

STEM ACTIVITY:

“Create an Airport Layout Plan”

Classroom Activity Student Guide

OVERVIEW

In this lesson, students learn about the different structures on an airport and how they interact with each other. Utilizing provided resources, students research an airport local to their home and then generate a complete Airport Layout Plan with all major components.

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Identify each major structure on the airport
- Understand the complexity of both large and small airports
- Work together in small groups to develop a complete Airport Layout Plan

Directions

1. Review the PowerPoint on Airport Components and then complete the worksheet on Page 3 by matching the airport component with its description.
2. Review the Airport Layout Plan instructions on Page 4 and create an airport layout plan of a local airport near your home or school.
3. OPTIONAL- Schedule a tour of a local airport near your home or school.

WORKSHEET

“Airport Layout Plan” Student Worksheet

Name(s) _____

Date _____

Worksheet: Identifying Airport Components

Directions: Match the airport components in the first column to the description in the second column. Not all components are found on every airport so, referencing the airport 5010 report and other available resources, identify which items exist on your airport of choice. You will use this worksheet as a guide to help you develop your own Airport Layout Plan.

____ Runway

____ Taxiway

____ Terminal

____ Air Traffic Control Tower

____ Instrument Landing System (ILS)

____ Hangar(s)

____ Ramp

____ Runway Lights

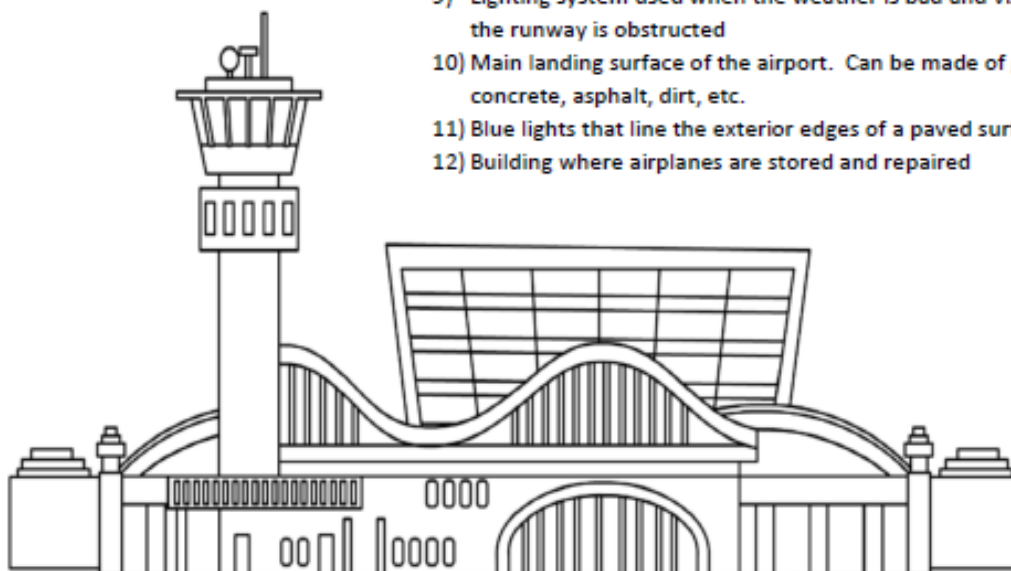
____ Taxiway Lights

____ ARRF Station

____ ASOS or AWOS

____ Runway Identifiers

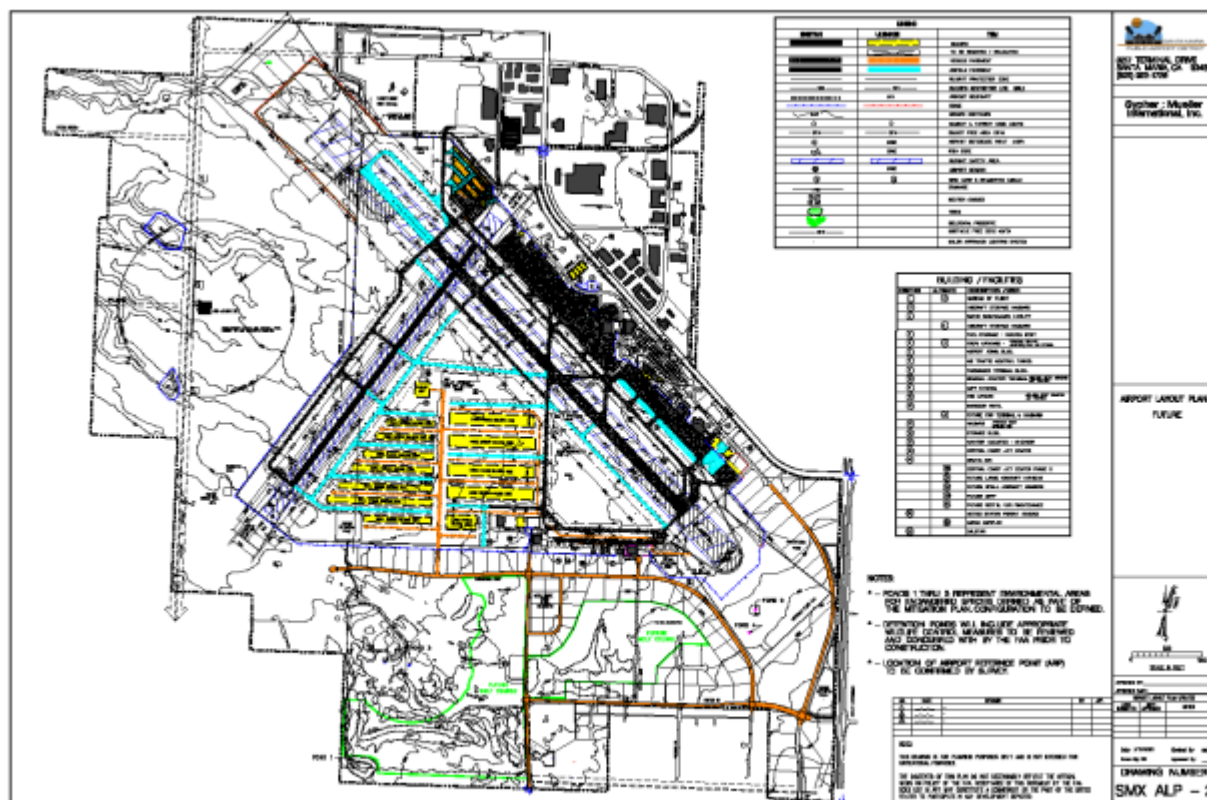
