Mapping MS/HS H-LP Grounds

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Grade Level (Req.): 9th grade	Content Area (Re	eq.): Physical	Unit (Opt.): Creating Maps
	Geography, Tech	nnology	
Connections to Other Disciplines	(Opt.):		
Math			
 Social Studies 			
Iowa History			
Time Frame (Req.): 3 class	Goal (Req.): Utilize GPS devices to mark and explain the significance		
periods (45 minutes each; 135	of geographic features of the school district		
minutes total)			
	Objective (Req.):	Students will id	entify and describe important
	geographic featu	ires of the schoo	l district's property.
Materials Needed (Req.):		New Vocabula	ry (Opt.):
Teacher GPS		•	
 Classroom set of GPS 		•	
 Notebook paper 		•	
 Plain White Paper 		•	
 Pens/Pencils/Coloard Pencils 		•	
Whiteboard and Expo Markers			
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Anticipatory Set/Introduction [Inquiry Question is required] (Req.): Bellringer written on whiteboard (the students write question and answer in notebook): "What are the 5 most important areas on the school district's property and why?" Students take 2 minutes to write the question and answer in their notebook. Then they partner up and discuss there answers. Finally the class discusses and makes a list of the 10-15 most selected areas and why these areas are important.

Instructional Sequence/Procedure (Req.):

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- 1. Bellringer (listed above; 7-10 minutes)
- 2. Explain lesson...Each group with geographic map 5 of the most important areas using GPS devices (marking latitude and longitude of each area) then create maps to show the distance between the areas, a walking route that links each of the areas together, latitude and longitude coordinates, and buildings and other features (5-7 minutes)
- 3. Split students into groups of 3 (5-6 groups) (3 minutes)
- 4. Go over GPS devices (figuring latitude and longitude; 3 minutes)...TSW have previous knowledge of the devices (3 minutes)
- 5. Have groups (staying together) go outside and mark the spots they selected (examples: 50-yard line of football field, goal posts of football field, pitchers mound of softball field, big oak tree in park, mounds near parking lot, home plate of baseball field, FFA test plot, community center, greenhouse, Frisbee golf course, press box of football field, soccer practice field, concession stand... (around 22-27 minutes; please note all of these places are withing 5-6 blocks of each other; this will be the end of the 1st class period)
- 6. Continue #5 procedure until all groups have finished (15-20 minutes of 2nd class period)
- 7. Begin creating maps: In groups 1 student creates a longitude and latitude map marking the 5 locations, another student creates a map showing a walking route between locations using distance (in feet), the last student creates a map showing the entire school groups including

	buildings, fields, parking lotsall of these maps need to have basic features in common (25-30				
_	minutes)				
8.	Continue #7 proceudre until all groups have finished (15-20 minutes)				
9.	Groups present their maps to the class and answer questions (25-30 minutes)				
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Format	ive Evaluation (Req.): Longitude and	Assessment (Req.): Student maps (latitude and			
latitude	e coordinates of 5 locations; distance	longitude map; distance map; school grounds			
	n 5 locations; marking of buildings and	map) with presentations to class			
	eatures; teacher questions to groups when	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
	e out searching for their locations; informal				
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•	Understand geographic representations and tools used to analyze, explain and solve geographic				
	problems.				
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Five Themes of Geography Used (Req.):	School District Standards and Benchmarks (Opt.):
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Place	•
 Human-Environmental Interactions 	•
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21 st Century Universal Constructs (Opt.):	
Other Dissiplinary Standards (Out)	
Other Disciplinary Standards (Opt.):	
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Other Essential Information (Opt.):	
Other Resources (Opt.):	
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