

2013-14 Westview Robotics Student Application

Due **Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013 by 12:30PM.**

INSTRUCTIONS: This application must be completed by ALL students who wish to participate in Westview Robotics during Quarter 1 of the 2013-2014 schoolyear. Read each section. Be sure to complete all of the requirements in each section (incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered).

PROFILE OF A WESTVIEW ROBOTICS STUDENT: (Please Read)

1. **Exhibit *Gracious Professionalism* representing Westview High School** (See Westview's Student Handbook <http://www.powayusd.com/pusdvwhs/2011-2012/Docs/StudentHandbook2011-2012.pdf>) and *FIRST* organization (<http://www.usfirst.org/aboutus/gracious-professionalism>)
2. **Team player with a positive attitude** (this is about being on a team)!
3. **Highly self-motivated** (there is "down time"; that's when you need to be "up").
4. **Hard-working** (without *ever* being asked).
5. **Willing to learn and be open to new ideas** (and be able to handle constructive criticism).
6. **Willing to sacrifice other activities for Westview Robotics** (Saturdays, sports, social events, dates! and possibly jobs).
7. **Willing to commit an extensive amount of time to the program including:**
 - At least 15 hours of individual community outreach
 - 7 hours towards FIRST mentorship (Jr. FLL, FLL, FTC)
 - Meetings, demonstrations and presentations as scheduled
 - Support Westview Robotics Fundraisers
 - Any organized Westview Robotics activity
 - Donate 3 hours to a mentor (if needed)
 - Emergency meetings when needed
8. **Commitment to punctuality and good attendance** (absences and tardiness may result in no travel and possible dismissal from the team).
9. **Academic responsibility** (students are expected to keep *all* their grades at a C. Grades below a C will result in no build, no travel, academic ineligibility and possible dismissal from the team).
10. **Willing to exhibit spirit for the team** (may include a little face paint or temporary tattoos but most definitely cheering for your teammates and our successes).
11. **Exhibits appropriate online behavior at all times.** This includes e-mail, Facebook groups and any personal websites or online forums. Any inappropriate comments posted online may result in dismissal from the team.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS (for ALL WESTVIEW ROBOTICS STUDENTS):

Striving for excellence is a Westview tradition. This excellence comes as a result of hard work and sacrifice by many students in a variety of roles. It is essential that students who represent Westview exhibit behaviors both on and off campus that would not detract from, tarnish or mar the reputation of a team, program or school. They should, through their own high degree of citizenship, provide the role models necessary to maintain the high level of excellence and provide leadership for other student followers. Students should act as meaningful, productive members of society, showing good citizenship towards all. Failure to live up to these standards may result in a student being removed from the position s/he holds and possible dismissal from the team.

Westview Robotics Student/Parent Information

- ☐ **Team selection will be done in the following format:**
 - ☐ Student must *complete* official application with required information.
 - ☐ Robotics Team Application must be turned in by 12:30 PM on September 3rd, 2013 to Mrs. Bishop.
 - ☐ Team advisor, mentors and teachers will review and evaluate the applications. An interview may occur if there are specific questions regarding the applications.
 - ☐ Consideration for selection will be based on student essay, parent questionnaire, student evaluation (interview), interests, special skills, attitude, behavior, ability to work with others and attendance patterns (not necessarily in this order).
- ☐ **All WESTVIEW ROBOTICS sponsored events and Competitions will be required for ALL members (unless students are notified otherwise).**
- ☐ **Students are expected to assist with team fundraising, fulfilling at least the minimum expectation.**
- ☐ **Students/parents/mentors are never asked to purchase materials with their own money. Students are to fill out a purchase order and submit to Mrs. Bishop. If materials are purchased with personal funds, they can NOT be reimbursed.**
- ☐ **Attendance will be taken at all events/meetings. Excessive absences or tardies may result in dismissal from the team or limited travel with the team.**
- ☐ **All students will follow the directives of the advisor/mentors/teachers at all times. Questions regarding these directives are to be done in private conversation with advisor/mentors/teachers.**
- ☐ **New team members and mentors will be on a probationary period through their first quarter. This is a trial period for the students, mentors, and team.**
- ☐ **Students must maintain “passing” grades (C or above) in order to travel and/or participate with the team (“passing” meaning no Incompletes or failures).**
- ☐ **Students may be removed from the team by the advisor for lack of participation or behavior that is not appropriate.**
- ☐ **During competitions, students will follow rules of conduct or behavior and all procedures as required by the Student Code of Conduct. Violation will result in discipline measures as decided by the advisor. If at a distant site, the student may be sent home at the expense of the parents.**
- ☐ **Any team member receiving a referral or suspension from school may be subject to a review for possible dismissal from the team.**
- ☐ **Financial support is greatly appreciated from all student team members. The suggested donation is \$200 per student which will assist in paying for the team’s 2013-14 FIRST competition fees, as well as equipment and materials. Although donations are accepted at all times, it is helpful to have this donation by Thursday, September 19th, 2013 so that we can pay our fees and plan our budget.**
- ☐ **Transportation for after school activities MUST be provided by a parent. The staff CANNOT provide transportation. National event transportation will be arranged by the team. Students are encouraged to arrange car pools as much as possible.**
- ☐ **Westview students participating on Westview Robotics will pass and receive their 4.5 credit, provided they complete the necessary requirements and details for this credit with Mrs. Bishop.**