- 1) White lights that line the exterior edges of a paved surface
- 2) A building made for the enplaning and deplaning of passengers to/from aircraft. May include airport administration offices, restaurants, and other services
- 3) Automated weather reporting station that captures weather data 24 hours a day
- 4) Surface used to travel across different parts of the airport. Often smaller and narrower than runways
- 5) A facility which provides air traffic control services to aircraft operating in the vicinity of the airport both in the air and in the ground movement area
- 6) Firehouse located on the airport where specially trained fire fighters are trained to respond to aircraft accidents and other emergencies
- 7) Surface area in front of a terminal or hangar where aircraft park and allow passengers to board
- 8) Large numbers painted on paved surfaces to direct aircraft during takeoff and landing
- 9) Lighting system used when the weather is bad and visibility of the runway is obstructed
- 10) Main landing surface of the airport. Can be made of grass, concrete, asphalt, dirt, etc.
- 11) Blue lights that line the exterior edges of a paved surface
- 12) Building where airplanes are stored and repaired



Activity

Build an Airport Layout Plan

What is an Airport Layout Plan? According to the FAA AC 150/5070-6B, an Airport Layout Plan is a drawing depicting all existing and future airport facilities such as runways, taxiways, and ramps. It also includes items not so well known by the general public such as imaginary surfaces and runway and taxiway safety areas. This is what an actual Airport Layout Plan that is submitted to the FAA will look like.



