

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the status of Elementary GLOBE?

At this time, Elementary GLOBE books and Teacher's Guide material can be purchased through the NCAR Science Store www.ucar.edu/sciencestore/cat28_1.htm or can be downloaded from the GLOBE Web site www.globe.gov/elementaryglobe. The hard copy material will continue to be made available through the store and the on-line products will be available on the Web site for the foreseeable future. In the short term, the existing hard copy titles will be printed on a limited basis to meet demand. No additional titles are planned at this time. However, GLOBE is evaluating the Elementary GLOBE program and investigating ways to make it available to a broader audience.

Are there Spanish (or other language) editions?

Spanish and French translations of Elementary GLOBE books and Teacher's Guide material are completed and are available to download from the Elementary GLOBE Web site www.globe.gov/elementaryglobe. Other languages are being translated and will be made available as soon as they are completed. Currently there are no plans to publish print editions of these books or to offer translations of the Elementary GLOBE Web pages.

Can I get training in how to use Elementary GLOBE?

The Elementary GLOBE books and Teacher's Guide were designed to contain all the teacher materials and background information needed to help teachers use Elementary GLOBE in their classrooms. Although limited training has been made available in the past, the GLOBE Program Office is not planning to host any further training in support of Elementary GLOBE in the near future. However, GLOBE does understand that there is interest in and requests for training workshops on effective use of Elementary GLOBE materials, especially as it pertains to implementing a scope and sequence that is grounded in the GLOBE model of student scientific inquiry. As such, there is a cadre of GLOBE Partners and teachers who have been trained on effective use of this material. If you are interested in working with one of these trainers, please contact the GLOBE Help Desk help@globe.gov to be put in touch with a trainer in your area or contact the Elementary GLOBE Project Lead elementaryglobe @globe.gov.

Where can I find the interactive support materials mentioned in the Elementary GLOBE Teacher Guide?

Interactive support materials referenced in early workshops or in the Elementary GLOBE Teacher Guides will not be made available at this time.

How do I submit a request for corrections or suggestions for improving Elementary GLOBE materials?

The GLOBE Program Office strives to release only the highest quality materials. However, we understand that there is always room for improvement. As you use the materials, and have suggestions for improvements or identify corrections, please contact the GLOBE Help Desk help@globe.gov or the Elementary GLOBE Project Lead elementaryglobe@globe.gov with your comments and suggestions. Please be as specific as possible with your suggestions and include the best way to contact you for a follow-up, if needed, by the GLOBE Program Office.

How can I share my experience using Elementary GLOBE in the classroom?

We have received a great deal of positive feedback from teachers using the Elementary GLOBE materials in their classrooms. Recently a teacher shared with us how Elementary GLOBE has helped students in her class prepare and be more successful on their standardized tests. We are always excited to hear how Elementary GLOBE has helped teachers and their students engage in inquiry into Earth Systems in their classroom and to meet the state and national standards as measured on standardized tests. Please continue to share your experiences by contacting the GLOBE Help Desk help@globe.gov or the Elementary GLOBE Project Lead elementaryglobe@globe.gov. This information can help us determine how to best serve the elementary school community.