3-1)
<i>Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade: N/A</i>		
<i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: MS.ESS3.A (5-ESS3-1); MS.ESS3.C (5-ESS3-1); MS.ESS3.D (5-ESS3-1)</i>		
<i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i> ELA/Literacy – 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) 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-ESS3-1) 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) 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-ESS3-1) W.5.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (5-ESS3-1) Mathematics – MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-ESS3-1) MP.4 Model with mathematics. (5-ESS3-1)		

3-5-ETS1 Engineering Design

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- 3-5-ETS1-1. Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.**
- 3-5-ETS1-2. Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.**
- 3-5-ETS1-3. Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.**

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Asking Questions and Defining Problems Asking questions and defining problems in 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships. - Define a simple design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process, or system and includes several criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost. (3-5-ETS1-1) 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. (3-5-ETS1-3) Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems. - Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design problem. (3-5-ETS1-2)	ETS1.A: 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. (3-5-ETS1-1) ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions - Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (3-5-ETS1-2) - At whatever stage, communicating with peers about proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs. (3-5-ETS1-2) - Tests are often designed to identify failure points or difficulties, which suggest the elements of the design that need to be improved. (3-5-ETS1-3) ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution - Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints. (3-5-ETS1-3)	Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World - People's needs and wants change over time, as do their demands for new and improved technologies. (3-5-ETS1-1) - Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones to increase their benefits, decrease known risks, and meet societal demands. (3-5-ETS1-2)
<i>Connections to 3-5-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include:</i> Fourth Grade: 4-PS3-4 <i>Connections to 3-5-ETS1.B: Designing Solutions to Engineering Problems include:</i> Fourth Grade: 4-ESS3-2 <i>Connections to 3-5-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include:</i> Fourth Grade: 4-PS4-3 <i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K-2.ETS1.A (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); K-2.ETS1.B (3-5-ETS1-2); K-2.ETS1.C (3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); MS.ETS1.A (3-5-ETS1-1); MS.ETS1.B (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3); MS.ETS1.C (3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3)</i> <i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i> ELA/Literacy – RI.5.1 Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (3-5-ETS1-2) 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. (3-5-ETS1-2) RI.5.9 Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (3-5-ETS1-2) W.5.7 Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3) 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. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3) W.5.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-3) Mathematics – MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3) MP.4 Model with mathematics. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3) MP.5 Use appropriate tools strategically. (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2),(3-5-ETS1-3) 3-5.OA Operations and Algebraic Thinking (3-5-ETS1-1),(3-5-ETS1-2)		

5-PS1 Matter and Its Interactions

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Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 5-PS1-1. Develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence supporting a model could include adding air to expand a basketball, compressing air in a syringe, dissolving sugar in water, and evaporating salt water.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the atomic-scale mechanism of evaporation and condensation or defining the unseen particles.]
- 5-PS1-2. Measure and graph quantities to provide evidence that regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances, the total weight of matter is conserved.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of reactions or changes could include phase changes, dissolving, and mixing that form new substances.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include distinguishing mass and weight.]
- 5-PS1-3. Make observations and measurements to identify materials based on their properties.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of materials to be identified could include baking soda and other powders, metals, minerals, and liquids. Examples of properties could include color, hardness, reflectivity, electrical conductivity, thermal conductivity, response to magnetic forces, and solubility; density is not intended as an identifiable property.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include density or distinguishing mass and weight.]
- 5-PS1-4. Conduct an investigation to determine whether the mixing of two or more substances results in new substances.**

