



Vestavia Hills High School

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Dear Parents and Prospective Robotics Team Members:

The Vestavia Hills High School Robotics Team is an exciting opportunity for your child to get involved with hands-on engineering and programming experience. The Robotics Team prepares for robotics tournaments that are held on Saturday's during the school year. The goal of the Robotics Team is not only to build and compete with robots but to understand the benefits of hard work, dedication, and maintain a high level of character and morality in both in and out of Robotics Team. No student will be considered a member of the Robotics Team until parents agree to both the financial and time commitment required for participation in Robotics Team.

The cost to join robotics team is a classroom fee of \$30 and \$170.00 competition fee.

- Classroom Fee: Due at registration
- Competition Fee: Due September 1st

(Checks made out to VHHS. Summer payments should be mailed or dropped off at VHHS: 2235 Lime Rock Road, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216 or paid in the bookkeeper's office)

Parental involvement is a very important and integral part of the VHHS Robotics Team success. There is no way to get everything done without your help. Therefore, we are asking you to commit to the following to help in our success:

- Parents must be prepared to volunteer for Robotics Team Tournaments hosted at VHHS/Pizitz Middle School.
- Possible dates of tournaments are any Saturday between September-May

All applications are due to Mrs. Hickman, Mrs. Rice (Pizitz rising 9th graders), and Mrs. Marks (Liberty Park rising 9th graders) by Friday March 1, 2024



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Requirements for joining VHHS Robotics team (Programming with Robots Course)

- **Since Robotics Systems (Robotics Team) class is a Career Tech elective it requires a prerequisite so students must have completed one of the following:**
 - **Robotics Team experience**
 - **Career Prep A/B**
 - **Business Software Applications**
- **Fill-out this application**
- **3-Teacher Recommendations**

Please e-mail questions to: hickmanpt@vhcs.us

Sincerely,

Pam T. Hickman
Business and Information Technology Instructor/Robotics Coach
Vestavia Hills High School



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VHHS Robotics Team Application

Applications are due by Friday, March 1, 2024, to the Robotics Coach!

First Name:

Last Name:

Parent Name:

Parent Cell Number:

Parent Email:

Current Grade Level:

Prerequisite (Please check all that apply, but only one is required):

Current School (Please Check One):

- Robotics Team Experience
 Career Prep A/B
 Business Software Applications

- Pizitz Middle School
 Liberty Park Middle School
 Vestavia Hills High School

Current Teachers:

1st period:

2nd period:

3rd period:

4th period:

5th period:

6th period:

7th period:

8th period:

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I HEREBY RELEASE VEX and each of its respective employees, officers, directors, successors, assigns, affiliates, parent companies, licensees and agents from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses, attorneys' fees, other professional fees and expenses, including, without limitation, negligently failing to adequately investigate or screen coaches, mentors, volunteers, etc., any claims for compensation, defamation, or invasion of privacy, or other infringements or violations of personal or property rights of any sort whatsoever that I may now have or hereafter may arise against VEX in connection with my participation in any Event.

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Signature of Participant if 18 years of age or older or Parent/Guardian if Participant under 18 years

Printed name of person signing

Date

Participant Name (full legal name): _____

If Participant is under 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian (full legal name): _____

Participant Date of Birth if under 18 years of age [MM/DD/YYYY]: _____

Participant Address: _____

Participant Email (If Participant is under 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian Email): _____

Tournament Day Expectations

1. Be at the tournament by 7:30 am
2. Be prepared with robot, toolbox, safety gear, and engineering notebooks
3. Be in VHHS Robotic Team Uniform (Team polo, pants (jeans or khakis))
4. Work with your team and handle confrontation professionally
5. NO COMPUTER GAMES, VIDEO GAMING SYSTEMS, OR DEVICES THAT CAN DISTRACT YOU FROM THE TOURNAMENT

**Vestavia Hills High School
Robotics Team Expectations
Contract**

- All members of the VHHS Robotics Team will work together as a team.
- All members are expected to respect one another and to communicate with each other.
- All members are to practice driving the robot.
- All members are to participate in the designing, building, and programming of the robot.
- All members are required to participate in all robotics tournaments and practices outside of class. Not participating in robotics tournaments/practices will result in consequences at the discretion of the robotics coach which may include dismissal from the team. There will be 5-7 tournaments between September-May exact dates are to be determined.
- All members are expected to show positive sportsmanship and to lift each other up in class and at tournaments.
- All members are expected to have a diligent work ethic.
- All members are expected to take pride in the robotics lab/robotics team in the following manner:
 - Take care of all parts and equipment
 - Be good stewards of our resources
 - Avoid waste of robotics parts
 - Use power tools with proper safety precautions to avoid injury
 - Wear proper safety glasses on the robotics field.
 - Stay calm and work out differences in opinions respectfully and calmly
 - Failure to do so could result in dismissal from the team.
- All members are expected to provide their own transportation to and from robotics tournaments and have a positive attitude towards tournaments no matter how far the team must travel.
- All members are expected to take robots to and from the tournaments.
- All members are expected to listen to and follow instructions provided by the robotics coach. Failure to comply with these expectations will result in consequences at the discretion of the robotics coach which may include dismissal from the team.
- All members are expected to respect the robotics coach and fellow team members at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in consequences at the discretion of the robotics coach which may include dismissal from the team.
- Remember when you play "One Rebel... You Play us All!"

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Name (Print) _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (Print) _____ Date: _____



VESTAVIA HILLS
HIGH SCHOOL

Drug Testing

Descriptor Code: JCDAD-R (O)

Vestavia Hills City Board of Education

Policy Consent/Release Form

I have read the Vestavia Hills City Board of Education's drug testing policy
JCDAD.www.vestavia.k12.al.us/policy.cfm

I agree to abide by the Board's nicotine, tobacco, alcohol and drug expectations. I agree to submit to nicotine, tobacco, alcohol, and drug tests at any time as a condition for my initial or continued participation in student activities. I authorize any laboratory or medical provider to release test results to the Vestavia Hills City School Board and its Medical Review Officer (MRO). I authorize the Medical Review Officer to release final test results to my parent/guardian and the Vestavia Hills City Board of Education.

I also expressly authorize the Vestavia Hills City Board or its Medical Review Officer to release any test-related information, including positive results:

- (a) As directed by my specific, written consent authorizing release of the information to an identified person.
- (b) To my decision maker in a lawsuit, grievance, or other proceeding initiated by or on behalf of myself.

I understand that this agreement in no way limits my right to terminate or to be terminated from student activity participation.

I understand that unless my parent or guardian contacts the Drug Testing Coordinator after the first year and makes a formal request to remove my name and INOW number from the testing pool, my name will automatically be re-entered into the testing pool each year.

Student (Print full name and any nickname)

Grade _____ School _____

List all school-sponsored interscholastic extra-curricular activities

Student (Signature)

Date

Parent/Guardian (Signature)

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Student Name: _____

Vestavia Hills High School Robotics Team Teacher Recommendation Form

Teachers please go to : <https://bit.ly/3qc4vLO>

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