

**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: **1-31-25**

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

Trip To: **KBH Convention Center, Dallas, TX**

Purpose: **2025 VEX Robotics World Championship**

Number of Students Participating: **20**

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

Dates of Trip: **Mon May 5 to Fri May 9, 2025**

# of school days missed: **5**

Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

Sam Faulkenberry	
Jean Newman	

Transportation: **Flight / bus**

Are fund-raising activities planned: **Yes**

If so, describe: **Middletown VEX Robotics State Qualifier**

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

Lodging: **Hotel**

Insurance Arrangements for Staff and Students: **parents / guardians are encouraged to purchase individual policy**

Cost per Student: **\$1200**

Cost per Teacher and/or Chaperone: **\$1200**

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:

2025 VEX Robotics World Championship - High School 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. Students enrolled in the course focus on developing skills necessary to pursue STEM orientated education and careers. The Middletown High School Robotics team encourages students to practically apply course curriculum through competitive venues. Blue Dragon Robotics has been competing against premier programs in VEX Robotics competitions for the past 11 years.

Through the 2024-25 competitive season, Middletown High School Robotics will compete to qualify for the Southern New England VEX Robotics Regional Championships. This event gives the team the opportunity to qualify them for the 2025 VEX Robotics World Championship.

The 2025 VEX Robotics World Championship will be hosted at the KBH Convention Center, Dallas, TX from Mon May 6 to Fri May 9, 2025. Students will integrate STEM orientated concepts with team building and collaboration skills at a championship competitive level. Criteria for events will include robotics mechanical design, quality in construction, implementing the engineering design process, programming, project presentations, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

The cost of the competition will be approximately \$1200 per student including registration, transportation, and lodging accommodations.

The Middletown Robotics Team completes fund-raising activities which include hosting an annual VEX Robotics State Qualifier at MHS.

Samuel Faulkenberry, Technology Education teacher and Middletown Robotics Team advisor, will chaperone the trip.

Students will miss a total of five 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.

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 2025 VEX Robotics World Regional Championship.



**Southern New England Regional Championship 2-27-24**

**Team 9909W - Tournament Finalists**

**Team 9909y - Tournament Champions**



**Southern New England Regional Championship 2-27-24**

**Team 9909G - Amaze Award**