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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 to describe phenomena. (5-PS1-1) 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. - 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. (5-PS1-4) - Make observations and measurements to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence for an explanation of a phenomenon. (5-PS1-3) 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. - Measure and graph quantities such as weight to address scientific and engineering questions and problems. (5-PS1-2)	PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter - Matter of any type can be subdivided into particles that are too small to see, but even then the matter still exists and can be detected by other means. A model showing that gases are made from matter particles that are too small to see and are moving freely around in space can explain many observations, including the inflation and shape of a balloon and the effects of air on larger particles or objects. (5-PS1-1) - The amount (weight) of matter is conserved when it changes form, even in transitions in which it seems to vanish. (5-PS1-2) - Measurements of a variety of properties can be used to identify materials. (Boundary: At this grade level, mass and weight are not distinguished, and no attempt is made to define the unseen particles or explain the atomic-scale mechanism of evaporation and condensation.) (5-PS1-3) PS1.B: Chemical Reactions - When two or more different substances are mixed, a new substance with different properties may be formed. (5-PS1-4) - No matter what reaction or change in properties occurs, the total weight of the substances does not change. (Boundary: Mass and weight are not distinguished at this grade level.) (5-PS1-2)	Cause and Effect - Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain change. (5-PS1-4) Scale, Proportion, and Quantity - Natural objects exist from the very small to the immensely large. (5-PS1-1) - Standard units are used to measure and describe physical quantities such as weight, time, temperature, and volume. (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3) ----- Connections to Nature of Science Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems - Science assumes consistent patterns in natural systems. (5-PS1-2)
<i>Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade:</i> N/A <i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels:</i> 2.PS1.A (5-PS1-1),(5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3); 2.PS1.B (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-4); MS.PS1.A (5-PS1-1),(5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3),(5-PS1-4); MS.PS1.B (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-4) <i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i> ELA/Literacy – 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-PS1-1) W.5.7 Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3),(5-PS1-4) 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-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3),(5-PS1-4) W.5.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3),(5-PS1-4) Mathematics – MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (5-PS1-1),(5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3) MP.4 Model with mathematics. (5-PS1-1),(5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3) MP.5 Use appropriate tools strategically. (5-PS1-2),(5-PS1-3) 5.NBT.A.1 Explain patterns in the number of zeros of the product when multiplying a number by powers of 10, and explain patterns in the placement of the decimal point when a decimal is multiplied or divided by a power of 10. Use whole-number exponents to denote powers of 10. (5-PS1-1) 5.NF.B.7 Apply and extend previous understandings of division to divide unit fractions by whole numbers and whole numbers by unit fractions. (5-PS1-1) 5.MD.A.1 Convert among different-sized standard measurement units within a given measurement system (e.g., convert 5 cm to 0.05 m), and use these conversions in solving multi-step, real-world problems. (5-PS1-2) 5.MD.C.3 Recognize volume as an attribute of solid figures and understand concepts of volume measurement. (5-PS1-1) 5.MD.C.4 Measure volumes by counting unit cubes, using cubic cm, cubic in, cubic ft, and improvised units. (5-PS1-1)		

5-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions

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Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
5-PS2-1. Support an argument that the gravitational force exerted by Earth on objects is directed down. [Clarification Statement: "Down" is a local description of the direction that points toward the center of the spherical Earth.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include mathematical representation of gravitational force.]		
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Science and Engineering Practices Engaging in Argument from Evidence Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s). Support an argument with evidence, data, or a model. (5-PS2-1)	Disciplinary Core Ideas PS2.B: Types of Interactions The gravitational force of Earth acting on an object near Earth's surface pulls that object toward the planet's center. (5-PS2-1)	Crosscutting Concepts Cause and Effect Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change. (5-PS2-1)
Connections to other DCIs in fifth grade: N/A		
Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: 3.PS2.A (5-PS2-1); 3.PS2.B (5-PS2-1); MS.PS2.B (5-PS2-1); MS.ESS1.B (5-PS2-1); MS.ESS2.C (5-PS2-1)		
Common Core State Standards Connections:		
ELA/Literacy –		
RI.5.1 Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (5-PS2-1)		
RI.5.9 Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. (5-PS2-1)		
W.5.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. (5-PS2-1)		

5th Grade

Performance Expectations:

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Performance Expectation: 5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact.

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Performance Expectation: 5-PS1-2. Measure and graph quantities to provide evidence that regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances, the total weight of matter is conserved.

Performance Expectation: 5-PS1-3. Make observations and measurements to identify materials based on their properties.

Performance Expectation: 5-PS1-4. Conduct an investigation to determine whether the mixing of two or more substances results in new substances.

Performance Expectation: 5-PS2-1: Support an argument that the gravitational force exerted by Earth on objects is directed down.

