

2026 AQ-IQ Contests  
State Winner

Asheville Region  
Evergreen Community Charter School  
Teacher: Jason Carter  
**Air Pollution, Poster**  
Ava Dingess  
Etta Loomer

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**Air Pollution, Poster**  
Caitlynn Toothman  
River Deloach

Asheville Region  
Evergreen Community Charter School  
Teacher: Jason Carter  
**Before During and After a Forest Fire, Artistic**  
Annabelle Acker  
Camila Byers  
Claire Durr

Asheville Region  
Evergreen Community Charter School  
Teacher: Jason Carter  
**PSA Cigarettes, Video**  
Autumn Bolter  
Lily Wheeler

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Francine Delany New School for Children

Teacher: Rachel Harris

**Deforestation, Video**

Allie Donovan  
Stella Russakoff  
Shelby Horton

Asheville Region  
West McDowell Middle School

Teacher: Susan Higdon

**Blue Skies, Minecraft Project**

Andrea Bustos  
Jenavie Mancillas

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Mooresville Region  
South Stanly Middle School  
Teacher: Owens-White 7049615700

**Saved The Day, Artistic**

Luke Crump  
Park Urquhart  
Ryleigh Burris  
Ayden Hambrick

Mooresville Region  
Stanley Middle School  
Teacher: Robert Lewis

**air quality, Poster**

Diego Arana Aquino

Mooresville Region  
Telra Institute  
Teacher: Anandi Thanigai

**Open Burning, Poster**

Aathmika Thanigai  
Avanthika Thanigai

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Raleigh Region  
Alston Ridge Middle School  
Teacher: Tanika Reiss  
**Animation project - open burning, Video**  
Richa Singh

Raleigh Region  
Alston Ridge Middle School  
Teacher: Barbara Goulet  
**AQ-IQ Celebrating 10 years of success, Minecraft Project**  
Sage Araf  
Ahaan Srivastava  
Saicharan Kaliki

Raleigh Region  
Alston Ridge Middle School  
Teacher: Manasi Patil  
**Building a Breathable Future: Celebrating Ten Years of Success, Poster**  
Pratyusha Patil

Raleigh Region  
Alston Ridge Middle School  
Teacher: Tanika Reiss  
**Open Burning(Breathe, Don't Burn A Guide to Clear the sky), Poster**  
Srinidhi Vankayala

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Moore Square Magnet Middle School  
Teacher: Jeremy Troyer  
**AQ-IQ Rap, Video**  
Anderson Looney  
Oliver Hicks  
Jamison Bray

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Teacher: Jeremy Troyer  
**The Scourge of Our Air, Artistic**  
Matilda Broadhurst

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Washington Region  
Morehead City Middle School  
Teacher: Betsy Vorster  
**Air Avenger VS Smog Queen, Poster**  
Cameron Payne  
Jackson Tucker

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Morehead City Middle School  
Teacher: Betsy Vorster  
**Open Burning, Minecraft Project**  
Andrew Granger

Washington Region  
Newport Middle School  
Teacher: Stacey Stehle  
**Gas Monster!, Video**  
Samson Bishop

Washington Region  
Newport Middle School  
Teacher: Betsy Vorster  
**Lifting the Haze: North Carolina Success Story, Video**  
Ava Leary  
Evelyn Statler

Washington Region  
Newport Middle School  
Teacher: Betsy Vorster  
**North Carolina Air: Big Success - Celebrating Ten Years of Success, Poster**  
Myla Stehle

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Wilmington Region  
Topsail Middle School  
Teacher: Nadia Kuscevic  
**AirQ News, Video**  
Ryleigh Batts  
Madelon Sutton  
Delaney Rumley

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Topsail Middle School  
Teacher: Nadia Kuscevic  
**Open Burning Minecraft Interactive Tour, Minecraft Project**  
Logan Edwards  
Andrew Marshall  
Micah O'Neill

Wilmington Region  
Topsail Middle School  
Teacher: Libby Losey  
**The Fume Fighters, Artistic**  
Adriana Valdez  
Claire Cobb  
Haley Evans

Wilmington Region  
Topsail Middle School  
Teacher: Libby Losey  
**The Significant Impact of Wildfires on AQ, Poster**  
Kendall Cantu  
Emma Fink