

Vikings Robotics Academic Team - FRC 2984

2020-2021 Expectations for Parents and Mentors

Vikings Robotics is a student-run academic team that designs and builds robots to compete in international events. We uphold the Core Values of FRC at all team events, whether held at school or outside of school. We display Gracious Professionalism and honor the FRC philosophy of “Coopertition.” We provide students with the opportunity to engage in self-directed learning of engineering, technology, and business skills with the support of peers and professional mentors from the community.

Regular team meetings will be held via Zoom on Saturdays 10a-2p. Attendance and active participation is expected but not mandatory, and an attendance requirement may be placed for important team events like voting and competition participation.

The following are expectations Team 2984 has for the parents of student team members:

1. Team member safety is our highest priority. All team members are expected to behave in accordance with the team Safety Manual at all times. We will not have any in-person meetings until such activities are approved by LJHS and SDUSD.
2. It is what the students learn, not what they win, that counts the most. Adult coaches and mentors ask questions and guide the team members, but it is the team members that do most of the planning and all of the work to find solutions.
3. Punctuality is important. Please help assure your student is on time to practices and competitions.
4. Respect the team, its leaders and its sponsors. It is important that parents are respectful of the team and its goals.
5. Please bring concerns to the team’s teacher sponsor or a volunteer mentor early. If you have any questions or concerns about the team or your student, please bring them to the attention of the coaches early on so they can be addressed.
6. We expect that each family will make a tax-deductible contribution to Viking Robotics Team to cover costs for competition fees, robot parts and other team expenses. We recommend a donation of \$300 but any amount is acceptable and many of our families make donations that are larger or smaller than this amount. You can make your donation now by credit card or check. Please make the donation at the following link (and make sure that “Robotics Team” is selected on the first line of the form):
<https://www.foundationofljhs.com/donate-to-academics.html#roboticsteam>
7. Please read over the Team Handbook with your student. The handbook can be found here:
<https://www.ljrobotics.org/pdfs/team-handbook.pdf>

I agree to these terms and wish to have my student participate in the Vikings Robotics Team. My child is permitted to participate in the following OPTIONAL activities (please check all that apply):

- Zoom calls with either a LJHS teacher or district and LJHS approved volunteer mentor present**

- Using family-provided power tools at home in accordance with team safety rules for robot construction (parent is responsible for providing supervision)**
- Receiving robotics materials and hand tools at home from other team members via contactless delivery**
- Operating a 18"x18"x18" robot at home (robot is 18" x 18" x 18" and may eject foam discs)**
- Assemble a 6'x12' robot arena at home (may be indoor or outdoor)**

Print Student Name _____

40% of our team funding comes from corporate and local sponsors. Please list below places you work or other local contacts you have that you think may be able to support the team. Someone from our fundraising group will contact you.

Print Parent Name _____ Parent cell phone _____

Parent email _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____