

September 9, 2019

Dear Sandy Hook School Parents & Guardians,

It's time again to learn about geography! Every year the PTA sponsors the Geography Program to encourage students to expand their horizons. The Sandy Hook School PTA Geography Program has a history of preparing our students for success in geography in future grades. This is a great opportunity for families to discuss personal connections with places around our country and around the world.

Once each month, your child will bring home a blank map to fill in and study. It is recommended to make copies of the blank map so your student may use in their studying and to assist in practicing clear lettering.

About two weeks after students receive the study tests, the teachers will distribute maps for the students to complete in the classroom. The students begin by learning about the United States and then with success, move on to learning about other countries.

Beginning in October, Second graders will prepare for their first map - New England States. Third graders will prepare for Eastern States and Fourth graders will prepare for the 50 States assessment.

The Geography Program is intended to be fun as well as educational for everybody. Participation in this program is voluntary and available to every student, 2nd through 4th grade, each month. Support and encouragement from you can make this a great learning experience for the whole family. Many students have had great learning success practicing their geography maps on www.sheppardsoftware.com. Throughout the program, students will receive a small reward as they progress, and at the recognition assembly at the end of the school year, geography achievement is recognized.

If your child would like to opt out of the geography assessments, please return the completed form to your child's teacher.

Thank you,
Jennifer Blair & Nicole Caratas, SHS Geography Chairs

2019-2020 Geography Assessment Dates

October 7-11
November 11-15
December 9-13
January 13-17
February 10-16
March 23-27
April 20-26
May 26-29

2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade
New England States	Eastern States	50 States
North Eastern States	Western States	50 State Capitals
South Eastern States	50 States	Continents & Oceans
Midwestern States	Eastern State Capitals	North America
Southwestern States	Western State Capitals	South America
West Coast States	50 State Capitals	Europe
Eastern States	Bodies of Water in U.S	Africa
Western States	Mountains & Geographical Features (Plains, Deserts, etc.)	Asia