

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: **9-24-25**

Name of Club or Activity: **MHS Blue Dragon Robotics Team 9909**

Trip To: **America's Center Convention Complex – St. Louis, MO**

Purpose: **2026 VEX Robotics World Championship**

Number of Students Participating: **20**

Number of students eligible to go on the field trip: **20**

Dates of Trip: **Mon Apr 20 to Sat Apr 25, 2026**

of school days missed: **5**

Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

Sam Faulkenberry	Beth Shapiro

Number of Non-Chaperone Adults going on trip: **0**

Transportation: **Flight, Bus**

Are fund-raising activities planned: **Yes** If so, describe: **Middletown VEX Robotics State Qualifier**

Amount of money raised through fundraisers: **\$2000**

Lodging: **hotel - Not booked as of 9/26/25**

Insurance Arrangements for Staff and Students: **N/A**

Cost per Student: **\$1000**

Cost per Teacher and/or Chaperone:

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: **10/7/25**

2026 VEX Robotics Connecticut State Championship

Middletown High School Blue Dragon Robotics Team 9909

Middletown Blue Dragon Robotics Team 9909 has competed in the internationally recognized VEX Robotics Competition for 13 seasons. The 2025-26 roster will field eight teams with 50 students (grades 9-12). Throughout the competitive season, Team 9909 will showcase problem-solving, critical thinking, and collaboration skills at 11 state qualifiers, 4 national signature events, and the CTEEA VEX Robotics State Championship. Teams will compete with the end-goal of qualifying for the 2026 VEX Robotics World Championship in St. Louis, MO in April 2026. Middletown Robotics also mentors Beman Middle School Robotics Team 99088.

The MHS Engineering and Robotics program provides exceptional educational opportunities to all students participating. These experiences empower students to develop essential 21st century skills that transcend the classroom.

The 2026 VEX Robotics World Championship will be held at the America's Center Convention Complex in St. Louis, MO from Sun Apr 19 to Thurs Apr 23, 2026. MHS Robotics will compete against premier teams from across over fifty nations.

The cost of the competition will be approximately \$1000 per student including registration, transportation, and lodging accommodations.

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

Sam Faulkenberry and Beth Shapiro will chaperone the trip.

Students will miss a total of four school days.

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

This tournament is an exciting and unique educational opportunity for students as they continue to prepare for their academic and professional future. Middletown High School Blue Dragon Robotics Team 9909 always appreciates your continued support.

**MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL
COVER FIELD TRIP REQUEST FORM
2025 - 26**

DATE OF TRIP: Mon Apr 20 to Sat Apr 25, 2026

TODAY'S DATE: 9-24-25

TEACHER IN CHARGE OF TRIP: Sam Faulkenberry

DO YOU HAVE TEACHER COVERAGE FOR YOUR CLASSES: Pending
(make sure to connect with Cassy once field trip is approved)

GROUP/CLASS: MHS Blue Dragon Robotics Team 9909

CHAPERONES ATTENDING: Sam Faulkenberry, Beth Shapiro

CHAPERONES CELL PHONE: 860 301 2127, 860 638 9579

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING: 20

IS THE NURSE FIELD TRIP FORM SUBMITTED WITH THIS PAPERWORK: Yes

DESTINATION: America's Center Convention Complex – St. Louis, MO

DESCRIBE PURPOSE & HOW IT CONNECTS TO YOUR CURRICULUM:
2026 VEX Robotics World Championship

TRANSPORTATION: Flight, Bus

DEPARTURE TIME FROM SCHOOL: Mon Apr 20, 6:00am

DESTINATION DEPARTURE TIME: Sat Apr 25, 6:00am

RETURN TIME TO SCHOOL: Sat Apr 25, 12:00pm

PROJECTED COST FOR EACH STUDENT: \$1000

What will you do to assist students who have a financial burden:
MHS Robotics Team Student Activity Account

TEACHER/ADVISOR SIGNATURE:  **DATE:** 9-24-25

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR APPROVED: _____ **DATE:** _____

- Final Student list due to activity office no later than attached
- Student grades & attendance must be checked ON Thurs. April 19th

Reunification Plan: a reunification plan provides staff and students with a back-up plan in the event groups or individuals are separated because of unforeseen events (blocked entrance/exit, manmade or natural disasters, lost staff or students, etc.).

