

Stanislaus County Future City Practice Competition

Fact Sheet

What is it?

This event is designed to assist Stanislaus County teams in preparing for the Northern California Future City Competition. All teams participating in the practice event may compete in the Northern California Future City Competition as long as they register at www.futurecity.org. There is a separate registration to complete for the Stanislaus County Practice Event.

The Future City Competition is a national project-based program that incorporates numerous aspects of STEM education. Students imagine, design, and build cities of the future. Students work as a team with an educator and engineer mentor to plan cities using SimCity; research and write a city description; build tabletop scale models with recycled materials; create a project plan, and present their ideas before judges at regional competitions in January. Regional winners represent their region at the National Finals in Washington, D.C., in February.

Who can participate?

Future City is open to students in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th who are from the same school, home school environment, or are members of a nationally, regionally, or state recognized youth-focused organization. There is no limit on the number of teams your school/organization can enter. You can have as many students working on a team but the “official” team is three student presenters, one teacher, and one mentor. At the Stanislaus County Practice event, all team members are recognized. At the State level, only the “official” team will be recognized.

What is the Format of the Practice Event?

The Stanislaus County Practice event will consist of First Round Judging, Showcase Session, Final Round, and Awards Ceremony. All teams will participate in the First Round Judging and Showcase Session. The Showcase Session is a modified version of the Special Awards Session that takes place at the State event. At the practice event, there will be no judges or awards for the Showcase Session. It is merely an opportunity for teams to display their cities and answer questions from spectators.

The top three teams will advance to the Final Round. If you have multiple teams, only the top scoring team from each school/organization is allowed to advance to the final round (State rule). The Virtual City, Essay, and project plan components are not considered at the practice event and will be sent directly to the Regional State Director. All questions pertaining to the California Future City Competition are to be directed to the State Director. Stanislaus County only coordinates the practice event.

What awards are given?

All students will receive a certificate of participation and medal (gold, silver, bronze, or participation).

- **First - Third Place:**
Team trophy, trophies for the three presenters, medals (gold, silver, or bronze) to additional participants.