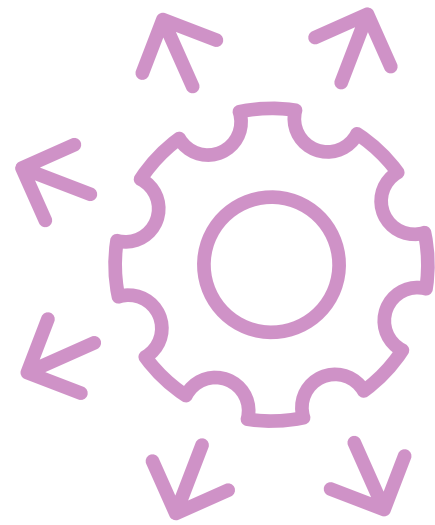


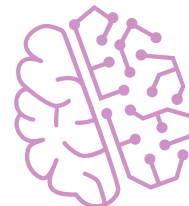
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Intellectual Property

The purpose of Invention Convention Worldwide is teaching students the invention process and developing problem identification and problem-solving skills using real-world applications. During the invention process, students may create valuable intellectual property (IP), which they may wish to protect. It is the sole responsibility of the student inventor and their family to protect the IP related to their Invention Convention project.

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Protecting IP Resources

Learn more about projecting your IP with the following resources from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

[Patent Basics](#)

[Inventor and Entrepreneur Resources](#)

[Equip HQ \(invention education resources for K-12 students and teachers\)](#)

