

2026-2027 AQ-IQ Contest

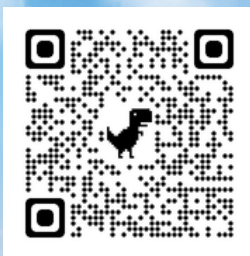
for ALL North Carolina 7th grade students

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 get AWESOME PRIZES!

NEW Special Topic Categories for 2026-2027 :

- **Air Quality Acronyms**
- **Celebrating 25 Years of NC Clean Smokestacks Act**
- **Wildfire Smoke: Impacts on Air Quality and Health**
- **Camera, Lights, Action, Sing!**



Students explore interests and strengths while learning

Contest “How To” Guide for Teachers and Students

Submit projects online any time before March 8, 2027

For more information, visit our website linked below.

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