

NEW Apple Corps Team Member Expectations and Accountability Policies

The NEW Apple Corps Robotics Team relies on dedicated, conscientious student members who can be depended upon to contribute positively to the team. In return, students who commit to the team will learn valuable skills including teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, as well as a host of technical skills.

The NEW Apple Corps Robotics Team abides by the Appleton Area School District's Co-Curricular Code of Conduct and WIAA Rules of Eligibility. In order to participate on and travel with the team, specific expectations of NEW Apple Corps team members have been established in four categories: academics, attendance, contributions, and character. The specifics of these four categories are discussed below.

Academics

Academics have been and will continue to be a priority. Students who struggle academically need to focus on what is important first; their coursework. In the interest of helping ensure students are academically successful and keep their coursework a priority, the following policies have been established:

- Students will regularly submit a grade printout during the pre-season and build/competition season.
- Grade printouts are due to Mr. Ketter every Thursday by 3:30pm., regardless of whether or not the student attends the team meeting that evening.
- Pre-season grade checks will take place once every two weeks beginning on September 20, 2018. Refer to the team calendar for specific grade check dates.
- **Students who are struggling academically are encouraged to proactively work with their teachers to avoid potential team participation issues. Teacher mentors on the robotics team are available to assist in developing a plan of action to address academic issues.**
- Academic consequences
 - A missing, failing or below "C" average grade sheet submission will be considered a strike.
 - Any "F" or below "C" average for any individual grade check = suspension from the team until academic issue is resolved.
 - 3 academic strikes during the pre-season/build season = **loss of competition attendance opportunities.**
 - A failing grade in one or more classes at the end of semester 1 = loss of competition attendance opportunities.
 - 5 academic strikes during the pre-season/build season = **removal from the team.**

Attendance

The **quantity** of time a member dedicates to the team will be used in determining competition attendance and roles. Consistent attendance among team members is essential to providing the knowledge and skill development necessary for students to be successful, contributing members of the team. Additionally, regular attendance increases camaraderie and helps build team unity, increasing the potential for a successful build/competition season.

- Students will scan in at the beginning and scan out at the end of any team meeting.
- Attendance consequences
 - A missed meeting without a pre-arranged excuse will be considered a strike.
 - 4 attendance strikes during pre-season or 12 attendance strikes during pre-season/build season = loss of competition attendance opportunities.
 - 6 attendance strikes during pre-season or 24 attendance strikes during pre-season/build season = removal from the team.

Contributions

The **quality** of the time spent on the team will be used in determining continuing involvement on the team, competition attendance, and roles at competitions. Quality contributions that are beneficial to the team as a whole and the student as an individual help make the best of the opportunities offered on the team.

- Students will use the RBAD framework and Trello to manage tasks within their functional group and self-identify those tasks that are manageable and mutually beneficial to the team and student.
- Students will be responsible for completing those tasks they have volunteered to take on in a timely manner.
- The level of student contributions will be measured based on the number of tasks completed and the complexity of the chosen tasks.

Character

Students who participate on the robotics team will become familiar with our one rule: respect. This includes respect for yourself, respect for others, and respect for your environment. Students on the team are representing the AASD, our team’s numerous sponsors, and themselves. As such, we want to portray an image of Gracious Professionalism™.

- Character consequences
 - Students caught lying or cheating = loss of competition attendance opportunities.
 - Students engaging in bullying or verbally harassing behavior = loss of competition attendance opportunities.
 - Students who engage in physical confrontations = removal from the team.

I understand and agree to abide by all AASD, WIAA and NEW Apple Corps Robotics Team expectations and consequences.

Student name (print): _____ Parent name (print): _____

Student signature: _____ Parent signature: _____

Date: _____