



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

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." -11th 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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