



**WELCOME TO THE 2025-2026  
OHIO INVENTION LEAGUE &  
INVENTION CONVENTION  
PROGRAM YEAR!**

### IMPORTANT DATES

- MON**  
**SEP 22** Educator and program leader registration opens
- FRI**  
**JAN 16** National Kid Inventor Day at the Ohio Statehouse  
*(Participating students have been notified)*
- THU**  
**MAR 12** Final day for educators, districts, and out-of-school program leaders to report the final number of students participating
- THU**  
**MAR 26** Educators and leaders will receive an email with the number of invitations their program is able to award to the OHIC Regionals Competitions
- THU**  
**APR 23** Final day for inventors to upload submission videos in zFairs
- FRI**  
**MAY 1** Regional judging starts for the **Online** Regional Competition
- SAT**  
**MAY 2** **NW Hub** In-Person Regional Competition at Imagination Station in Toledo  
*NOTE: This event is only for those in one of the NW Hub's 16 counties.*
- FRI**  
**MAY 22** Advancing and non-advancing students notified  
Ohio Invention Convention State Competition registration opens
- SAT**  
**JULY 18** Showcase and Awards Ceremony at COSI!  
**All students participating in both the Regional and State competitions are invited to the Showcase!**



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RESOURCES, AND MORE!**



# 2025-2026 COMPETITION PATHWAY

How students advance to  
higher levels of competition.



OHIO INVENTION LEAGUE  
**iNVENTION  
CONVENTION**

**All Ohio Schools  
Outside of NW Hub**

**NW Hub Schools**

**By TH, March 26:** Educators and program leaders will receive an email with the number of invitations their program is able to advance to Regional Competition along with an invitation from Invention League to forward to families.

**Online Regional Competition**  
Starts FR, May 1 • Online (Video Only)  
Video Submission Deadline: TH, April 23

**NW Regional Competition**  
SA, May 2 • Imagination Station  
Video Submission Deadline: TH, April 23

**By FR, May 22:** Advancing students will receive State Competition invitations. All families will receive additional information regarding the Showcase & Awards Ceremony. For those invited to state competition, no new registration is required. The invitation sent to families will include instructions on how to choose a judging session using Sign-Up Genius. State judging will be in the evening.

**State Invention Convention**  
June 13, 15-18, 2026 • Online via Zoom Breakout Rooms  
Judging Session Selection Deadline: FR, June 5

**Showcase & Awards Ceremony**  
SA, July 18, 2026 • COSI in Columbus  
All students participating in Regional and State competition (regardless of whether student earns an award) are invited to the Showcase & Awards Ceremony.  
Registration Deadline: FR, June 19

**Invention Convention U.S. Nationals 2027**  
June 2-4, 2027 • Dearborn, MI  
Invitations to ICUSN 2027 will be announced at the Showcase & Awards Ceremony on July 18, 2026