Future Problem Solving Program International offers three competitive components for grades 4-12: Problem Solving about Global Issues, Community Problem Solving, and Scenario Writing. The program can also be integrated non-competitively into the curriculum areas of language arts, science, and social studies. Participation in the program strongly supports the development of these 21st Century Skills:

**21st Century Themes**
Through the study of a series of global issues, students increase their global awareness and explore content related to business & economics, science & technology, and society & politics. Students focus on what is happening in the world today, as well as what might happen in the future.

**Learning and Innovation Skills**
- **Creativity and Innovation** – Students learn to look at situations from a variety of perspectives. Creativity is essential as they generate challenges and develop multiple ideas for solutions to pressing problems. Problem solving situations are set in the future to encourage inventive thinking.
- **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving** – Students use analysis to gain an understanding of issues in today’s world, and to understand the significant aspects of complex situations set in the future. Problem solving skills are used as they work through solutions and action plans for those situations.
- **Communication and Collaboration** – Students collaborate in teams while learning about the issues and while applying their problem solving skills. Clear and articulate communication is developed while working with a team, as well as through writing that is submitted for evaluation.

**Information, Media, and Technology Skills**
While studying the issues, students gather information from a wide variety of information and media sources. With the help of a teacher/coach, they work on evaluating and analyzing that information. Diverse perspectives are encouraged. The goal of Future Problem Solving Program International is to teach students how to think, not what to think!

**Life and Career Skills**
Testimonials from former “FPSers” in multiple countries confirm the value of the content and skills of FPS as tools for lifelong learning. These skills have had an impact on students’ college success, personal decision-making, and work life.

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