

Results of the 2026 KidWind Challenge: NW-Colby

Most Artistic Turbine (based on student vote - all divisions):

Oakley Middle School (USD 274) – Draw the Wind

4th-5th Grade (KidWind Generator) – 2 teams

Description	School & Team Name	Total Points/Details
1st Place:	Grinnell Middle School (USD 291) – Blooms	86.00
2nd Place:	Grinnell Middle School (USD 291) – Windbreakers	71.25
3rd Place:	No third place team	N/A
Judges Choice:	Grinnell Middle School (USD 291) – Blooms	-
Most improved AM to PM (Bejouled Award):	Grinnell Middle School (USD 291) – Windbreakers	with a 1.96 Joule improvement
Most improved AM to PM (Peak Percentage):	Grinnell Middle School (USD 291) – Windbreakers	with a 95.61% improvement
Most improved AM to PM (Zero to Hero Award):	None	from zero to 0 Joules
Percent of teams that improved from AM to PM:		50.00%

OVERALL RESULTS:	Total Score	Knowledge Quiz	Instant Challenge	Turbine Performance (Joules)	Judges Panel
High:	86	9.00	8.00	5.59	32.00
Low:	71.25	7.00	7.00	4.01	23.25
Average:	78.63	8.00	7.50	4.80	27.63
Points Possible:	100	10	10	-	40

Combined Output of AM vs PM (Joules): 7.64 7.96

Combined improvement: 4.19%

Knowledge Quiz Champions

Grinnell Middle School (USD 291) – Windbreakers

Instant Challenge Champions

Grinnell Middle School (USD 291) – Windbreakers

6th-8th grade – 5 teams

All Generator divisions

Judges Choice (all generator types)

Oakley Middle School (USD 274) – Draw the Wind

Knowledge Quiz Champions

Oakley Middle School (USD 274) – Twister Sisters

Instant Challenge Champions

Oakley Middle School (USD 274) – Twister Sisters

6th-8th Grade (KidWind Generator) – 5 teams

Description	School & Team Name	Total Points/Details
1st Place:	Oakley Middle School (USD 274) – Twister Sisters	92.00
2nd Place:	Oakley Middle School (USD 274) – Draw the Wind	84.25
3rd Place:	Oakley Middle School (USD 274) – Space Station Surge	83.50
Most improved AM to PM (Bejouled Award):	Grinnell Middle School (USD 291) – aWINavengers	with a 18.78 Joule improvement
Most improved AM to PM (Peak Percentage):	Grinnell Middle School (USD 291) – Imperial Winds	with a 194.66% improvement
Most improved AM to PM (Zero to Hero Award):	Grinnell Middle School (USD 291) – aWINavengers	from zero to 18.78 Joules
Percent of teams that improved from AM to PM:		60.00%

OVERALL RESULTS:	Total Score	Knowledge Quiz	Instant Challenge	Turbine Performance (Joules)	Judges Panel
High:	92.00	9.00	10.00	33.71	39.25
Low:	65.00	4.00	4.50	6.07	29.75
Average:	78.10	5.80	7.70	21.27	34.60
Points Possible:	100	10.00	10.00	-	40

Combined Output of AM vs PM (Joules): 82.37 70.79

Combined improvement: -14.06%

9th-12th grade – 7 teams

All Generator divisions

Judges Choice (all generator types)

Oakley High School (USD 274) – Sea Breeze

Knowledge Quiz Champions

Oakley High School (USD 274) – Spirit Winds

Wheatland High School (USD 292) – Power Towers

Instant Challenge Champions

Oakley High School (USD 274) – Spirit Winds

9th-12th Grade (KidWind Generator) – 7 teams

Description	School & Team Name	Total Points/Details
1st Place:	Oakley High School (USD 274) – Spirit Winds	99.00
2nd Place:	Wheatland High School (USD 292) – Power Towers	89.25
3rd Place:	Wheatland High School (USD 292) – White Lightning	78.00
Most improved AM to PM (Bejouled Award):	Wheatland High School (USD 292) – Windmill Wizards	with a 15.03 Joule improvement
Most improved AM to PM (Peak Percentage):	Hanny Arram Center for Success (NE) – Kit Foxes	with a 137.13% improvement
Most improved AM to PM (Zero to Hero Award):	None	from zero to 0 Joules
Percent of teams that improved from AM to PM:		42.86%

OVERALL RESULTS:	Total Score	Knowledge Quiz	Instant Challenge	Turbine Performance (Joules)	Judges Panel
High:	99.00	9	10	53.76	40.00
Low:	50.17	6	1.5	7.28	32.00
Average:	75.13	7.29	7.36	31.66	35.49
Points Possible:	100	10	10	-	40

Combined Output of AM vs PM (Joules): 198.1 191.83

Combined improvement: -3.17%