

Dear Students and Parents,

To work towards receiving a varsity letter as a Newton Robotics Team member is an admirable goal. It is an honor to earn a varsity letter for participation on NRT and takes hard work and dedication to achieve this status. It is important to understand that a varsity letter stands for more than just being on the team roster. It shows a sense of commitment, talent, and attitude which is required for participation in our robotics program.

One of my goals as the team coach is to help students and parents understand what is required of each student in order to letter in Robotics. Towards this end, this document has been developed to provide an overview of the less tangible requirements needed to be awarded a varsity letter in Robotics.

The goal of NRT is to develop the entire person with a strong focus on character development. It places the responsibility for fulfilling the requirements on the student. It rewards commitment and performance on the robotics team and their entire educational experience. This process makes earning a varsity letter possible for all dedicated students. It focuses on three key areas that help prepare young people for successful entry into higher education and professional experiences.

**1. Responsibility to Yourself:** The most important of these responsibilities is to make the most of the high school experiences. Academic studies and participation in other extracurricular activities will help prepare for life as an adult and are to be taken seriously with the best effort and intent of the student displayed at all times.

**2. Responsibility to School and District:** By participating on NRT to the best of their ability team members are contributing to a more positive regard for our High School and School District. The student body and local community evaluate our school by team members' conduct and attitudes on and off the field of competition. Because of this, each team members can contribute greatly to team and school spirit, and community pride. We are sure each team members will make our school proud them and make our community proud of our school by appropriate conduct at all times.

**3. Responsibility to Others:** Team members have a responsibility to all other members on the team to uphold team rules and to attend and work hard at all team meetings. The team's success depends on how hard each individual on the team is willing to work. If each team member takes individual responsibility for a solid work ethic, the team's success will follow. Team members have a responsibility to parents and family; they are the most avid supporters and fans. Team members also have a responsibility to younger students and are expected to always set a good example for them to follow.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hofmann