

Future City Competition

An Academic Competition for Grades 6-8

January 24, 2026

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Metro State University

Future City Competition (FCC) is a hands-on STEM challenge where students imagine, design, and build cities of the future to solve real-world problems.

Benefits to Students

- Collaborating in teams to design and build a model city of the future using recycled materials
- Engaging with professional engineers who provide mentorship and judge student presentations
- Exploring real-world STEM applications by addressing challenges like sustainability and infrastructure
- Developing skills in research, writing, and public speaking through a comprehensive city planning project that aligns with several Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards (learn more at sparkpath.org/mnstandards)

Agenda

7:30 - 8:30 am - Check-in and Orientation

8:30 am - 12:00 pm - City Model/Q&A/Special Awards Judging

12:00 - 12:50 pm - Lunch

12:50 - 1:00 pm - Announcements

1:00 - 4:00 pm - Top 5 teams present and Special Awards winners announced

2025-2026 Theme: Farm to Table

Teams will design a city with zero waste and showcase innovative ways it manages waste to keep citizens and the environment healthy.

Program Feedback

99% of students learned how engineering can be used to solve real-world problems.

99% of students rated the Future City Competition as excellent or good.

- "We added some funny jokes to the script, it was fun making it with my team"—FCC 6th grader
- "FCC gives students a variety of experiences they wouldn't have otherwise, like long-term/large-scale projects and interaction with adults in an interview format."—FCC middle school teacher

\$25 per school

Registration is open through October 31 at www.futurecity.org.

SparkPath presents its programs in collaboration with BrightWorks, a Minnesota Service Cooperative.



Students present their city model at the MN Regional Future City Competition.



A team on stage accepts their special award prizes on stage.



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