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Aviation & Space Education

Gateway to the World





Airport



Airports are a place where aircraft land, takeoff, and stay when they are not flying.

Runway



Runways are a strip of smooth ground where aircraft can takeoff and land.

Taxiway



Taxiways are paths which connect the runways with the airport terminal, aprons, hangars, etc.

Airport Apron



An apron is the area of an airport where loading and unloading of passengers or cargo, refueling, parking, or maintenance takes place.

Air Traffic Control Tower





An air traffic control tower is a tall building where the movements of aircraft and runway traffic are monitored and controlled.

Hangar



A hangar is a building, usually at or near an airport, used to store aircraft.

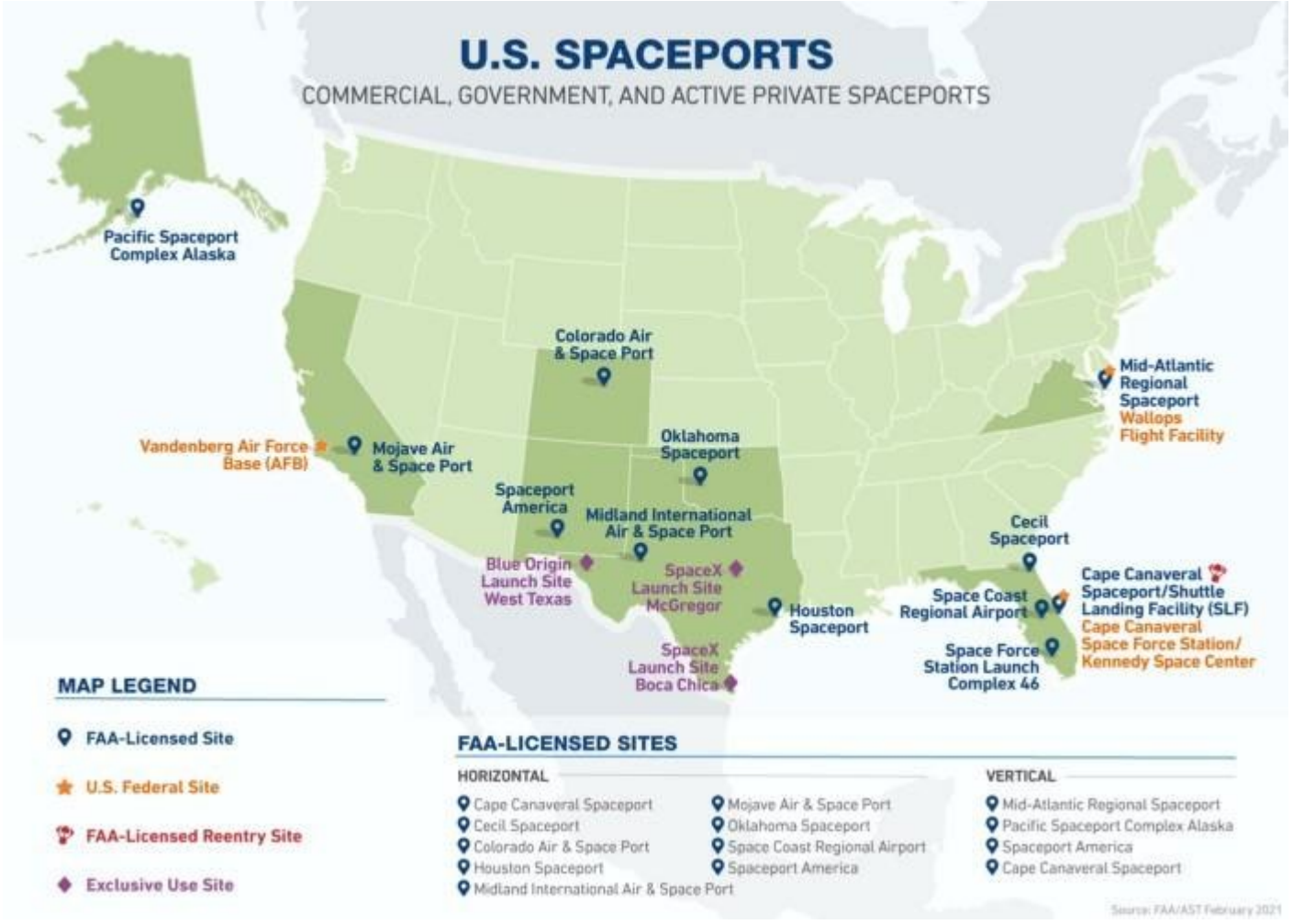
Airport Terminal





An airport terminal is a building at an airport where passengers arrive or depart on a flight.

Spaceport



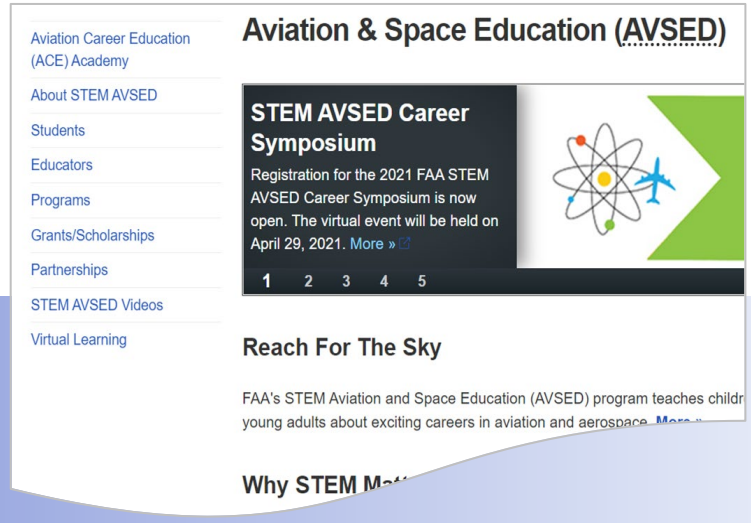
A spaceport is a site for launching and receiving spacecraft. Here are the locations of the 12 U.S. spaceports!

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SPARK Sheet

Extension Activities

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- If you were to design an airport for your neighborhood, which kind of airport would it be and why?
- Think about the airports in your communities. What kinds of aircraft do they fly?
- Discuss the types of jobs at airports.
- Discuss what makes spaceports different from typical airports.