For the purposes of this exercise, we are going to create a more basic version of the Airport Layout Plan.

1. Break up into groups of 2-4 students
2. Select a local airport near your home or school. SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO SELECT AN AIRPORT
3. Use online sources to determine where all the airport components are located.
4. Take a large piece of paper and begin the airport layout plan by creating each component in this order.
 - a. Paved surfaces such as runways, taxiways, and roads.
 - b. Obstructions such as trees, lakes and utility lines
 - c. Perimeter fence and access gates
 - d. Markings, signs, and lights
 - e. Major buildings such as the air traffic control tower, terminal, ARFF and other landmarks
 - f. Future innovations that could improve the airport

HOW DO I FIND MY LOCAL AIRPORT?

To find airports near you, please visit <https://www.airportiq5010.com/5010web/>. Conduct your search by inputting your city and then from the results list, you may download the Airport Master Record (Form 5010) to learn all about the size and services available at each airport. As a team, choose which airport you will create. **NOTE:** Large commercial airports are very big and very complex to draw correctly. In order to be successful with this project, we highly recommend you choose a small or midsize regional airport near your home or school.

Step 1

Visit <https://www.airportiq5010.com/5010web/> then type in the name of the city where you live.

***NOTE** – If searching your city does not provide any results, search using the nearest major city.

AIRPORTIQ 5010

SEARCH FOR AN AIRPORT:

LOCATION IDENTIFIER:

OR

AIRPORT NAME OR ASSOCIATED CITY:

SUBMIT

RESET

GO TO ADVANCED SEARCH

Step 2

Look for airports with an initial in the NPIAS Service Level column; choose one to build using Minecraft!

***WARNING** – Using non-NPIAS airports will substantially limit your access to important airport information. Please only choose NPIAS airports.

AIRPORTIQ 5010		AIRPORT MASTER RECORDS AND REPORTS								gcr	
Home		Airport Name	Associated City	Loc ID	FAA Site#	Part 139	NPIAS Service Level	NPIAS Hub Type	ASSET Role	State	Print 5010
Advanced Search		WORTH MEDICAL CENTER	GRAND PRAIRIE	5674	22909.087H					TX	
		DALLAS-FORT WORTH INTL	DALLAS-FORT WORTH	DFW	22700.69A	Y	P			TX	
		FLYING OAKS	FORT WORTH	2TE2	22887.77A					TX	
		FORT WORTH ALLIANCE	FORT WORTH	AFW	22906.37A	Y	R		National	TX	
		FORT WORTH MEACHAM INTL	FORT WORTH	FTW	22887.5A	Y	R		National	TX	
		FORT WORTH NAS JRB (CARSWELL FLD)	FORT WORTH	NFW	22995.1A					TX	
		FORT WORTH SPINKS	FORT WORTH	FWS	22906.17A		R		Regional	TX	
		FULLER	FORT WORTH	T500	22887.17A					TX	
		HARRIS HOSPITAL	FORT WORTH	TE30	22887.27H					TX	

Step 3

Click the name of the airport to open the Airport Master Record. This record will show you a satellite view of the airport, give you important contact information for the airport manager, and more! The 5010 Form will be VERY helpful to you.

On this screen, you can clearly identify the NPIAS service level and Hub Type of your airport.

***HINT –** After opening the airport record, look for the printer icon to get a downloaded and printable version of the 5010!

