GIRLS HACK IT

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Dominate the School Year with MCWT's Statewide Top Tech Competition!

FOR GIRLS CURRENTLY IN 6TH - 12TH GRADE

Calling all middle and high school girls ready to explore technology and make a difference!

This year's theme, **Tech for Good**, challenges you to design a mobile app that tackles a **social, environmental, school, or community issue**. Build skills, gain confidence, and have fun turning your ideas into action!

Compete on your own or team up with friends for this fun and inspiring competition. Don't miss the chance to turn your ideas into action!

Program Outline

Registration Dates
October 1 through December 20, 2025

Informational Meeting
November 6, 2025 at 6PM

Training/Help Sessions Dates
Saturdays in November 8, 15, and 22, 2025
Saturdays in December 6, 13, and 20, 2025
Saturdays in January 10, 17, and 24, 2026
Must be registered to attend.

Help Sessions Only
January 31 and February 7, 2026
Must be registered to attend.

(Additional help sessions available)

App Submission Date
January 24 through February 9, 2026
Final Submission Due By February 9, 2026 at 11:59 PM

Finalist Announcement
February 25, 2026

Finalist Showcase & Competition
(In Person or Virtual)
Saturday, March 14, 2026
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Location TBD

Participants will need a device (laptop, Chromebook, etc.) and internet access to participate in sessions and access the App Inventor site to program their mobile app. Participants will also need access to a smartphone or tablet to run the mobile app; this device does not need a cellular connection, only Wi-Fi connectivity. PC and Android device preferred for building and testing your app.

For more program information visit
https://mcwt.org/programs/K-12-Initiatives/GIRLS-HACK-IT/

Program Benefits

- Learn mobile app development (global variables, procedures, and data storage).
- Combine creativity with technology for skill-building and confidence.
- Enhance communication and presentation skills.

Competition Awards

Middle School	High School
1st Place: $700	1st Place: $1,000
2nd Place: $500	2nd Place: $600
3rd Place: $300	3rd Place: $400
Honorable Mention: $100	Honorable Mention: $200

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Help Your Middle and High School Girls Turn Their Ideas into a Mobile App!

The **2025-2026 Girls Hack IT competition** is designed for **middle and high school girls** (grades 6–12) residing in the State of Michigan who want to build skills, gain confidence, and have fun turning your ideas into action. Participants will learn to *code, develop, and deploy their own Android mobile apps* using MIT App Inventor. This program offers hands-on experiences with online mentorship, guiding students toward success and the final hackathon.

What You'll Gain by Joining:

- Tools to coach or guide students through app development
- Insights on motivating girls to participate and succeed
- Overview of virtual hands-on training sessions

Information Session Details

Thursday, November 6, 2025
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM <u>SIGN UP HERE</u>

This info session is for educators, future Hack IT coaches, and parents planning to support participants by sharing competition details or leading all-girl teams.

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