

WHICH WAY'S NORTH?

Description:

Teams of up to two students will attempt to navigate themselves around a state road map.

Number of Participants: 2

Approximate Time: 50 minutes

The Competition:

1. Teams will be given a standard state road map and a set of directions to guide them across the state to a pre-determined destination. All teams will receive the same map and directions.
2. Rulers will be provided. Calculators may be used but will not be provided. Students may make notes. Notes must be confined to one side of an 8.5-11" sheet of paper. Notes will be collected when students turn in their answer sheets. Students are not to mark on the maps.
3. All participants will begin at the same time and have a maximum of 45 minutes to answer the questions and turn in their notes and answer sheets.
4. Question areas include locating and interpreting symbols, locating and interpreting features, determining the distance between features, and using the map index, scale and key, inset maps, and data tables.
5. Questions may follow along a storyline journey, be in form of a simple test, or a combination of both.

Scoring:

The number of correct answers recorded will determine places in this competition. In case of a tie, the team using the least amount of time will be awarded the higher place.

Notes:

A combination of a storyline journey, fill in the blanks section and a brief map quiz section has proven successful. The storyline journey can include names of towns passed through, highways intersecting, points of interest passed by, etc., as the students follow a given set of directions. In the map quiz, students can be quizzed on all elements of the map from the key and legend to other informational elements (state info, rest area locations, state police posts) printed on the map.