

Preparing for the Qualifying Problem

If possible, meet twice (or more) weekly, or extend meeting sessions.

Over the Holiday break	Read research for “Genetic testing”
1 st and 2 nd week of Jan.	Discuss research Challenges
3 rd week of January	Underlying Problem
4 th week of January	Solutions, Criteria, Action Plan
~ February 6	1 st practice 2-hour session
~ February 10	2 nd practice 2- hour session
~ February 13	“The real thing” Qualifying Problem – 2-hour session (Note: might want to set a “back-up” date/time)

- Two practice future scenes are available online in the “Coaches” section.
- Evaluate the practice booklets with written comments only. Provide feedback on their use of the process and the clarity of their writing of the generated ideas.

Coach Information Regarding Qualifying Problem

- NE FPS office will send (sealed) future scenes and cover sheet for qualifying problem during the last week in January. FPS rules and guidelines state that these future scenes stay sealed until competition time starts.
- No late submissions will be accepted for the qualifying problem. Please have booklets postmarked on (or before) February 20.
- **No booklets will be accepted by ROCS (online) for this topic.**
- When sending booklets, send two booklets (original & a copy). A school administrator (principal, for example) needs to sign the cover sheet to verify all rules and guidelines were followed in the administration of the qualifying two-hour session. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- NE FPS office will contact State Bowl qualifiers in early March. Once qualifiers have been notified, the qualifiers will be listed on the website.