Please include:

Communication plan (how will you, the lead, communicate with staff/students at the field trip site and Central Office):
Cell phone / group chat

Staff/student accountability (in what way will the presence of staff and students be accounted for throughout the trip, e.g., head count, call-in, etc.):

Roster check before departure from MHS / hotel / venue

Alternate parking or meeting site (consider where you would meet if the original plan is no longer viable):

To exit the field trip site:

Multiple exits are accessible, meeting point will be front parking lot

For shelter (inclement weather):

Travel arrangements will be adjusted accordingly

Identification of on-site security and first aid:

Security and medical personnel will be present - provided by host school

Identification of field trip co-leader name and telephone number:

Sam Faulkenberry 860 301 2127

Total Adult Supervisors (chaperones) Names/Telephone Numbers:

Name	Cell Phone Number	Name	Cell Phone Number
Sam Faulkenberry	860 301 2127		
Beth Shapiro	860 638 9579		

Other notes:

BOE Central Office Phone: (860) 638-1401

BOE Transportation Office Phone: 860 638-1418

DATTCO Phone: 860 635-8234 x 5601

Provide Copies to: Transportation Manager, Principal and Teacher

***Form Middletown Schools Nursing Services
Field Trip Information***

(To be submitted to school nurse 3 weeks prior to field trip or 1 month prior to overnight or lengthy field trip. This form must be submitted to the Athletic Office once filled out by advisor/teacher.)

Teacher/Staff completing form: **Sam Faulkenberry** Date: **7-24-25**

Field Trip Location (be specific, include town & state): **America's Center Convention Complex – St. Louis, MO**

On **Mon Apr 20 to Sat Apr 25, 2026** (day of week and date); (inclusive dates, if overnight or lengthy trip)

Transportation (to & from destination): **Flight, Bus**

Responsible Teacher/Staff in charge: **Sam Faulkenberry**

Teacher/Staff Cell Number: **860 301 2127**

Departure Date/Time (from school): **Mon Apr 20, 6:00am** Arrival Date/Time (at field trip): **Mon Apr 20, 12:00pm**

Departure Date/Time (from field trip): **Sat Apr 25, 6:00am** Arrival Date/Time (at school): **Sat Apr 25, 6:00am** ?

Students Attending (attach alphabetized names and grades on separate sheet): **See team eligibility roster attached**

Staff/Adult chaperones attending (list names including cell phone numbers of each): **Sam Faulkenberry, Beth Shapiro**

Names & Phone Numbers of Contact at the Facility: **N/A**

Facility Handicapped Accessible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Bathroom Handicapped Accessible? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Facility Provide Food? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Eating Lunch at Facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Time Eating Lunch: **12:00pm**

Return to School for Lunch ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will Students Purchase Food at the Facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will Students bring own lunch? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Activities Planned: (describe here if day trip: if overnight or lengthy trip, please attach agenda) School nurse will discuss with teacher regarding additional specific information. **2026 VEX Robotics World Championship**

Other Information:

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____

- Finalized student list due to activity office & the nurses no later than attached.

MHS Blue Dragon Robotics Team 9909 Eligibility Roster
2025-26

9909d	9909v
sophia abanador	andrew burkey
kaylee brasile	pearl fuller
kaiden fiedler	sam higgins
makenzi greenberg	yalong lin
enrika laredo	juan manosalva
maya shapiro-rosado	ariel mason
	robert onas
9909m	mia-lillian powell
nataly aguilar	john radziewicz
isabella behrend	
jacob clyne	99088q
mikayla gaboury	tessa carlson
lena liesener	gabriel dilernia
aditi narayanan	taylor ficaro
jackie pasato	kammy guo
	nikhil kellore
9909c	jack mendes
justin chuong	tobin northrop
paa kwesi etroo	kenechi nwachuku
adler greenwald	liam ritskowitz
nate raucci	benjamin swanson
pusadee fiona shear	
9909k	
haytham britel	
jacob ferone	
michael fong	
osman mohammad	
alexander rogalsky	
tomasz rogowski	
ahmad suhail samimi	
rithik sundaram	