



2020 Engineering Overview for Middle School Teams

Weighted Grade: Formatting: 15% / Content: 85%

Formatting

1. Font size, type, and spacing (2 %)

Black Text with 11 / 12 Point Font; with Arial, Verdana, or Calibri Typeface; and 1.5 Line Spacing

0%	2%
All requirements not met	All requirements met

2. Standard English Grammar and Conventions (2 %)

Designate on the title page whether English is the first language of the majority of team members. This is a formal presentation to adults, use language appropriate to this audience.

0%	1%	2%
There is a noticeable lack of standard English grammar and conventions	A few sections are lacking in standard English grammar and conventions	Standard English grammar and conventions used throughout

3. Spelling (2 %)

0%	1%	2%
5 or more words misspelled	3 - 4 words misspelled	0 - 2 words misspelled

4. Punctuation (2 %)

0%	1%	2%
5 or more incorrect or missing punctuation marks	3 - 4 incorrect or missing punctuation marks	0-2 incorrect or missing punctuation marks

1 **5. Headings (2 %)**

0%	1%	2%
Headings not used or are ineffective in organizing the report	Headings used somewhat effectively to organize the report	Headings are used effectively to organize the report

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3 **6. Proofreader (5 %)**

4 Have a proofreader read your report before you submit. The proofreader **cannot** be a member
5 of your team.

0%	5%
Name and/or signature of proofreader is missing	Name and signature of proofreader on title page

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7 **Content**

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9 **1. Title Page (5 %)**

10 Including:

- School Name
- Robot Name
- Team Members (first names only)
- Coach Name
- Division
- Challenge
- Statement: English is (or is not) the first language of the majority of team members
- Name and signature of your proofreader

0%	5%
Some information is missing.	All information is included.

2. Robot Photo Page(s) (5%)

Include 2 photos of your robot:

- Clear front view photo, labeled with description (e.g. Front view showing ...) Include a ruler in the front view picture for size reference.
- Clear side view photo, labeled with description (e.g. Side view showing ...). Include a ruler in the side view photo for size reference.

0% to 3%	4% or 5%
One or more photos or labels or rulers is (are) missing.	Both photos, with labels and ruler included

3. Abstract Page(s) (20%)

Summarize what you did. Points will be given based on:

- The inclusion of all information requested,
- Whether the information is related logically and clearly
- The use of concrete details and
- The use of precise language

Write a section on each of the following:

- The problem you were trying to solve
- The reason you were trying to solve it
- What you did to get your results
- What you learned
- Any real-world context for what you did

0% to 9%	10% to 15%	16% to 20%
Important information is missing.	Most information is included.	All information is included.
Much of the writing is not logical or easy to understand.	Most of the writing is logical and easy to understand.	Writing is logical and easy to understand.
Concrete details are generally not included.	Concrete details are included in some paragraphs.	Concrete details are included in most paragraphs.
Precise language is rarely used.	Precise language is sometimes used.	Precise language is used throughout.

4. Programming Page (20%)

Points will be given based on these considerations:

- Inclusion of all information
- Clearly organized ideas
- Precise language
- Clear sequencing of steps
- Concrete details
- Explanations illustrated - with examples of code that didn't work, examples of code that did work, diagrams, graphs, tables or pictures, etc., when appropriate.

Answer the following:

- Which task (e.g. navigating a "T" turn, locating a candle or) presented the biggest programming problem for your team?
- How did you solve this problem?
- What did you learn from this dilemma?

0% to 7%	8% to 14%	15% to 20%
Important All information is included.	Most information is included.	Information is missing.
In general, ideas are not clearly organized.	Ideas are sometimes clearly organized.	Ideas are clearly organized.
Precise language is rarely used.	Precise language is sometimes used.	Precise language is used throughout.
Steps are rarely clearly sequenced.	Steps are sometimes clearly sequenced.	Steps are clearly sequenced.
Concrete details are rarely provided when appropriate.	Concrete details are sometimes provided when appropriate.	Concrete details are provided when appropriate.
Explanations are rarely illustrated when appropriate.	Explanations are sometimes illustrated when appropriate.	Explanations are illustrated when appropriate.

5. Mechanical & Electrical Page (20%)

Using complete sentences, provide:

- The name of the platform you used (e.g. Arduino, Vex, Lego, etc.)
- A photo of the locomotion system on your robot (e.g. wheels or treads, gearing and motor)
- Maximum speed of the robot
- Provide a photo **and** explain how you modified your robot for the challenge you were competing in, e.g. extinguishing system for Fire Fighting, ball delivery system for Line Following, additions to hold the “knight” for Jousting, the addition of a servo motor for a-MAZE-ing, etc.
- What is the power source? Why did you choose this power source? How long can the power source operate? What factors determine how long it can operate?

0% to 14%	15% to 20%
Some information is missing and/or some answers are not given in complete sentences	All information is included and complete sentences used throughout

6. Teamwork Page (15%)

Using complete sentences, answer:

- How did you recruit the members of your team?
- How did you adapt to overcome obstacles you faced?
- What changes would you make next time?

0% to 9%	10% to 15%
Some information is missing and/or some answers are not given in complete sentences	All information is included and complete sentences used throughout