

# Washington FPS

FROM THE AD'S DESK  
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2024 IC Topic is

# Air Quality

Read more about this year's International Conference topic [here](#).

Hello,

It is now less than three weeks until the State Bowl opening ceremony at Warm Beach. I hope that your students are studying hard and are excited about the opportunity to participate in this year's competition. Parent chaperones are encouraged to attend and be willing to volunteer to help out where needed. Also, coaches are vital to help the event run smoothly. WAFPS really appreciates all the hard work and extra time you put in to help your students be successful.

The topic, "Autonomous Transportation," is still relatively futuristic to people in Washington State. However, in other areas of the world it is being used on a regular basis. If you have visited Phoenix, Arizona, or San Francisco, California, you may have already had the opportunity to ride in a driverless car (Waymo). As autonomous vehicles use many different features to ensure safety, it is interesting to see how many people are more uncomfortable in a driverless car than in an uber. As students research the topic, think of how traffic systems may change as autonomous vehicles are introduced. Consider how society will adapt to this new form of transport. Consider how autonomous buses will affect road usage. Consider how traditional transport companies will have to adapt to the increase in production of electric vehicles. Consider how AI is being used to improve autonomous transport.

Please print all the medical release forms on white paper and note that the even though the medical release is two pages long, only the first page (on white paper) needs to be uploaded to your Dropbox by March 10.

This year's International Conference topic, "Air Quality," was just announced. I am sure that this concept will allow your students the opportunity to find out some interesting new details. For additional reading about the topic, please go to [fpspi.org](http://fpspi.org).

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## 2023 SCENARIO WRITING RESULTS

Congratulations to this year's Washington State Scenario Writing winners!

**First place winners** in each division are invited in the 2024 International Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

### Junior Division

1<sup>st</sup> **Lily Wang**, Tyee Middle School

2<sup>nd</sup> **Anika Bhandari**, Leota Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> **Jennika Kacheria**, Bellevue Independent

4<sup>th</sup> **Olivia Sun**, Tyee Middle School

5<sup>th</sup> **Siddharth Asnani**, Tyee Middle School

### Middle Division

1<sup>st</sup> **Sana David**, Interlake High School

2<sup>nd</sup> **Weiyu Tsay**, Odle Independent

3<sup>rd</sup> **Claudia Borgione**, Odle Independent

4<sup>th</sup> **Crystal-Claire Zhang**, Tyee Middle School

5<sup>th</sup> **Maya Guttigoli**, Odle Independent

6<sup>th</sup> **Youlan Wang**, Odle Independent

### Senior Division

1<sup>st</sup> **Nishka Kacheria**, Interlake High School

2<sup>nd</sup> **Prisha Hemani**, Interlake High School

3<sup>rd</sup> **Tasmia Minhaz**, North Creek High School

4<sup>th</sup> **Julia Zhang**, Newport Independent

5<sup>th</sup> **Anjana Vaidyaraman**, Interlake High School

## PHOTOS OF STATE BOWL QUALIFIERS NEEDED

If you have photos of your students actively involved in the FPS process, please send them via email to Kari Beyer at her **new** email address: [beyerk@cersd.org](mailto:beyerk@cersd.org) or text photos to her. Photos that are labeled by team or individual number would be greatly appreciated.

## MEDICAL PERSONNEL NEEDED - URGENT

In order to have the State Bowl at Warm Beach, we must supply a medical person (nurse, doctor, EMT) who would commit to be the on-call medical point of contact during the event. This person handles minor emergencies with a first aid kit and is the person who addresses any medical emergency if an ambulance should be called. In exchange for these services, lodging/registration/meals will be complimentary. If you are or have a parent who could fulfill this crucial position, please contact John Buissink immediately.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION


Deadline today!

Two scholarships are available. The WAFPS Achievement Scholarship and the WAFPS Impact Scholarship. Graduating 2024 seniors, who have participated in Washington State FPS in any of the components in any year, are eligible to apply. Please use the links provided on the website to apply. Deadline is today, March 1, 2024, at 10 p.m. PST.



## STATE BOWL REMINDERS

**What can be brought into the GIPS Competition room at State Bowl?**

- ✓ No notebook paper; however, blank white paper can be provided, if requested.
- ✓ **Permitted items: Pencils, pencil sharpener, pens, highlighters, dictionary, thesaurus, pack of unopened sticky notes, calculator (non-programmable), and water.** 

**Are you allowed to stand up and walk around?**

- ✓ Please stay within reach of your table, so as not to disturb other competitors.

## STATE BOWL T-SHIRTS 2024 FUNDRAISER

Deadline for purchasing a State Bowl T-shirt for 2024 is **March 2 at 9 p.m.** Pacific Time.

All proceeds from the State Bowl T-shirts sales for 2024 are designated Scholarship Funds for future scholarships. Please consider purchasing a [2024 State Bowl T-shirt!](#)

1. The listed price includes their name, so if they decide to NOT put a name on the back, the price will drop. **Without name: \$23.71 (with tax); With name: \$29.79 (with tax).**
2. Check size chart, there are no returns.
3. ALL orders should have the student name, school, and **competition/registration (team or individual) number** listed in the notes section during checkout (where it states "leave Matthew a private note")
4. All proceeds go to the FPS scholarship fund!

## VOTE FOR A FUTURE IC TOPIC

Want to have your voice heard? Vote for future 2025-2026 topics at this FPSPI [link](#). The link will remain open until March 31.

