

Celebrating **Your North Dakota Heritage & History**

North Dakota is a beautiful state with a variety of topographical features, interesting political agendas, and great educational opportunities. It also is a leading producer of agricultural products, has an abundant and diverse energy base and a rich cultural heritage.

The Know Your State contest was designed with the intent to encourage North Dakota students to gain a greater interest in North Dakota and through this knowledge become better educated citizens, voters, and future leaders for our state.



Prizes:

Preliminary test winners will be invited to BSC for the final test and are eligible for the following prizes:

1st Place

Two \$2,000 cash prizes

2nd Place

Two \$1,500 cash prizes

3rd Place

Two \$1,000 cash prizes

4th Place

Two \$500 cash prizes

2026 Know Your State Competition

Online, Preliminary Test

Who is eligible?	North Dakota 11th and 12th grade students
Competition topics?	North Dakota history, current events, literature, economics, government & the arts
Test registration?	February 16 - March 13, 2026
Test dates?	March 16-27, 2026
Test site?	Online at individual schools. Testing must be supervised and students have 60 minutes to complete all questions.

Final Test

Who is eligible?	Top scoring students from across the state will be invited to the final test at BSC. Individual limit per county is no longer applicable.
Test registration?	Students will be notified by April 10; RSVPs due Wednesday, April 22
Test dates?	Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Test site?	National Energy Center of Excellence, Bismarck State College (1200 Schafer St.)

Possible Sources for Competition Questions

www.ndstudies.gov

Listed within this site are the 4th, 8th grade and High School Curriculums

www.ndstudies.gov/gr4/home

4th Grade Curriculum:

- Geology, Geography, and Climate
- American Indians of North Dakota
- Frontier Era of North Dakota
- Early Settlement of North Dakota
- North Dakota Agriculture
- Citizenship

www.ndstudies.gov/gr8

8th Grade Curriculum listed sources:

- Unit 1 <http://ndstudies.gov/gr8/node/292>
- Unit 2 <http://ndstudies.gov/gr8/node/455>
- Unit 3 <http://ndstudies.gov/gr8/node/65>
- Unit 4 <http://ndstudies.gov/gr8/node/564>

Other sources that will also be used included the following:

- Robinson, Elwyn B., D. Jerome Tweton, and David B. Danbom. *History of North Dakota*. [Fargo]: Institute for Regional Studies, North Dakota State University, 1995.
- *North Dakota Blue Book*. - State Historical Society of North Dakota. 2017-2019
- *North Dakota Blue Book*. - State Historical Society of North Dakota. 2019-2021

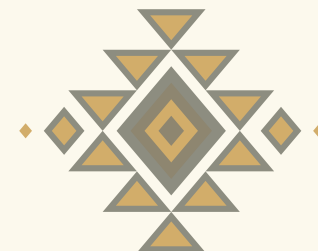
In addition a number of questions will cover current event topics that are found in newspapers and current news sources.

State Historical Society of North Dakota
High School Curriculum

www.ndstudies.gov/curriculum/high-school

High School Curriculum: listed sources

- North Dakota History: Readings about the Northern Plains State
- Governing North Dakota, 2013-2015
- North Dakota Indian Studies



2025 Award Winners and Governor Kelly Armstrong



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Finalist Exam

Tuesday
April 28, 2026

Top 30% of students will be invited
to BSC to test in April!