

Instruction
Field Trips and Community Service

REGULATION 6153(f)
FORM 1

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: **7-10-25**

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

Trip To: **Hershey Lodge – Hershey, PA**

Purpose: **2026 VEX Robotics National Tournament**

Number of Students Participating: **20**

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

Dates of Trip: **Sat Jan 3 to Mon Jan 5, 2025**

of school days missed: **1**

Names of Teachers and Chaperones:

Sam Faulkenberry	Beth Shapiro

Transportation: **Car**

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

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

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

Lodging: **hotel Hershey Lodge**

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

Cost per Student: **\$200**

Cost per Teacher and/or Chaperone:

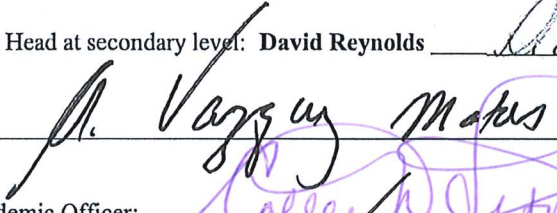
Cost per Nurse: **N/A**

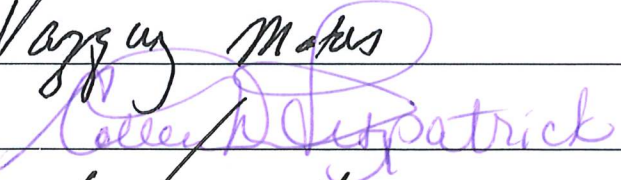
Cost per Paraprofessional: **N/A**

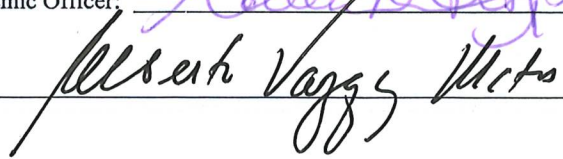
If travel agencies are engaged, at least three quotations need to be provided with documentation attached to this form: **N/A**

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

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

Approved by Principal:  **M. Vaggay**

Authorized by Chief Academic Officer:  **Colleen Depatrick**

Superintendent Approval:  **M. Vaggay** Date: **9/15/25**

**2026 Hershey Lodge “Sugar Rush” VEX Robotics National Tournament
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 “Sugar Rush” VEX Robotics National Tournament will be held at Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA from Sat Jan 3 to Mon Jan 5, 2026. MHS Robotics will compete against premier teams from across the United States.

The cost of the competition will be approximately \$200 per student including registration 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 one 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 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.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Faulkenberry, Samuel** <faulkenberrys@mpsct.org>

Date: Mon, Sep 8, 2025 at 9:44 AM

Subject: Re: Robotics

To: Wilson, Robin <wilsonr@mpsct.org>

Cc: Samuel Faulkenberry <faulkenberrys@mpsct.org>

Morning Robin,

It depends on how many teams compete an any respective tournament.

Typically 1-2 vehicles per team.

For example:

Two teams are competing this weekend.

We have 3 parent drivers cleared to travel.

3-4 students per vehicle.

Each separate team travels together.

Parent drivers are always pocketed to their own student's team.

No certified staff drives students in their vehicle.