

# Plainview Water District recognizes student finalists in 2026 Water Conservation Poster Contest

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Plainview Water District Superintendent Andrew Donnelly, Commissioner Michael Chad, Commissioner Marc Laykind and Commissioner Andrew Bader (L. to R.) with the 2026 Water Conservation Poster Contest Finalists.

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The Plainview Water District recognized winners of its annual Water Conservation Poster Contest during an awards ceremony on June 4 at district headquarters.

The contest, held each spring through the district's Preserve Plainview initiative, invites students in grades 1 through 6 from the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District

to create artwork highlighting the importance of water conservation.

The 2026 winners were:

### **Grade 1**

- First place: Brielle Katzenstein
- Second place: Lia Sloan and Ana Sloan
- Third place: Eliana Thomas

### **Grade 2**

- First place: Chloe Feng
- Second place: Belinda Lin
- Third place: Belinda Lin

### **Grade 3**

- First place: Rahi Shah
- Second place: Peyton Park
- Third place: Michaela Bednarik

### **Grade 4**

- First place: Brian Cui
- Second place: Aarohi Gawde
- Third place: Katelyn Ni

### **Grade 5**

First place: Aayan Shah

### **Grade 6**

- First place: Gracie Jiang
- Second place: Madison Cagata
- Third place: Subin Jang

According to the district, entries were evaluated by the board of commissioners based on criteria including creativity, design, and overall message. The contest is conducted in partnership with the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District and aims to raise awareness of water conservation among elementary school students.

District officials presented awards to the finalists during the June 4 ceremony.

“It’s always inspiring to see the imagination and originality students bring to this contest,” said Commissioner Michael Chad. “The posters reflect not only artistic talent, but also a genuine understanding of the role water plays in our daily lives and why conservation remains so important for future generations.”

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