

Brad's Brain - Evaluating Robotics & Hands-On STEM Products

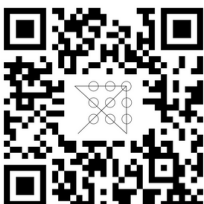
Robotics and Hand-On STEM Education can be ineffective, but ONLY if you rush your decisions. Taking time to focus on your entire PreK-12 continuum will save time, money and wasted resources for years to come. The below steps each have multiple questions to consider for inclusion in your decision process.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION...

1. **Define Learning Goals**- Standards, time, space, grade-level, teacher support are just a few
2. **Know the Robot Solution Categories!** - Introductory programming, physically coded, computer-programmable and kit-based robots each have a different learning goals
3. **Don't Send that RFP Out Yet!** - Check your shelf, you may already have what you need
4. **Vendor Company DNA** - Get to know the product manufacturer
5. **Do the Due (Diligence)!** - What may NOT be on in the vendor RFP/proposal response
6. **Learning Solution/The Must Have's** - The things you know
7. **Learning Solution/Things to Think About** - The things you don't know that you don't know
8. **Integration** - Security, Compatibility, Classroom, OH MY!
9. **Costs & Funding** - This is second to last on this list for a reason
10. **Proposal and Pitch Reviews** - Gut check time!

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