

## Code of Conduct

Jenison Robotics is an after-school club organization. The goal is to not only have fun, but to instill a love for STEM in all participants. As a participant in Jenison Robotics each student is expected to adhere to the code of conduct.

**School Attendance Expectations:** Education comes first. Students are expected to attend school and complete their homework and assignments. Students who, on a regular basis, are struggling to complete all homework may be temporarily or permanently suspended from robotics team activities.

**Practice/Competition Attendance:** Practices are where the robots are designed, built, programmed and modified. VEX EDR and VEX IQ are team competitions. It is important that the team is together at practices. Students are expected to make their best attempts to make practices and competitions as scheduled. If you are not able to attend, students or their parent/guardian/responsible adult are expected to notify the coach of the absence. Some absences are to be expected, but those who miss too much time hold back themselves and their team.

**Behavior Expectations:** Members of Jenison Robotics will conduct themselves as dignified young people, making responsible choices that reflect positively on our program and Jenison Public Schools.

- Members will treat each other, staff members, officials and parent volunteers with courtesy and respect.
- Jenison Robotics strictly enforces a No Bullying policy. Bullying includes gossip, back talk, arguing, physical confrontation, hazing, taunting and mocking. Members must realize that no problem has only one solution, and that a successful team is one which cooperates by considering EVERYONE'S solution and ideas. Do not criticize anyone's ideas.
- The use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs by students is illegal and will NOT be tolerated in Jenison Robotics. Actions and choices which bring discredit to the student, parents, program, or Jenison Public Schools WILL have consequences, up to and including expulsion from Jenison Robotics.
- The intentional destruction of Jenison Robotics property including robots, parts and fields, will not be tolerated. If a student intentionally damages equipment, the parents will held responsible for the cost of replacement.
- Jenison Robotics also has a no cell phone policy during team practices and competitions. Students will be asked to keep all personal electronic devices, out of sight during scheduled activities.

**Parent Expectations:** When attending Jenison Robotics practices and events, Parents, siblings, family members and other guests are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and respect.

- Remember that Jenison Robotics is a volunteer organization. Avoid criticizing, negative, or disparaging comments about any player, coach, or official.
- Support and encourage your child in a positive way. A big part of Robotics is learning and adapting.
- In the proper spirit of Jenison Robotics, do not interfere with the team's solutions. All creations, inventions, ideas, **must** come from the team members.
- Please make every effort to communicate with your coach if your child will miss a practice or competition. Understand that your child has a commitment to his/her team.

**Students who violate this code of conduct will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:**

1. Verbal warning issued by a Jenison Robotics board member or building supervisor.
2. Written warning issued by a Jenison Robotics board member or building supervisor.
3. Temporary or permanent suspension from participation in Jenison Robotics activities.

Student Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_