In addition to the 5010 Report, the following sites may be useful in finding satellite views, airport diagrams, and more:

- www.airnav.com
- earth.google.com

5010

FORT WORTH MEACHAM INTL

Location Identifier: FTW FAA Site: 238871A Associated City: FORT WORTH NPIAS Number: 48-0085 Service Level: Reliever Hub Type:

Data Effective Date: 08/11/2022

GENERAL INFORMATION SERVICES & FACILITIES BASED AIRCRAFT & OPERATIONS RUNWAY INFORMATION REMARKS

CBD To Airport(NM) & Direction: 05 N

State : TX

County : TARRANT

FAA Region / ADO Code: ASW TEX

Sectional Aeronautical Chart: DALLAS-FT WORTH

Airport Use: PUBLIC

Airport Latitude: 32-49-11.1730N ESTIMATED

Airport Longitude: 097-21-44.8200W

Airport Elevation: 710.1 SURVEYED

Acreage: 745

Right traffic: 34, 17

Non-Commerical Landing Fee: NO

NPIAS/Federal Agreement: NGPVS

FAR 139 Index: IV A U 12/1974

Last Inspection Date: 06/23/2022

Last Information Request:

Ownership : PUBLIC

Owner: CITY OF FORT WORTH
1000 THROCKMORTON ST.
FORT WORTH, TX 76102-6311
817-392-5400

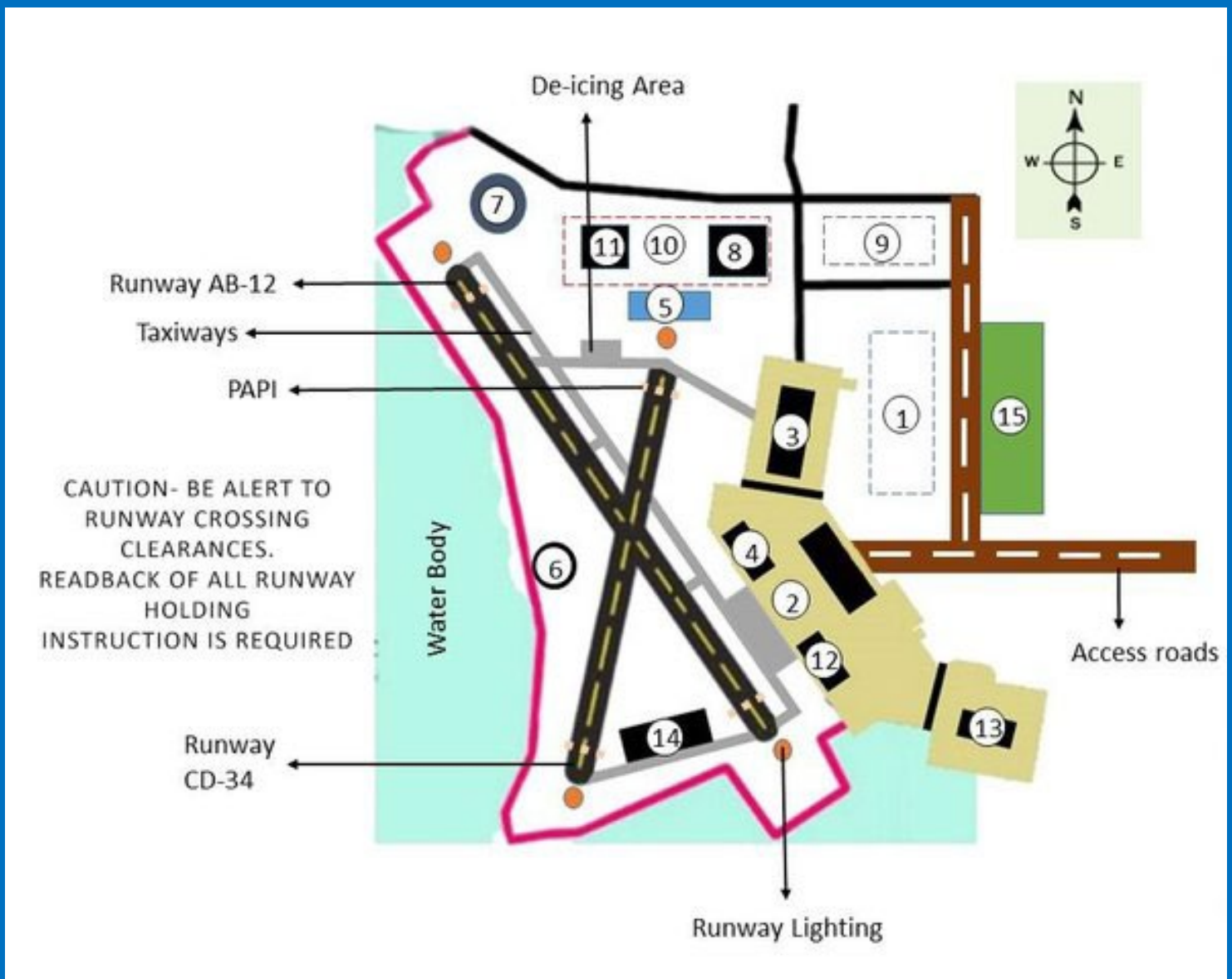
Manager: AARON BARTH
201 AMERICAN CONCOURSE, SUITE 330
FORT WORTH, TX 76106-2749
817-392-5400