Westview Robotics Student Application Checklist – YOU KEEP THIS

Due Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013, by 12:30 p.m.

What is to be turned in by September 3rd, 2013 :

➤ Applicant Section

- ☐ *Resume attached* – include your relevant robotic experiences (ex: FIRST, FLL, Vex, etc)
- ☐ *Written Component (including):*
 - *Which portion of the team you are interested in*
 - *What skills you will bring to the team*
 - *How your involvement will benefit the team*
 - *Why you want to be involved*
 - *How your involvement will benefit you*
- ☐ *Signed and dated Applicant Section.*
- ☐ *(OPTIONAL) Student Leadership Application including Teacher Recommendation*

➤ Parent Section

- ☐ Completed
- ☐ Signed and dated

What Applicant keeps:

- ☐ Westview Robotics Student Application
 - ☐ Profile (page 1)
- ☐ Westview Robotics Student/Parent Information form (page 2)

Questions?

- ☐ To learn more about Westview Robotics, go to <http://www.wvrobotics.com/>

Calendar of Events:

- ☐ Upcoming events will be posted on our website.

Applicant Section (Required for all Westview Robotics Students):

GENERAL INFORMATION – please print clearly

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Grade _____

Your Last Term's Unweighted GPA: _____

Home Phone _____ email address: _____

Please fill out *all* of the following sections (check off as you complete).

☐ **Attach a one page resume** (it may be small but it is required), *look for templates online for help.* 😊

☐ **Attach a TYPED 100-200 word essay** stating:

- ☐ Which portion of the team you are interested in (it's OK if you aren't sure)
- ☐ What skills you will bring to the team
- ☐ How your involvement will benefit the team
- ☐ How your involvement will benefit you
- ☐ Why you want to be involved

☐ **Read and sign the following:**

☐ **If selected for Westview Robotics, I am primarily interested in:**

- ☐ Robot build (check here if you want robot build but have not specified where)
 - ☐ Mechanical
 - ☐ Electrical/pneumatic/special electronics
 - ☐ Programming/data
 - ☐ Inventor/design
 - ☐ Special projects
- ☐ Business & Communications (check here if you want to be in business but have not specified where)
 - ☐ Community Impact Group, Team Building, awards, presentations
 - ☐ Website maintenance/development
 - ☐ Photo/video/documentation
 - ☐ Sponsorship, alumni and team communications
 - ☐ General team business

☐ **If selected for Westview Robotics, I understand that I will:**

- ☐ Continue to support team fund raising including
- ☐ Attend all WESTVIEW ROBOTICS meetings/presentations/parades/activities (schedule TBD)
- ☐ Support community awareness and outreach (including LEGO Camps, team organized outreach) with at least 15 hours of personal community service (7 hours towards FIRST support),
- ☐ Take care of my own transportation to and from school (or meeting place),
- ☐ Submit \$200 to cover my registration fee,
- ☐ Work to meet and model the "Profile" of the Westview Robotics student,
- ☐ Support the project through innovative, open minded and creative thinking.
- ☐ Be mindful of comments made in online discussions/forums/groups/websites

☐ **I have read the "Westview Robotics Student/Parent Information sheet" and am willing to commit to this program.**

☐ **I understand that if I purchase any materials for team projects, I can NOT be reimbursed.**

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

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