

Team Contracts

For Students, Mentors and Parents

raising the bar = results

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About Brandi and The EngiNERDs

- Lead Team Organization and Public Relations Mentor
- Began FIRST in 2007 with Team 1243, Swartz Creek
- Started Team 2337 in 2008 with Clinton
- Run 6 JV VEX Robotics Teams, and 1 Varsity FRC Team



What is a Team Contract?

Each Team Contract SHOULD look different:

- Document or series of documents
- Created by Mentors
- Signed by Students AND Parents

How has it affected The EngiNERDs?

Since developing a Team Contract:

- More credibility within our School District
- Parents and Students take us more seriously
- Everyone understands their expectations
- Our backs are covered

LESS ANXIETY & STRESS, MORE SUCCESS.

Team Member Contract

What you'll have to 'do' to BECOME and STAY a member

- What you expect your students to do, and how you expect them to act are two TOTALLY different things
- Your students will live up to the expectations you set for them
- High expectations will yield great things
- Low expectations will create careless Students and Parents!
- Remember this is a contract, and teach Students and Parents to “live” by it.
- You should NEVER copy/paste someone else's contract as your own. Each Team's contract SHOULD be different to meet its needs.
- “Steal from the best, design the rest”

Rookie Year Team Member Contract

Team Member Expectations

- Attendance and Participation
- Student/Mentor Relations
- Student/Student Relations
- Gracious Professionalism
- Know and Maintain Your Role
- Just Ask!
- Opportunity to Learn and Teach

Conduct Guidelines

- All Voices Head, One at a Time
- Support, Encouragement and Respect
- Participation
- Behavioral Expectations
- Being a Member is a Privilege

Our Team Member Contract

Contains the following Documents:

- Team Member Expectations
 - Eligibility Requirements
- Team Member Basic Conduct Guidelines
 - Behavior Guidelines
- Team Parent Expectations
 - How to be an effective, applicable Parent
- Team Fees and Payment Options
 - Financial Obligations
- Meal Expectations and Options
 - How to provide your required meal
- Mandatory Participation Events
 - What's mandatory for the ENTIRE season

Our Team Member Contract

- Parents and Students sign each document
 - *I have read the {Insert name of document here} of the Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team, and by signing this document, hereby agree to uphold these expectations, so long as I wish to remain a member of this team. I understand that failure to comply with this document can result in my dismissal from the Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team.*
- Collect all forms, keep them for your records, and make an online version available to Students, Parents, and Mentors



Team Member Basic Conduct Guidelines

2017 FRC Season

To be read and signed by Student and Parent/Guardian



Students and Mentors on Team 2337 are held to a very high standard, and are expected to demonstrate behavior that reflects Gracious Professionalism at all times. Students, Mentors and Parents may achieve this expectation by following these guidelines:

1. **All Voices Heard, One at a Time** – Everyone will have an opportunity to speak, but only once person should be speaking at a time. When an individual is speaking, all other Students and Mentors must remain quiet and respectful until an appropriate time arises. Electronic devices should be stowed during Team discussions, and rules of common courtesy should be practiced at all times.
2. **Support, Encouragement and Respect** – Students and Mentors are expected to support and encourage all Team members, as well as members of other Teams, in order to strive for a personal best in all situations. All members should remain positive and respectful at all times. Remember: When you lose, say nothing. When you win, say even less.
3. **Behavior at Team Meetings** – While at Team Meetings, Students should focus on concentrating their efforts to toward the goals of the Team. Students should refrain from partaking in activities that interfere with their own personal productivity or prohibit others from accomplishing their objective(s). All Team Members and their guests will respect the property of Premier Tooling Systems, leave their workspace in better condition than when they found it, and work to maintain facility cleanliness. No Student, Parent, or any other person may enter Premier Tooling Systems under any circumstance unless under the direct supervision of Clinton, Brandi or Dave Bolinger.
4. **Behavior at Competition** - While at competition, all Team Members will be expected to dedicate their time and energy to the efforts of the Team. Devices such as laptops, gaming systems, music players, books, reading devices, etc. should not be brought to the event for recreational use, and cell phone usage should be reserved for Team-related business and emergencies only. Team Members should not sleep in the stands or public areas, and Students will be expected to sit in our Team's seating area during all of our Robot Matches, unless a conflict occurs on their assigned schedule.
5. **Behavior at Team Demonstrations** – Team Members attending Team Demonstrations should conduct themselves in a manner concurrent to the Competition expectations. In addition, Team Members should actively interact with on-lookers to encourage interest in the Team's activities, and enthusiastically engage in conversations about the Team's goals and purpose.
6. **Overall Behavioral Expectations** – Students, Parents, Mentors, and Guests should set a positive example, and remember that the Team represents Grand Blanc High School, its Community, its Partners and FIRST Robotics at all times, even when outside of official Team events. Inappropriate behavior such as (but not limited to): horseplay, unnecessary physical contact, public displays of affection, inconsiderate or distasteful comments, crude language, stealing, plagiarism, slander, or intentionally irresponsible behavior will not be tolerated. Behavior deemed inappropriate can result in dismissal or suspension from the Team.
7. **Student/Mentor Relations** – Students and Mentors should maintain a professional, respectful relationship both in and out of the Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team. Students should respect the decisions of all Mentors, and approach disagreements in a manner that reflects Gracious Professionalism.
8. **Student/Student Relations** – Students should maintain a professional, respectful relationship among their peers, both in and out of official Team Events. If a conflict arises, students should handle the situation maturely, and seek the assistance of a Mentor if necessary.