Attendance Schedule:

MONTHS			DAYS			HOURS		
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Map Satellite

EXAMPLE OF AN AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN



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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 8. Parking | 3. Hangars |
| 9. Terminal Building | 2. Apron |
| 10. Maintenance | 3. Ramp |
| 11. General Aviation Terminal | 4. Airline Service |
| 12. Freight | 5. Ground Maintenance Facility |
| 13. Control Tower | 6. Fire Station |
| 14. Fuel Depot | 7. Bus Stop |
| 15. Parking Deck | |



ORGANIZING AN AIRPORT TOUR

Contact the airport manager of the airport and schedule a visit. How do you do this?

- **Option 1-** Go to www.airnav.com and enter the airport name. You will be taken to a web page that lists a variety of information regarding the airport but about halfway down the page you will see the current airport manager's name and their contact phone number.
- **Option 2-** Do a web search using the airport name and see if they have a web page. If so, look at the contact information for the airport. The airport manager is usually one of the first people listed.
- **Option 3-** Stop by the airport and talk to the airport manager in person. This may be the best option if the airport is small and has a limited staff.

Tour directions- Here are some tips to make your airport tour as fun and productive as possible.

- Stay alert! Airports are a wonderful place to visit but there are many areas that could potentially be dangerous due to moving aircraft. Be aware of your surroundings and stay with the tour group.
- Take pictures of everything. As you build your Minecraft airport, these pictures will be helpful in making your airport as realistic as possible.
- Ask lots of questions. Airport managers love showing off their airports and they are a wealth of information about all aspects of what is going on at their field.
- Preplan places you would like to see. This will help the airport manager know what is most interesting to you and allow them time to obtain special permission to bring visitors to the site. Note- there are some areas of an airport that cannot be visited by non-airport personnel but in most cases the airport manager can take you to the outside of the facility and explain what is going on there.
- Have fun!- You will be amazed at all the different airplanes and buildings you will see, even at a small airport.



Are you interested in airport design and learning more about aviation careers near your home? Do you enjoy playing Minecraft? Continue your airport construction journey in the FAA's "Airport Design Challenge"!

Visit our web site www.faa.gov/adc or scan the QR code listed below to learn more and sign up today.



The poster features a background image of two children wearing headphones, with a stylized airport terminal and runway visible in the distance. The text is primarily in white and yellow, set against a dark blue background.

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AIRPORT DESIGN CHALLENGE

The Airport Design Challenge is an interactive, learning and collaboration opportunity.

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 Students research a local airport of their choosing and then recreate that airport in the virtual world of Minecraft!

 Individually or in small teams participants receive instruction from FAA staff who specialize in specific areas of the airport!

 Students (K-12) learn about airports and their leading role in the National Airspace System

 faa.gov/adc

