

FIRST Vision:

“To transform our culture by creating a world where science and technology are celebrated and where young people dream of becoming science and technology heroes.”
Dean Kamen Founder

Team 85 Student Contract

Welcome to the Zeeland High School FIRST Robotics B.O.B. Team 85! Team 85 has a rich history of achievements. The achievement we value most is the relationships built as we work together on the goals & challenges the FIRST program provides; relationships between students & mentors, student to student, Team 85 and the community, etc. A thorough understanding of expectations for students on the team will help you to understand your commitment and responsibility to the team, and experience firsthand the satisfaction of achieving life skills that will serve you far beyond high school. We will also seek to cultivate leadership skills in *all students*, with our upperclassmen taking the lead as effective leaders, always using gracious professionalism.

The most dangerous leadership myth is that leaders are born—that’s nonsense.
In fact the opposite is true. Leaders are made. Warren Bennis

It is our hope and belief that your experience on Team 85 will be one that will impact your life in many positive ways and one you will come to value highly.

Profile of a FIRST Student:

1. Team Player
2. Keeps academics and class work a priority
3. Highly Self-Motivated (*There are “down times” and this is when you need to stay “up & focused”*)
4. Hard Working (*without being asked*)
5. Willing to learn and be open to new ideas
6. Willing to say “no” to other activities for FIRST
7. Committed to punctuality and good attendance
8. Willing to exhibit spirit for the team (*may include performing as a mascot, face/hair paint, but most definitely cheering for your teammates and our successes*)
9. Exhibits Gracious Professionalism (*This is FIRST’s way of doing things that encourage high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, respects individuality and the community*)

Team 85 Student Expectations:

1. Be present and actively contributing as a team player at Team 85 activities.
2. All students will follow the directives of all coaches/mentors at all times!
Questions regarding these directives are to be done in private conversation with coaches/mentors.
3. Students will keep academics as a priority and maintain a 70% (C-) or better grade in all classes throughout the season, both at Zeeland High Schools and at home school, in order to participate. Periodic signed grade reports will need to be submitted by team members.
 - a. Exceptions to this rule will apply only if a teacher verifies that student is working to the best of his/her ability and is in process of rectifying the situation.
4. Attendance will be taken at team activities and each person will be responsible for filling out their time card. Excessive absence may result in dismissal from the team.
5. If you are unable to attend a team activity please let us know by way of direct communication or email.
6. Stay in touch and keep abreast of team happenings by way of email, website, etc.
7. Participate in the metals safety session offered each year, unless student is currently enrolled in a safety class.
8. Participate in at least two team sponsored community events (Juvenile Diabetes Walk, PumpkinFest, Walk for Warmth, etc)
9. 100% attendance at competitions will help Team 85 to function and compete at its best, but we understand that conflicts do occur. Team members are required to attend a minimum of two of our competitions.
10. As a representative of Team 85 and as an ambassador of FIRST, team members agree to conduct themselves with gracious professionalism in all interactions with those whom you come in contact with at team activities.
11. When traveling with team to competitions, team members will follow and adhere to the rules established for the travel code of conduct. (See Attached) Violations will result in disciplinary measures as decided by the coaches/mentors. If at a distant site, the student may be sent home at the expense of the parents.
12. We understand that during your time as a high school student, personal relationships with boyfriends and girlfriend can develop. However when you are with the team these personal relationships will need to be checked at the door and kept separate from team activities and functions. Absolutely no displays of personal affection will be tolerated.
13. Students may be removed from the team by a vote of coaches and mentors for lack of participation or behavior that is inappropriate.
By my signature below, I am verifying that I have read the information contained in the Student Contract and agree to the best of my ability to comply and be held accountable with the expectations and goals outlined.