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Cedar Hill Prep Students Earn Top Honors at 2025–26 World Challenge Competition

CHP students earn top honors at international competition developing solutions for rising sea levels and coastal resilience.

SOMERSET, NJ — When students from 20 countries gathered to solve one of the world's most urgent problems — how coastal cities can survive rising sea levels — Cedar Hill Prep students didn't just participate. They excelled.

In the 2025–26 *World Challenge*, hosted by <u>Future Problem Solvers Competitions</u>, CHP teams earned top placements in both the Junior (Grades 5–6) and Middle School (Grades 7–8) divisions. The month-long international competition required students to research, analyze, and develop real solutions to threats facing coastal communities worldwide.

According to Future Problem Solving Program International, "Our 2025 virtual problem-solving competition included students (all new to FPS) from Australia, Canada, China, Colombia, New Zealand, Singapore, Türkiye, and the U.S. (California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Texas, and Virginia)."

Here's how CHP students performed:

Junior Division (Grades 5–6)

• Team Anandita Gurjar, Isra Arif, Indigo James — Honorable Mention

Middle School Division (Grades 7-8)

- Team Aaliyah Patel, Kasey Conner, Tanish Patel 2nd Place
- Team Agasthya Mabbu, Shivad Desai, Vedant Pandya, Yajur Subramaniam 3rd
 Place
- Team Afzaal Mohamed, Sahasra Genupur, Samaira Doshi Honorable Mention

What This Success Really Shows

These results aren't just about winning awards — they reflect how Cedar Hill Prep students learn.

"Our students approached this challenge the way they approach every problem in the classroom," said CHP leadership. "They asked questions. They collaborated. They didn't settle for surface-level answers. That's what inquiry-based education looks like in action."

The competition required more than memorization or test-taking skills. It demanded: · Critical thinking and creative problem-solving · Collaboration across disciplines · Application of knowledge to real-world issues · The ability to communicate complex ideas clearly

In other words: the exact skills students need for high school, college, and meaningful careers.

Why CHP Students Are Prepared for Challenges Like This

At Cedar Hill Prep, learning goes beyond worksheets and standardized tests. As an IB Candidate School offering both the Primary Years Programme (Preschool–Grade 4) and Middle Years Programme (Grades 5–8), students engage in: Project-based learning that tackles real problems · Transdisciplinary inquiry connecting subjects to global issues · Performance-based assessments measuring deep understanding · Collaborative work that mirrors how professionals solve complex challenges

Result: Students don't just learn content — they learn how to think, analyze, and create solutions that matter.

Cedar Hill Prep congratulates all participating teams for their commitment to tackling one of the defining challenges of their generation.

About Cedar Hill Prep

Cedar Hill Prep combines rigorous academics with intentional social-emotional learning, preparing students to navigate both academic challenges and real-world complexity. Our IB education model develops curious, capable learners who think critically, collaborate effectively, and contribute meaningfully to their communities and the world.

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