Disciplinary Core Ideas:

LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms Plants acquire their material for growth chiefly from air and water. (5-LS1-1)

LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems The food of almost any kind of animal can be traced back to plants. Organisms are related in food webs in which some animals eat plants for food and other animals eat the animals that eat plants. Some organisms, such as fungi and bacteria, break down dead organisms (both plants or plants parts and animals) and therefore operate as “decomposers.” Decomposition eventually restores (recycles) some materials back to the soil. Organisms can survive only in environments in which their particular needs are met. A healthy ecosystem is one in which multiple species of different types are each able to meet their needs in a relatively stable web of life. Newly introduced species can damage the balance of an ecosystem. (5-LS2-1)

LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems Matter cycles between the air and soil and among plants, animals, and microbes as these organisms live and die. Organisms obtain gases, and water, from the environment, and release waste matter (gas, liquid, or solid) back into the environment. (5-LS2-1)

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ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (3–5-ETS1-2)

ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints. (3–5-ETS1-3)

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The amount (weight) of matter is conserved when it changes form, even in transitions in which it seems to vanish. (5-PS1-2)
Measurements of a variety of properties can be used to identify materials. (Boundary: At this grade level, mass and weight are not distinguished, and no attempt is made to define the unseen particles or explain the atomic-scale mechanism of evaporation and condensation.) (5-PS1-3)

PS1.B: Chemical Reactions When two or more different substances are mixed, a new substance with different properties may be formed. (5-PS1-4) No matter what reaction or change in properties occurs, the total weight of the substances does not change. (Boundary: Mass and weight are not distinguished at this grade level.) (5-PS1-2)

PS2.B: Types of Interactions The gravitational force of Earth acting on an object near Earth's surface pulls that object toward the planet's center. (5-PS2-1)

Additional Water Resources:

[Kansas WRAPS](#) website

[Ogallala Aquifer Education Activities](#) from the Kansas Geological Survey

Potential Kansas Specific Anchoring Phenomena for 5th Grade

- Potential Anchoring Phenomena: If the total amount of water on earth is fixed, what accounts for the changes in water (amount, state, location, etc) that we see in our community?
- How might we better reuse water?

Table of Standard Aligned Activities for 5th Grade

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Learning Activities	Performance Expectations	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Notes (Specific connections to KS including adaptations, additional resources, etc.):
Discover a Watershed: Seeing the Missouri Watershed	Performance Expectation: 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.	ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes Nearly all of Earth's available water is in the ocean. Most freshwater is in glaciers or underground; only a tiny fraction is in streams, lakes, wetlands, and the atmosphere. (5-ESS2-2)	Kansas Watershed Map Active Watershed Districts in Kansas Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom: THERE'S A WATERSHED IN MY BACKYARD

Discover a Watershed: Sum of the Missouri River Parts	Performance Expectation: 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes Nearly all of Earth's available water is in the ocean. Most freshwater is in glaciers or underground; only a tiny fraction is in streams, lakes, wetlands, and the atmosphere. (5-ESS2-2) Performance Expectation: 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	
Project Learning Tree: Every Drop Counts	5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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.	Recommended adaptations from Project Learning Tree Estimate the amount of water you use in a day. Record your water usage for one day. What did you notice? What would affect the amount of water you use in a day? What would an average family of 4 use in a day? Week? Year? What are some ways to reduce your water usage? Kansas Green School Water Investigation

Project Wet: A-Maze-ing Water	5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment. 3–5-ETS1-1. Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost. 3–5-ETS1-2. Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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) ETS1.A: 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. (3–5-ETS1-1) ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (3–5-ETS1-2)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: KS Dept of Transportation: Protecting Kansas Waterways - Stormwater runoff Friends of the Kaw - Kansas River Keeper - Pollution from Runoff Walk around your house after a rain or watering your yard and try to find the route of the runoff from your house. Where does it go?
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Project WET: A Drop in the Bucket	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. 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes Nearly all of Earth's available water is in the ocean. Most freshwater is in glaciers or underground; only a tiny fraction is in streams, lakes, wetlands, and the atmosphere. (5-ESS2-2) ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: Look at the Map of water used by counties. Find your county, what is the primary source of water usage? What do you notice about the state of Kansas? Kansas Department of Agriculture -Reported Water Usage By County
Project WET: A Grave Mistake	5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET:

