2025-2026 AQ-IQ Contest for ALL North Carolina 7th grade students

The annual North Carolina AQ-IQ Contest for 7th grade combines S.T.E.A.M. education and project-based learning with student creativity to teach air pollution science to students across the state. The contest gives students an opportunity to learn about air quality and think about solutions to air pollution and puts students in charge of creating a project to educate others. Past projects have been posters, videos, Minecraft creations, games, and artistic projects off all sorts!

Regional and
Statewide Winners

NEW Special Topic Categories for 2025-2026:

Open Burning

Celebrating 10Years of Success

Adventures of the Air Avenger

For more information, visit our website linked below.

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Contest





Contest "How To" Guide for Teachers and Students

Students explore interests and strengths while learning



Submit projects any time before March 9, 2026



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