

# SparkPath

## OUR VISION:

Expand curiosity,  
confidence, and  
creativity in students.

SparkPath is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created by BrightWorks, a Minnesota Service Cooperative, to provide student enrichment programs. BrightWorks member districts/schools save 30%-50% on SparkPath registration fees.

**Detailed pricing, Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards alignment, and registration information is available at [www.sparkpath.org](http://www.sparkpath.org)**

### Engaging Field Trips

Spend a day learning from and with Minnesota professionals in our local visual and performance arts, writing, and STEM communities

**CreativeCon** - Grades 5-8 | January 15, 2026

**Creativity Festival** - Grades 3-5 | January 13-14, 2026

**STEMLink** - Grades 5-6 | Spring 2026

**Young Authors Conference** - Grades 4-8 | March 19, May 26-28, 2026



### Exciting Academic Competitions

Challenging experiences that emphasize academic excellence, leadership, healthy competition, good sportsmanship, and effective communication

**Future City Competition** - Grades 6-8 | January 24, 2026

**Middle Grades Knowledge Bowl** - Grades 6-8 | Nov. 2025 - Feb. 2026

**Minnesota Braille Challenge** - Grades 1-12 | February 14, 2026

**Minnesota Cane Quest** - Grades 1-12 | April 25, 2026

**Senior High Knowledge Bowl** - Grades 9-12 | Dec. 2025 - Feb. 2026

**Twin Cities Regional Spelling Bee** - Grades 4-8 | March 5, 2026

### 2025 Program Impact

**99%** of Future City Competition participants strengthened their project management skills while working on their cities

**95%** of students at CreativeCon learned that creativity is a skill that can be practiced and strengthened

**94%** of students said the Young Authors Conference encouraged and challenged them to be better writers

- "I have much more creativity than I thought I did!" -7th grader at CreativeCon
- "Just have fun with it. This is a super fun activity, and I recommend going all in, not just halfway." -11<sup>th</sup> grade Knowledge Bowl player
- "One of my 5th graders asked if she could just eat her lunch on the bus ride home because she'd rather finish the story she started than eat." -Teacher at the Young Authors Conference



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