



Future City Middle School: New Educator Info Session

August 20, 2026

Welcome!



This Session will be
recorded



Drop any questions into the
Chat

Meeting Agenda

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Future City Overview - What is Future City?



- How can we make the world a better place?
- This year's theme: **Fire Resilient Future**
- Challenge statement: Design a resilient future city that can prevent, protect, and recover from urban wildfires.

Ways to Participate



Resources Only

Free access to Future City's full suite of materials including resources, rubrics, theme information, and more!



Full Competition

Complete all deliverables and fully compete in regionals. Eligible for special awards and prizes.



If you registered as Resource Only and would like to switch to Full Competition, please email futurecity@discovere.org.

Team Structure

- ▶ Teams consist of:
 - ▶ Minimum 3 students (6th-8th grade)
 - ▶ 1 Educator
 - ▶ 1 Mentor (optional)

Deliverables



1,500-word essay



Physical model made of recycled materials



15-minute presentation and Q&A session with judges



Project Plan

Timeline



Support



Resources and Instructions - in your Future City Dashboard!



Monthly Educator Calls



Theme Webinar (FCMS & FCHS)



Future City Middle School Mentor Support Call



Future City Regional Coordinators

Support Calls

Monthly Educator Calls:

- September 17, 2026, at 6:00pm ET
- October 15, 2026, at 6:00pm ET
- November 10, 2026, at 6:00pm ET

Future City Info Session with Experienced Educator Panel

- September 22, 2026, at 6:00pm ET

Theme Webinar (FCMS & FCHS):

- September 30, 2026, at 3:00pm ET

Future City Middle School Mentor Support Call:

- September 8, 2026, at 6:00pm ET

Future City Finals

February 13-17, 2027 in Washington, D.C.

The first-place team from each region will be invited to compete in the Future City Finals competition.

Future City pays the cost of travel for the five official team members (3 students, 1 Educator and Team's Mentor only) for U.S. regions.

Prizes and Awards

- ▶ Future City Regional Competitions:

- ▶ Teams that compete are also eligible for a number of special awards. Check with your Regional Coordinator for the list of special awards offered in your region.

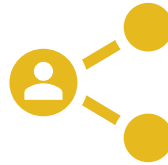
- ▶ Future City Finals Competition:

- ▶ Teams competing in the Finals Competition are also eligible for a number of special awards.
 - ▶ Prizes:
 - ▶ 1st place: \$10,000 for the organization's STEM program.
 - ▶ 2nd Place is awarded a \$6,000 prize for the organization's STEM program.
 - ▶ 3rd Place is awarded a \$2,500 prize for the organization's STEM program.
 - ▶ 4th and 5th place teams will receive \$1,000 for their organization's STEM program.

Future City Middle School Regional Coordinators



There are 41 U.S. Regions



Your Regional Coordinator can answer questions, help connect you with a mentor, and provide competition information!



Reach out your regional coordinator here:

<https://futurecity.org/future-city-regions/>



Any questions?

Thank you!

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