## SOLUTION IDEAS

Writing clear well-defined solutions that directly relate to your UP is essential for completing a successful booklet. Check out these guidelines.

1. Solution ideas are written in statement form as definite proposals.
2. A Relevant solution idea addresses, or has a relationship to, the Key Verb Phrase and it is clear or easily inferred that it supports the Purpose. It also must not contradict the Future Scene parameters.
3. The Condition Phrase, Key Verb Phrase, and/or Purpose is not required to be repeated verbatim for a solution idea to be relevant. A solution idea can be relevant even if the Purpose is not specifically mentioned as long as the Purpose is clearly impacted by the solution idea.
4. A Relevant solution idea does not have to work perfectly, be humane, be tried and true, or be new. The solution idea does not have to totally solve the Underlying Problem. How well the solution idea solves the Underlying Problem is evaluated in Step 6.
5. To receive points for elaboration, at least three of the critical questions, *who*, *what*, *how*, *why*, *when*, and *where*, must be explained. When addressing the “*who*,” it must be an appropriate *who*. While it is helpful to include when and where, these will only be counted toward elaboration if substantive in nature and not merely the Future Scene parameters.
6. For non-competitive problems, if the Underlying Problem has no Purpose, the evaluator will impose a Purpose that seems logical to the Future Scene and the Key Verb Phrase without referring to the solution ideas or plan of action. **For the State Bowl competition (as well as the Qualifying Problem), evaluators will not impose a Purpose if the Underlying Problem does not include one.** Thus, it will be very difficult for a team that writes a UP without a purpose to advance to the PCA round of evaluation.

## TIPS FOR PRESENTATION OF ACTION PLAN

At the State Bowl and International Conference, another aspect of the competition kicks in. All teams have the opportunity to (and are required to) complete a Presentation of Action Plan performance (formerly known as the Skit Competition). This is an opportunity for those students who are creative and enjoy being in front of an audience to shine.

This competition occurs on Thursday afternoon after the team has completed the GIPS booklet. At lunch that day, teams are given a quote and two spontaneous items that they are required to use as part of their 4-minute presentation.

The action plan that was created and written by the team in the GIPS competition is now used as the basis for their presentation. From the time the team completes the GIPS competition, the team members should be focusing on how to take their action plan and turn it into an entertaining presentation that will wow the judges.

What should a good presentation include? Here are some suggestions that could be incorporated into the presentation. This is neither an all-inclusive list nor are any of these suggestions required to be part of the presentation.

- ✓ Humor
- ✓ Song and dance
- ✓ Creativity
- ✓ Acting--Verbal and non-Verbal communication
- ✓ Expressiveness
- ✓ Dramatic effect
- ✓ Effective use of props
- ✓ Clear enunciation
- ✓ An obvious beginning and a noticeable ending
- ✓ Team work with all members participating
- ✓ A clear relationship between the performance and the written action plan

**Resource List:** All props and costumes must be fashioned exclusively from the Resource List and Mandatory Props.

- 1 magazine
- 1 set of 8 water-soluble markers
- 1 roll of tape
- 1 roll of paper towels
- pens / pencils
- 1 box of aluminum foil (any part thereof)
- 12 pipe cleaners
- 1 paper bag (any size or variety)
- 10 sheets of colored 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper

A pair of scissors, 1 stapler, and a box of staples may be used for the creation of props, but for safety reasons, cannot be used as props during the presentation.

Four chairs will be provided for the participants, but their use is not required.

## 2024 STATE BOWL

**Qualification:** As a coach, you have been notified if your team(s) and/or individual(s) have qualified for the 2024 State Bowl.

**Registration Deadline: March 2, 2024 via WAFPS website**

**Registration Procedure:** Each student, coach, chaperone, and adult day visitor will need to register individually through the WAFPS website, (Register and Shop menu item).

**Payment Procedure:** You or your district may use a credit card to register all coaches, chaperones, and students on the WAFPS website.

**Paperwork Required:** Each student must complete and submit these two forms via the coach's Dropbox: 1. the **Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity and Competitor Rules and Regulations form**, and 2. the **Medical Release** form. Both forms are available on the WAFPS website.

**Submitting the Required Paperwork:** If possible, please scan all Medical Release Forms *together* in one file, and all Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity and Rules/Regulations as **a separate file**. These two files should then be placed in your coach's **Dropbox** in the folder named State Bowl Forms by **March 10**.

## Important Dates

March 2: State Bowl Registration Due

March 10: Medical Release forms and Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity and Rules/Regulations due in Dropbox

March 20-22: State Bowl, Warm Beach, Topic: Autonomous Transportation

June 5-9, 2024 International Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Topic: Air Quality

## CHECKING IN AT STATE BOWL 2024

Check-in for coaches for the State Bowl starts at 3:15 on Wednesday, March 20, in Cedar Lodge. Please do not bring students into Cedar Lodge during registration.

**Coach line:** Coaches will pick up their envelopes, which will include the booklet competition sites and the presentation sites, rooming assignment lists, and meal wristbands. If a chaperone will be present before the coach, please inform John Buissink prior to the event.

**T-shirt pick-up is in the Auditorium.**



### FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

Coaches, please do **not bring your students with you into Cedar Lodge** for packet pick-up. Students can head to the Auditorium for t-shirt pick-up, if purchased.

Please call/text (509) 386-6297 or email me (jbuissinkwafps@gmail.com) any time you have questions.

Next Up in April: **State Bowl winners and more...**

*"You define your own life. Don't let other people write your script."* —Oprah Winfrey