

## **What Is the Community Problem Solving Competition? What Do You Need to Participate?**

In CmPS, students apply their FPS skills to real problems in their community. A community problem is a problem that exists within the school, local community, region, state or nation. Implementation of an action plan is included in this component. Students move from hypothetical issues to real world, authentic concerns. The students whose projects are chosen as the best in Georgia are invited to the FPSP International Conference in June.

CmPS competitors are divided into three divisions:

Grades 4 - 6 (Junior)  
Grades 7 - 9 (Middle)  
Grades 10 - 12 (Senior)

### **Who Can Participate?**

- A student or a group of students who have a desire to solve a problem in their community, *with...*
  
- A coach – any adult who agrees to sponsor, oversee, and be the contact for the competitors. Training for CmPS coaches is held in early September. Find more information at [www.gafpsp.org](http://www.gafpsp.org).

### **Cost:**

- \$40 per project

### **Must-Haves:**

- *Community Problem Solving Handbook* – the guide for coaches.

### **Extras:**

- *International Conference CmPS Champions* – What does a winning project look like on the international level? Here are the examples.

Materials can be ordered from FPS International at [www.fpspi.org](http://www.fpspi.org).

Register with GA FPSP.  
Find the CmPS Registration Form at [www.gafpsp.org](http://www.gafpsp.org).