

Students Shine in 2025 PennDOT Innovations Challenge!

A round of applause is in order for the creative and dedicated students who participated in the 2025 PennDOT Challenge! This year's competition invited middle and high school students across Pennsylvania to address an issue that affects everyone on the road: seatbelt safety. The mission? Design a fun, engaging way to encourage seat belt use—and our students rose to the challenge with imagination, insight, and a strong sense of social responsibility.



On March 26th, regional finalists, Jaydon and Chris from Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 presented their idea at PennDOT Harrisburg, PA, to a team of judges. STEM Teacher Andrea Fellows praised their teamwork and adaptability, calling the experience “ a lesson in flexibility, tolerance, and understanding.

These students didn't just complete an assignment—they became advocates for safety. Through teamwork, research, and creativity, they reminded us all that innovation isn't just about technology—it's about using your voice to protect others.

Congratulations to Jaydon and Chris for your participation and a job well done in the 2025 PennDOT Challenge! Keep dreaming big and driving change!

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