

# **Carter Middle School Robotics Team Application**

Dear Students and Parents,

We are currently building our Carter Middle Robotics Team for the 2022-23 competition season. Carter's robotics program is part of VEX IQ League, an international organization devoted to helping young people discover and develop a passion for science, technology, engineering, and math through innovative team projects and robotics competitions. For more information about VEX IQ, please visit [www.vexrobotics.org](http://www.vexrobotics.org). We have the equipment to accommodate four full teams.

The competition season runs from mid-October through early- to mid-April. The teams will meet once per week from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 with additional practices as needed. These will be announced as far ahead of time as possible. Competitions will take place on Saturdays and parents will be responsible for transportation to and from competition sites. There is a \$40 fee involved with being a part of the program. The fee covers some of the cost of team registration for competition events and T-shirts for the team. We are not able to sign up for competitions until December and January. We may need to do fundraisers to cover those entry fees as we do not know at this time how much they will cost. We will communicate with families about the competitions we are considering and will determine the competitions we will attend later in the school year. All students are encouraged to join regardless of the fee. We will do our best to assist any families, if need be, through fundraising for the team in general or possible sponsors/donations.

Students and parents must complete the attached Robotics Team Contract and bring it to the first meeting.

Please note: Robotics is a time-intensive, team-centered activity stretched out over a long competition season, and it often ramps up in the weeks before competition as extra practice is needed to get projects, presentations, and robots ready to compete. Please use discretion when applying for a spot in the program. While we honor students' commitments to other activities, we expect them to take seriously their commitment to robotics as well. If a student misses multiple meetings without notification and/or coach consent, he/she may be removed from the team so that another student can have an opportunity to join. Students may also be removed from the team for not honoring the commitment of the signed contract, behavior at school or competitions, and disrespect toward any team member, coach, volunteer, or anyone they come in contact with as a member of this team.

We are excited about this competition season and are looking forward to the great things our club will build and create.

Mrs. Manis

# Carter Robotics Team Contract

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT/PARENT CONTRACT

To ensure that parents and students understand the responsibility and commitment needed by each robotics team member, please take the time to read over and sign this contract with your child. Please initial each line and sign the form.

### STUDENT CONTRACT (please initial each item you can honestly agree to)

\_\_\_\_\_ I realize that no problem has only one solution and that a successful team cooperates by considering everyone's input. Because criticizing is not productive, I will listen with an open mind to all solutions and ideas.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that my behavior at meetings and tournaments will be helpful and encouraging.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that each robotics team meeting is valuable and will attend each meeting as best as I can. If a conflict arises, I will notify my coaches in advance.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to cooperate on whatever solution the team chooses, even if it is not my first choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that all solutions, including robot attachments, programs, props, costumes, signs, etc. will be made completely by me or a member of my team, not by my coaches or parents.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that this program considers all teams that bring a solution to the tournaments to be winners. I agree to show other teams the utmost respect and good sportsmanship.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that the goal of my team should be to do our best to solve a challenging problem.

Signature of team member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT CONTRACT

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree, in the proper spirit of robotics, not to interfere with the team's solutions. All creations, inventions, and ideas, must come from the team members.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to make every effort to have my child attend every team meeting. If there is a conflict, either my child or I will notify a coach as soon as possible. I understand that my child is committed to the robotics program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I realize that my child's coaches will be contributing a significant amount of time and effort to provide a rewarding experience for the team. I will try to be as cooperative and helpful as possible, and I will talk to the coaches about any problems or concerns that may arise.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to discuss all items listed above with my child.

Signature of team parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers where you can be reached during practices and competitions