



Carter Middle School Robotics Team Application

Dear Students and Parents,

We are currently accepting members for the 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 competition. For more information about VEX IQ, please visit www.vexrobotics.org.

The competition season runs from mid-October through early- to mid-April. The teams will meet once per week from 3:45pm to 5:00 with additional practices as needed. 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 the cost of team registration into competition events, and T-shirts for the team. All students are encouraged to apply 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 should fill out the attached application (they must handwrite their responses on the questionnaire--print or cursive, as long as it's legible) and return to the office by **October 28**. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Manis (Room 610). Students will be notified on October 31, 2022 when the first team meeting will be held.

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 practices are 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 to any team member, coach, volunteer or anyone they come in contact with as a member of this team.

Mrs. Manis

Carter Robotics Team Application

Questionnaire and contracts

Student Name _____



The Carter Robotics Team needs kids who work hard, have fun and can commit to being a positive, contributing, encouraging member of a team. Are you that person? If so, please answer the questions below to tell us how. (Use the other side if necessary.)

Why do you want to be a part of the Carter robotics program?
What is special about you that you will bring to the robotics team?
Describe how you best learn a new subject:
What does it mean to you to be a member of a team?

Carter Robotics Team Contracts



Student Name _____

STUDENT/PARENT CONTRACT

In order 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 is one that 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, 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 has a commitment 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 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 _____