Project WET: Color Me a Watershed – Part I & II	5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact. 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS2.A: 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, and influences climate. Winds and clouds in the atmosphere interact with the landforms to determine patterns of weather. (5-ESS2-1) ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: Possibly have the students research how many inches of rain on average they receive in their area. Monthly Precipitation Map by county. Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom - There's a Watershed in My Backyard
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Project WET: Get the Ground Water Picture, Part I & II	5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact. 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS2.A: 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, and influences climate. Winds and clouds in the atmosphere interact with the landforms to determine patterns of weather. (5-ESS2-1) ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom - Aquifers KS Geological Survey- Aquifer Education Curriculum
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Project WET: Make-A-Mural	5-ESS2-1 Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact.	ESS2.A: 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, and influences climate. Winds and clouds in the atmosphere interact with the landforms to determine patterns of weather. (5-ESS2-1)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: EPA Surf Your Watershed KS Foundation for Ag in the Classroom - There's a Watershed in My Backyard
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Project WET: My Water Footprint	5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: Estimate the amount of water you use in a day. Record your water usage for one day. What did you notice? What would affect the amount of water you use in a day? What would an average family of 4 use in a day? Week? Year? What are some ways to reduce your water usage? Kansas Green School Water Investigation
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Project Wet: River Talk	5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact. 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. 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS2.A: 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, and influences climate. Winds and clouds in the atmosphere interact with the landforms to determine patterns of weather. (5-ESS2-1) ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes 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) ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	EPA's How's My Waterway? KS Foundation for Ag in the Classroom - Streams & Rivers
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Project WET: Snow and Tell, Part I	5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact.	ESS2.A: 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, and influences climate. Winds and clouds in the atmosphere interact with the landforms to determine patterns of weather. (5-ESS2-1)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: 19 Climate Games That Could Change the Future
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Project WET: Sum of the Parts	5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: KS Foundation for Ag in the Classroom - Streams & Rivers
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Project WET: Super Bowl Surge	5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment. 3–5-ETS1-2. Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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) ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (3–5-ETS1-2)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET:
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Project Wet: Water Audit	5-PS2-1. Support an argument that the gravitational force exerted by Earth on objects is directed down.	ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: Kansas Green School Water Investigation
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	5-LS2-1. Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment		

		Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints. (3–5-ETS1-3)	
Project Wet: Your Hydrologic Bank Account	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. Performance Expectation: 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS2.A: 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. (5-ESS2-1) ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Find the stream flow closest to you. Change the timeline to one year. What do you notice? Why do you think there's a change? What can you do to ensure that you have a steady supply of water? USGS Water streamflow in Kansas

Project WET: The Incredible Journey	5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact. 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. 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS2.A: 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. (5-ESS2-1) ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes 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) ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: Go outside and find potential components of the water cycle
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Project WET: Springing Into Action	5-PS2-1: Support an argument that the gravitational force exerted by Earth on objects is directed down. 5-ESS2-1: Develop a model using an example to describe the ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and/or atmosphere interact.	PS2.B: Types of Interactions The gravitational force of Earth acting on an object near Earth's surface pulls that object toward the planet's center. (5-PS2-1) ESS2.A: 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. (5-ESS2-1)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: Water Games from Project WET
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Aquatic Wild: Alice in Waterland	5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment. 3–5-ETS1-1. Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost. 3–5-ETS1-2. Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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) ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (3–5-ETS1-2)	Project WET Online Water Games
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Project Learning Tree: Water Wonders	4-ESS2-1. Make observations and/or measurements to provide evidence of the effects of weathering or the rate of erosion by water, ice, wind, or vegetation. ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems Earth's major systems are the geosphere, the hydrosphere, the atmosphere, and the biosphere. These systems interact in multiple ways to affect Earth's surface materials and processes. 5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact.	ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems Rainfall helps to shape the land and affects the types of living things found in a region. Water, ice, wind, living organisms, and gravity break rocks, soils, and sediments into smaller particles and move them around.	Recommended adaptations from Project Learning Tree
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Project WET: Blue Planet	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. 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes 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) ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: USGS - How wet is your state? The water area of each state Kansas Map Look at a map of your town. Locate the bodies of water. Try to determine the amount of water compared to land in your area.
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Project WET: Molecules in Motion	5-PS1-1. Develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen.	PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter Matter of any type can be subdivided into particles that are too small to see, but even then the matter still exists and can be detected by other means. A model showing that gases are made from matter particles that are too small to see and are moving freely around in space can explain many observations, including the inflation and shape of a balloon and the effects of air on larger particles or objects. (5-PS1-1)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: Walk around inside the school, where do you see evidence of water in the 3 states of matter. Walk outside of the school, where do you see evidence of water in the 3 states of matter? Think about the seasons in Kansas, when would you most likely see an example of water in the 3 states of matter?
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Project WET: Rainy-Day Hike	5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact. 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems Rainfall helps to shape the land and affects the types of living things found in a region. Water, ice, wind, living organisms, and gravity break rocks, soils, and sediments into smaller particles and move them around. ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET:
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Project WET: Seeing Watersheds	5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact. 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. 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems Rainfall helps to shape the land and affects the types of living things found in a region. Water, ice, wind, living organisms, and gravity break rocks, soils, and sediments into smaller particles and move them around. ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes 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) ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: EPA--How's My Waterway?
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Discover a Watershed: CFS ASAP	Performance Expectation: 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.	ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes Nearly all of Earth's available water is in the ocean. Most freshwater is in glaciers or underground; only a tiny fraction is in streams, lakes, wetlands, and the atmosphere. (5-ESS2-2)	Rivers and Streams Access / Locations / KDWP Info / KDWP Water flow data from USGA (cfs) What are some factors that determine the flow of water in a river? How can you regulate the flow of water?
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Project WET: Common Water	5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact. 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS2.A: 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. (5-ESS2-1) ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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)	Recommended adaptations from Project WET: Locate maps of your town over the years to see the change. Compare the amount of forest, grasslands, wetlands, residential, agricultural, and streams from 100 years ago. 50 years ago, 20 years ago. What do you notice? How will the changes affect run-off and the watershed?
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Discover a Watershed: Blue Beads of the Missouri River	Performance Expectation: 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth’s resources and environment.	ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth’s Surface Processes Nearly all of Earth’s available water is in the ocean. Most freshwater is in glaciers or underground; only a tiny fraction is in streams, lakes, wetlands, and the atmosphere. (5-ESS2-2)	Locate the river closest to you. What feeds into the river? What large body of water does it feed into?