*I have read the Team Member Basic Conduct Guidelines of the Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team,
and by signing this document, hereby agree to uphold these expectations, so long as I wish to remain a member of this team.
I understand that failure to comply with this document can result in my dismissal from the Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team.*

Team Parent Expectations

- Encouraging and challenging your children is valuable to them and their Team.
- Setting expectations for Parents is as important as for Students!
- Parents ALSO need to know what is expected of them, if they'd like their child to be on the Team.
- Parent Support can make the difference between the SUCCESS and the FAILURE of a Team.
- Recognize the difference between “*Helping*” and “*Taking Over*”
- There's a constructive and destructive way to approach every situation

Team Parent Expectations

- Parents are expected to maintain:
 - Representation
 - Support, Encouragement and Respect
 - Parent Robotics Organization
 - Mandatory Parent Meetings
 - Parent/Parent and Parent/Student Relations
 - Overall Behavior Expectations
- *I have read and understand the Parent Expectations for the Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team, and by signing this document, I hereby agree to uphold these expectations before, during, and after my child's membership on the Team. I understand that failure to comply with this document can result in my student's dismissal from the Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team.*

Communication Expectations

- Email Communication
 - Completely Free!
 - Google Groups Email List Serve
 - Long-Term/Lots of Information
 - Ability
- Slack
 - Daily communication/chat/team-building
 - Free (up to a point) group messaging service
 - Used in Industry
 - Private/Invite-Only vs Public Teams
- Remind
 - Emergency Alerts
 - Free!
 - Text Messaging Service

{EngiNERDs - Team 2337 Alumni} Team Member/Alumni BBQ - PLEASE RSVP

EngiNERDs Robotics x



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NERDs, Alumni, Mentors, Parents, Family and Friends,

Our Annual BBQ is NEXT SATURDAY, August 5th, beginning at noon!

We're trying to get a pretty solid idea of how much food to get, so we're looking for you to RSVP. If you've already responded on the Facebook event, you don't need to RSVP again.

If you are ALUMNI but can't come, please still follow the link below to let us know what you're up to these days.

If you are a CURRENT TEAM MEMBER and haven't signed up to bring food or help with set-up/clean-up, please follow the link for more information.

Here's the link to respond (if you don't have Facebook): <https://goo.gl/forms/IJjA12k2wLHFZcBj1>

We will also have quite a few of our 10 Year Anniversary shirts available for sale on the day of the event (\$10 each), in the conference room.

We hope to see you there!

Clinton and Brandi
Head Mentors, FRC and VEX Team 2337,
Grand Blanc High School EngiNERDs

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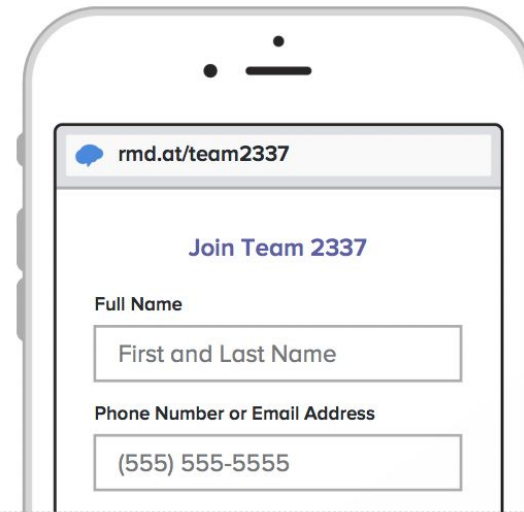
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For those not in Alpha Slack

Hello Please see link below to pre order lunch for Kettering Kick Off. Cash DUE by Tuesday 9-12-17 by 7pm at the meeting. Students, parents and family may order.

<https://goo.gl/forms/HVEWgaKiLmQdESx63> (edited)



Google Docs

Kettering Kick Off Saturday Lunch

Payment DUE Tuesday , Sept. 12th by 7:00 p.m. at the Team Meeting. Please total your order and have it in an envelope with your name , amount and what you ordered.

