

JOIN PASSPORT CLUB!

The Passport Club is a parent-run *elective* geography enrichment program for grade schools. The purpose of "Passport" is to help students learn the locations of many of the world's countries. At the easiest level our students will learn the locations of about 40 countries! Encourage your students to study at home so they can be successful on Check Day!

Who participates?

Students in grades 1-5 can participate in Passport Club.

How does it work?

Each month participating students will learn a new group of countries or geographical features. Students are given both a blank world map and a monthly study map to use as aids for home study. **PLEASE KEEP THE BLANK MAP FOR PRACTICE THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.** If your child loses their map or wants to get a higher or lower level map they are available:

- in the Passport map box in the Copier/Workroom next to the main office
- by request from their teacher
- at <https://hiteonptc.org/our-enrichment-programs/passport-club/passport-maps/>.

They will learn the locations of a different group of countries each month. Students are quizzed on check day by parent volunteers on the countries they've studied.

Which level should my child study?

Students decide themselves how much they want to learn each month. There are five levels, from introductory Level 1 where students learn the names and locations of 5 countries, up to the "Geo-Whiz" levels 5 where students learn 25 countries plus the capitals of the Level 1 countries. **Students learning level 5 must be prepared to pronounce the name of the capitol** when the parent checker says the name of the country. If this is your child's first year in the program, learning level 1 is a great accomplishment.

Special Itinerary

Students wanting an extra challenge, after learning ALL 5 levels, may participate in our Special Itineraries Program, beginning in October. This is just a little bit of extra geography, usually focusing on the United States and Oregon geographical regions. Students who complete the Special Itinerary are able to choose up to two special stamps for the back of their Passport.

What happens on Check Day?

1. Your child goes to 'Map Check' during their designated time during the school day. Each child sits with a volunteer at the check table. The volunteer will have a very large map, like the blank study map sent home with your child. The volunteer will ask your child to **point** to the location of each country in the levels that he/she studied.
2. Your child proceeds to the Stamp Station where he/she may select one postage stamp for each level successfully completed. Stamps are glued into your child's passport booklet.
3. The last stop, the Map Station. Here your child is able to choose which level he will study for the following month. **Help your child decide his/her "level" selection PRIOR to check day**, so that

he/she may receive the appropriate map for the next month. The maps will go home with your child that day, so he/she can start learning the next month's material right away!

4. Your child's passport will be collected, to be handed out again on the next check day. Students are given their passports to keep at the end of the year.

What happens if my child is absent on check day?

Parents can test their students at home and email their student's name, teacher's name and level achieved to the Passport Coordinator. Please send this email within a week of the missed check day. Students can then select stamps to be pasted in their passport on the next check day.

How Can I help?

Encourage your child to study at home – 5 to 10 minutes a couple of times a week is all it takes.

Quiz your child before check day. It's a fun and easy way to increase your own geography knowledge!

Volunteers Needed!

We need parents to volunteer on check days to help quiz students and to hand out stamps and maps. You can be a monthly "regular" or sign up to be a substitute as needed. No Prior geography knowledge required – cheat sheets are provided! Come travel around the world with us! We also need at home helpers who can cut stamps up, make photocopies, and more. **To volunteer your time, please sign up on MyVolunteerPage (<https://app.betterimpact.com/Login/Volunteer>) or contact the Passport Club Chair at passportclub@hiteonptc.org. *Background checks required prior to volunteering.***

Resources

General Info: www.passportclubonline.com
<https://hiteonptc.org/our-enrichment-programs/passport-club/>

Extra Maps: <https://hiteonptc.org/our-enrichment-programs/passport-club/passport-maps/>
(Password: HiteonPassport)

PASSPORT CLUB SIGN UP

I would like to sign up my child to participate in Passport Club for the 2019-2020 school year. I understand this club is an elective enrichment program where study will take place at home and testing will take place during school hours.

STUDENT: _____

GRADE: _____ TEACHER: _____

PARENT NAME (*print*): _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

To participate in the first Passport Club of the school year – Wed. 10/30 please return this form to your student's teacher **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25th**

*Students can begin participating in Passport Club at any time during the school year. To begin participation, please submit this form to your student's teacher for the following month's club.