

## Our Mission

To develop the ability of young people globally to design and promote positive futures using critical, creative thinking.



Future Problem Solving Program International is a nonprofit, tax-exempt educational organization.

Founded in 1974 by creativity pioneer Dr. E. Paul Torrance, the program's goal is to inspire creativity in students and encourage them to develop a positive vision for the future.

Future Problem Solving Program International empowers students to solve global challenges.



# Welcome Parents!

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## For Parents!

**WHO** – Parents! You!

**WHAT** – Become involved in the Future Problem Solving Program

**WHERE** – Worldwide

- FPSPI has over 40 affiliate programs globally
- Mentoring is available for new affiliate programs

**WHEN** – Current school year

- Northern and Southern hemispheres have different school year schedules
- You can start at any time

**HOW** – We'd love your participation!

- Assist your child's team with research on the topics
- Coach a team or an individual yourself
- Take training to become an evaluator
- Recruit a group and start an adult GIPS team
- Volunteer at your Affiliate Bowl
- Sponsor a team to the International Conference
- Start a parent booster group or host a fundraiser for local teams
- Start a program in your area

Other ideas?

The possibilities are endless.  
Contact a coach, your affiliate program, or FPSPI today!

## FPSPI Components

### Action-based Problem Solving (AbPS)

- Primary – grades K-3
- Junior – grades 3-6
- Middle – grades 6-9

This non-competitive classroom activity prepares students to address both fictional situations and authentic local concerns using problem solving skills.

### Competitive Components

#### Divisions:

- Junior – grades 4-6
- Middle – grades 7-9
- Senior – grades 10-12
- Adult (GIPS) – beyond high school

### Global Issues Problem Solving (GIPS)

Individuals or teams research up to five different topic issues annually. They apply the 6-step problem-solving model to Future Scenes related to the topic

### Community Problem Solving (CmPS)

Teams or individuals explore local issues and select a CmPS project relating to one of these concern areas: environmental, human services, civic/cultural, health, or education.

### Scenario Writing

Students develop and polish their creative writing skills as they create a futuristic 1500 word story based on a topic from the year.

*"I began participating in FPS for my kids but I have stayed with it because of what I get from it."*

-- An FPS Parent

## FPSPI Goals

- Increase global awareness and interest in the future
- Explore and problem solve complex, societal issues
- Develop, utilize and improve research techniques
- Learn and apply problem solving strategies
- Develop and enhance creative and critical thinking skills
- Engage in real-life problem solving
- Develop teamwork skills
- Improve oral and written communication

*\*Ask to see the results of our FPSPI Program Evaluation*

## Our Six-Step Problem Solving Model

1. Identify Challenges for a particular situation
2. Select an Underlying Problem
3. Produce Solution Ideas to address the Underlying Problem
4. Generate and select Criteria to evaluate Solution Ideas
5. Apply Criteria to Solution Ideas
6. Develop an Action Plan for implementing the best solution