

# Idaho

## Student Mapping Competition

Idaho public, private, and home schools are invited to participate in a national competition that encourages students to use configurable Geographic Information System (GIS) web technologies to tell interesting stories or issues within Idaho.

The required software is all online and available free to schools; no downloads required. The competition is open to grades 4-12.



### Common Questions:

- **Do I need to know anything about GIS?** – *No, local GIS professionals will provide personal help to guide teachers through the technology. We work around your availability.*
- **What if I'm not a geography teacher?** – *No problem, we've seen plenty of great examples for subjects like humanities, history, art, science and more.*
- **Is this complicated technology?** – *The solutions do not require any coding, but we understand this may be new to you and your students. A GIS professional will be assigned to your school to help assist with technology and competition needs.*
- **This sounds great, but I don't have time this year.** – *Okay. We can help get you started now so you are ready for the competition next year.*

### Important Dates (subject to change):

- Dec 31, 2023 – Deadline for schools to apply for participation.
- April 30, 2024 – Deadline for schools to submit their finalists.
- May 15, 2024 – Idaho state winners announced.
- May 30, 2024 – National winners announced.



**Where to Start:** <https://gis.idaho.gov/gis-online-competition-for-idaho-students>

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