



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



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 16, 2021**:

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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 may submit up to five images each. There will be a winner selected from each grade division, and the winner will receive \$50. Additionally, multiple student images may be selected for an art exhibit at View Arts in Old Forge, NY.
- 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 16, 2021. A link for submission will be provided.

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