

Be prepared for your State Selection!



Greetings Parents and Students:

State Selection Day

will be on *Tuesday, October 18, 2016.*

Excitement and suspense permeate the air as students ask themselves, “What state will I represent at this year’s State Fair?” We know that many of you have either lived in other states or have family or close friends who live in other states, and we believe students will do a better job with their state reports if they are able to have some say in the state they select. Using our “State Board”, students will choose their own states based on a lottery which determines the order in which each student will be called up to select a state. Students will put their names on the state that they have chosen. Unfortunately not everyone will get the top state that they want to study because there are 50 states from which to choose, and not everyone can be the first to choose. We are asking that each student bring a list of their top state choices that he or she would like to study.

Here are a few guidelines:

A student may not choose the same state that a close family member has done in previous years.

a) A student may not choose the same state that a sibling has done in previous years and
b) Because we have **51** fourth grade students, **1** student may duplicate one of the states already selected; that student will be the one who draws numbers **51** from the lottery. This lottery system will insure that all 50 states are represented. The student with number **51** will be able to choose from one of the duplicate states whose state books we have in the library. These are: Maryland, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Virginia, Florida, Michigan, and California.

Each student should fill out the attached worksheet and **designate a classmate** who can conduct the state selection in case he/she is absent on *State Selection Day*. Teachers will collect the worksheet and hold it until *State Selection Day*.

Students – start thinking of your top choices! Do you have any relatives in our 50 states? Can your Aunt Matilda in Kansas be of some help in sending you information? Can your Uncle Joe in Utah help you get in touch with a business that can send you free things to give away at your state booth in May? Choose wisely, but don’t be dismayed if your number is one of the last – nothing happens without God’s knowledge. His help is even better than Aunt Matilda’s!

In case your child has forgotten his/her lottery number, you may find out this information on Mr. Shapero's website: www.SteveShapero.com. Simply click on the Blue Box at the top that says:

State Selection Lottery



Why might you need to know your lottery number?

In case you are absent on **State Selection Day** someone can be your designee to select your state on your behalf. For example, let's say your lottery number is 32, you will fill out your top 32 state choices numbered from 1 to 32. As number 32, you might actually get a much higher selection choice. For example, if your 10th choice is a state that has not been selected by the time you are called, you can choose your 10th choice. Also, having your choices in numeric order will speed up the selection process if you have planned that ahead of time. If you do not turn in a selection list and you are absent, then the selection will go to the next person in the lottery, and you will take whatever state is left over when you return to school.

You will also select a designee – another student in your classroom who can go in your place and use your list to make your selection – in case you are absent. If you have given your list to your teacher but have not chosen a designee, your teacher will choose a designee for you and give your list to that designee.

So fill out your *State Selection Worksheet*, and be sure to pick a friend in your classroom to be your designee in case you are absent. Then turn in your worksheet to your classroom teacher.

Steve Shapero

State Selection Worksheet: (Hand in to Homeroom Teacher)
(This sheet can be filled out in Microsoft Word by clicking on each line)



Student: _____

Designee: _____

My top choices (states) in order of preference:

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| 1. _____ | 26. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 27. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 28. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 29. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 30. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 31. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 32. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 33. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 34. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 35. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 36. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 37. _____ |
| 13. _____ | 38. _____ |
| 14. _____ | 39. _____ |
| 15. _____ | 40. _____ |
| 16. _____ | 41. _____ |
| 17. _____ | 42. _____ |
| 18. _____ | 43. _____ |
| 19. _____ | 44. _____ |
| 20. _____ | 45. _____ |
| 21. _____ | 46. _____ |
| 22. _____ | 47. _____ |
| 23. _____ | 48. _____ |
| 24. _____ | 49. _____ |
| 25. _____ | 50. _____ |