



Our Mission

To develop the ability of young people globally to design and achieve positive futures through problem solving using critical and creative thinking.



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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.



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An invaluable resource for
student success

The Basics

WHO—Parents! You!

WHAT—Help students learn and apply the skills of creative problem solving to:

- Problems in your own community
- Significant global issues
- Futuristic scenarios



WHERE—Worldwide

- 40 Affiliate Programs globally
- Mentoring available for new areas
- Classroom/curricular or community settings

WHEN—Current school year

- Unique schedules —
Northern and Southern hemispheres

HOW—We'd love your help:

- Coach a team or an individual
- Train to become an evaluator
- Volunteer in local area
- Sponsor a team to International Conference (IC)
- Host a fundraiser
- Start an FPS parent advocacy group

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“I began participating in FPS for my kids, but I have stayed with it because of what I get from it.”

—FPSPI Parent



Components and Divisions

Global Issues Problem Solving (GIPS)

Teams or individuals research up to five different topics annually, applying the 6-step problem-solving model, addressing issues within the provided Future Scenes.

Community Problem Solving (CmPS)

Teams or individuals explore local, regional, or global issues to design and implement changes in their community.

Scenario Performance

Students use the storytelling model to create and orally present a futuristic story based on one of the current FPSPI topics.

Scenario Writing

Students develop and polish their creative writing skills as they create a futuristic 1500 word scenario based on one of the current FPSPI topics.

Competitive Divisions

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



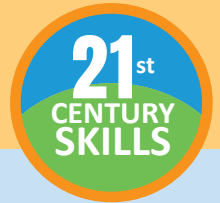
Action-based Problem Solving (AbPS)

Explores authentic concerns and prepares students to take action. (non-competitive)

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

Goals

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



Problem Solving Model