Ag in the Classroom - Kansas Prairies	5-LS2-1. Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment.	LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems The food of almost any kind of animal can be traced back to plants. Organisms are related in food webs in which some animals eat plants for food and other animals eat the animals that eat plants. Some organisms, such as fungi and bacteria, break down dead organisms (both plants or plants parts and animals) and therefore operate as “decomposers.” Decomposition eventually restores (recycles) some materials back to the soil. Organisms can survive only in environments in which their particular needs are met. A healthy ecosystem is one in which multiple species of different types are each able to meet their needs in a relatively stable web of life. Newly introduced species can damage the balance of an ecosystem. LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems Matter cycles between the air and soil and among plants, animals, and microbes as these organisms live and die. Organisms obtain gases, and water, from the environment, and release waste matter (gas, liquid, or solid) back into the environment.	Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom-Kansas Prairies Take a walk around your school or neighborhood. Can you identify the consumers and decomposers in your ecosystem?
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AG in the Classroom - Water Beneath My Feet	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.	ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes Nearly all of Earth's available water is in the ocean. Most freshwater is in glaciers or underground; only a tiny fraction is in streams, lakes, wetlands, and the atmosphere.	Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom-Water Beneath My Feet
National Geographic - Who Polluted the Potomac?	5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.	ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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.	National Geographic Lesson Plans on Water
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Swarovski Water School - Making Water Safe to Drink	5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment. 3–5-ETS1-3. Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.	ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems 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. ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints.	Swarovski Water School Lessons about Water Walking in Sabina's Shoes (Water Access) Sabina Update Read the book The Water Princess by Susan Verde What did you notice about the book and the videos? Create a model to help clean the water. Did it work?
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Swarovski Water School - Water and Trees	5-LS2-1. Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment.	LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems The food of almost any kind of animal can be traced back to plants. Organisms are related in food webs in which some animals eat plants for food and other animals eat the animals that eat plants. Some organisms, such as fungi and bacteria, break down dead organisms (both plants or plants parts and animals) and therefore operate as “decomposers.” Decomposition eventually restores (recycles) some materials back to the soil. Organisms can survive only in environments in which their particular needs are met. A healthy ecosystem is one in which multiple species of different types are each able to meet their needs in a relatively stable web of life. Newly introduced species can damage the balance of an ecosystem.	Swarovski Water School Lessons about Water
Swarovski Water School - Water Basics	5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact.	ESS2.A: 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.	Swarovski Water School Lessons about Water

Sortable Spreadsheet of Standard Aligned Activities

This spreadsheet can be sorted as it best meets your needs and includes additional information about instructional setting, length of activity and additional curricular connections for each activity.

To use this spreadsheet:

1. Make a [copy of this spreadsheet](#) for your use and save it.
2. Select the tab at the bottom of the spreadsheet for your grade level
3. Select a column you wish to sort by and click on that column

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2			ESS2.D: Weather and Climate Weather is the combination of sunlight, wind, snow or rain, and temperature in a particular region at a	Do you know why you hear lightning? What season do the most thunderstorms in SciShow Kids-What Causes Lightning Extension Activity from Ge

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