

OVERNIGHT & OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST FORM

All overnight and out-of-state field trips require the approval of the Board of Education 60 days in advance of the departure date. All foreign travel field trips must be submitted for Board approval 90 days in advance of the departure date. The following information must be forwarded electronically and in TRIPLICATE (hard copies) 30 days prior to the Board meeting which summarizes the trip. NOTE: A Narrative must be attached justifying this field trip to the school curriculum and/or mission statement. No financial commitments are to be made until Board approval. **This form must be type written and ALL items filled in or marked N/A.**

Name of School: **Middletown High School**

Date of Request: **9-4-24**

Name of Club or Activity: **Engineering and Robotics II, III / Blue Dragon Robotics Team 9909**

Trip To: **Worcester Polytechnic Institute – Worcester, MA**

Purpose: **2024 VEX Robotics National Tournament - High School Division**

Number of Students Participating: **35**

Number of students eligible to go on the field trip: **35**

Dates of Trip: **Thu Dec 5, 2024 to Sat Dec 7, 2024**

of school days missed: **1.5**

Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

Sam Faulkenberry	
Erin Scholes	

Transportation: **Car**

Are fund-raising activities planned: **No** If so, describe:

Amount of money raised through fundraisers: **n/a**

Lodging: **Hotel**

Insurance Arrangements for Staff and Students: **n/a**

Cost per Student: **\$200**

Cost per Teacher and/or Chaperone: **\$200**

Cost per Nurse: **n/a**

Cost per Paraprofessional: **n/a**

If Travel Agencies are engaged, at least three quotations need to be provided with documentation attached to this form: **n/a**

Name of teacher making request: **Sam Faulkenberry** 

Approved by Department Head at secondary level: **David Reynolds** 

Approved by Principal: 

Authorized by Chief Academic Officer: 

Superintendent Approval:  Date: **9/4/24**

**2024 Worcester Polytechnic Institute of Technology “Wave” VEX Robotics National Invitational - HS Division
Middletown High School Blue Dragon Robotics Team 9909**

Middletown High School offers a rigorous 3-year Robotics and Engineering co-curricular program in which students have the opportunity to practically apply course curriculum through competitive venues.

Blue Dragon Robotics has been competing in VEX Robotics competitions for the past nine years against top ranked high school programs. Team 9909 has previously qualified and competed at the VEX Robotics World Championship for the previous four seasons.

The 2024 Worcester Polytechnic Institute of Technology “Wave” VEX Robotics National Invitational will be held in Worcester, MA from Thu Dec 5, 2024 to Sat Dec 7, 2024. This open qualification event gives students the unique opportunity to compete against premier teams from across the United States.

The cost of the competition will be approximately \$200.00 per student including registration, transportation, and lodging accommodations.

To ensure that the trip is a financially equitable opportunity for all team members, the Middletown Robotics Team completes fund-raising activities which include hosting a VEX Robotics State Qualifier at the high school.

Sam Faulkenberry and Erin Scholes will chaperone the trip.

Students will miss a total of 1.5 school day.

Mr. Faulkenberry will meet with parents and students to discuss all expectations and procedures for the trip in order to insure a safe and enriching experience.

Students will also confirm that missed work and lessons during that week are completed prior to the trip.

To conclude, this event is an exciting and unique educational opportunity for students as they continue to prepare for their academic and professional future. The Middletown High School Robotics team would greatly appreciate approval for the proposed trip to the 2024 Worcester Polytechnic Institute of Technology “Wave” VEX Robotics National Invitational