CASH ONLY (64kB) ▾

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* Required

name *

Your answer

phone number *

Your answer

Pepperoni Pizza Meal *

\$5 includes 1 slice of pizza, 1 breadstick, 1 serving of salad, 1 water bottle

Choose ▾



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Emergency Contact Information

Important to have:

- Full Name
- Year of Graduation
- Birthdate
- Home Address
- E-mail Address
- Phone numbers (home and cell)
- Allergies
- Learning Needs
- Special Food Needs
- Parent information
 - Place of Employment
 - Alternate address (if different from Student home)



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Accepting responses



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Student Contact Information

Information is confidential, and will only be used by the Team's Head Mentors and School Liaison for team-related business and communications.

Student First Name ***Student Last Name *****GBHS Student ID Number *****Birthday ***

Month ▾

Day ▾

2014 ▾

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Graduation Year *

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Making Documents Accessible

Pick ONE place, and put them there:

- Team Website
- Team Google Drive
- Team Google Group
- Email

EngiNERDs Team Hub

Team Documents

2017 VEX Team Documents

2017 FRC Team Documents

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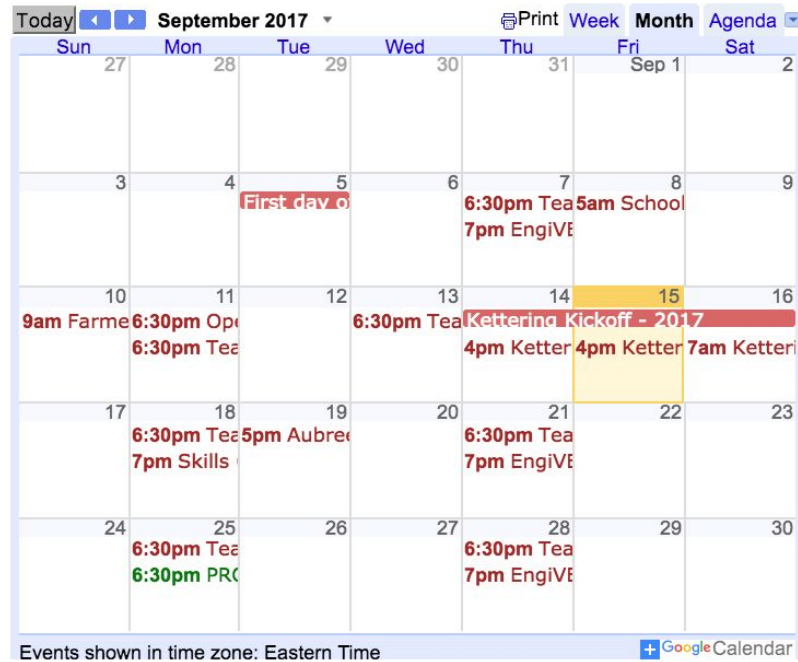
Parent Hub

*The EngiNERDs wouldn't
be who we are without the
assistance of our Parents.*

For all things Parent-
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Hub!

PARENT HUB

Team Events Calendar



WWW.TEAM2337.COM/TEAM-HUB

Varsity FIRST Robotics Competition Team

The Grand Blanc High School Varsity FIRST Robotics Team is designed to be a place for Students who are dedicated to Robotics, and wish to foster their skills in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Students on the Varsity FRC Team will have the ability to earn opportunities to travel to district competitions, the Michigan State Championship and the World Championship in St. Louis.

Students and Parents will be expected to read and adhere to the Team's Contract for the 2017 FIRST Robotics Competition Season.



2017 FRC Team Contract Documents

Team Contract Documents

Official Copies of the 2017 Team Contract Documents must be obtained from Clinton and/or Brandi Bolinger, and will not be distributed to Students. Signed copies due on or before January 3rd.

- [2017 Team Documents Checklist](#)
- [Team Member Expectations](#)
- [Team Member Basic Conduct Guidelines](#)
- [Parent Expectations](#)
- [Meal Expectations](#)
- [Team Fees and Payment Options](#)
- [Mandatory Participation Events](#)
- Release of Liability
- Medical Authorization Form (OTC Medicines)

ONLINE Team Contract Documents

Must be submitted on or before January 3rd in order to maintain eligibility to attend Kickoff.

- [Team Uniform Order](#)
- [Parent Information Form](#)
- [Student Information Form](#)
- [Meal Sign Up](#)
- [FIRST YTIMS](#)
- [Competition Attendance Sign-Up](#)
- [FRC Team email List Sign-Up](#)
- [FRC Team Text Message Sign-Up \(separate from VEX list\)](#)
- [FRC Team Slack \(separate from Alpha List\)](#)
- [FRC PRO email Sign up \(for Parents\)](#)

WWW.TEAM2337.COM/2017FRC

The Take-Away

**ORGANIZATION
ISN'T ABOUT PERFECTION.**

**IT'S ABOUT EFFICIENCY,
REDUCING STRESS & CLUTTER,
SAVING TIME & MONEY, &
IMPROVING YOUR OVERALL
QUALITY OF LIFE.**

-Christina Scalise

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