



Dear Coach

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the STARBASE Advanced program. STARBASE Advanced programs combines STEM activities with a relationship-rich, school-based environment to provide the missing link for at-risk youth making the transition from elementary to middle school. It extends the positive impact of STARBASE through a team Coaching approach which solidifies students' attachment to and engagement with school.

The Middle school Advanced program for STARBASE Florida focuses on the Challenge League Robotics afterschool programs for DCPS schools. This voluntary program, developed with the support of the DCPS Department of Science STEM division will provide your team with:

- Up to \$200 per school to support regional practice and qualifier participation for the Challenge league.
- Up to \$150 per school to support regional competition participation for the Challenge league.
- Loan of an iPad Air for team use during the school year.
- Loan of a Spike Prime kit for team use during the school year.
- On-school site coach support by a STARBASE instructor during after-school practices once a week for one to two weeks per month.

To participate in the program your team must meet the following requirements during the season:

- Meet once a week for at least 2 hours per week for a minimum of 20 weeks or 40 hours total (competition events count towards your total hours).
- Complete the required paperwork for the Advanced after-school program.
 - 2.0 Demographic and meeting form
 - A Coach and/or volunteer form for all those who are supporting your program
 - Have each student complete a Student Participation Form
 - Have each student complete a Photo release agreement (if the parent refuses, please document that on the form.
 - Complete an attendance form each time your team meets during the school year including competitions or events.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

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