



Schoolyard Sugaring A Maple Syrup Contest Grades Pre-K through 12



Dear Educator,

We are excited that you and your class will be taking on the Schoolyard Sugaring Maple challenge this year. Please see the following guidelines for the contest.

Contest Guidelines for Making Maple Syrup

1. All maple sap collected and processed must be from New York State and collected in a food grade system. Any collection system may be used including buckets, gravity tubing, bags, or vacuum systems.
2. All maple syrup submitted in the contest must be produced by lead free equipment and systems. Contestants may use any method to boil the sap: from stove top, to any size evaporator if working with a maple producer.
3. Classrooms may partner with a local maple producer.
4. Students must be actively engaged and participate in **each step of syrup production**. Mentors and teachers should be used to help guide the process, not complete steps without the students.
5. Each classroom will mail their one, provided, plastic pint jug by **April 19, 2024**:

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6. Entries will be judged by a panel of producers and maple experts. All samples will be tested for density, and any entries outside of the 66.0 and 68.0 levels of the brix scale will be disqualified. Judges will be evaluating each sample on color and taste. The syrup with the highest score in each division will be the winner.
 - Just like a sugarmaker, you must have your bottle labeled with your syrup grade.
 - You must note the grade of the syrup on the submission form.
 - **Bonus!** Up to 20 bonus points will be awarded if curriculum connection examples and/or student work is submitted in hard copy with the syrup, or submitted electronically.
7. **Photo Contest Submissions**
 - Individual students and educators may submit up to five images each. There will be a winner selected from each grade division, and the winner will receive \$50.
 - Ensure that all students pictured have permission for their image to be shared.
 - Photos can be used in future maple contest promotions.
 - Photos must be submitted by April 19, 2024. A link for submission will be provided.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

We hope you and your students have a fun and exciting 2024 maple season!

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