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Thinking about Varsity Letters for your Robotics Team?

Every year there are teams who are interested in exploring the option of Varsity Letters for their robotics team. There are a lot of lessons learned already out there.

Suggestions:

- There are threads on the www.chiefdelphi.com forums going back to 2002 about Varsity Letters. Use the search feature and put in the words “varsity + letters” or “robotics + letters”.
- There are also how-to papers posted in the white papers on the www.chiefdelphi.com forums.
- These threads and white papers contain lots of great advice and lessons learned and even contain links to where to order pins and letters.
- Various posts talk about approval process, key groups to get on board (school administration and school board), and requirements – such as years on team, role on team, GPA, and other after-school requirements.
- Gather information about the requirements for Varsity Letters for other sports and/or clubs in your district.
- Contact your state’s director of the High School League. They are good resources and may grant your program additional recognition.
- Talk to your school administration!
- Don’t give up! It may take a couple of years for your program to gain traction and win approval.

Shout outs:

- Bedford Express (1023 from MI) has a section on their website devoted to the topic including an ongoing list of FRC teams who offer Varsity Letters. They also include a video created to present to their administrators. <http://www.bedfordexpress.org/varsity>
- Edina Robotics – The Green Machine (1816 from MN) has posted an excellent white paper on their experience. <http://edinarobotics.com/teamresc/downloads>

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