8th Grade – Design/Engineering/Coding Mr. Harrington

Course Description:

Over the course of one trimester, the 8th Graders will design and engineer a vehicle/robot that will incorporate motors, a computer chip and sensors so that they can program it to successfully complete a range of tasks.

Course Content

Phase #1: Learn How to Use Computer Aided Design & 3D Printing (Recreate a Model)

- 1. Students will learn how to use the online CAD program "Tinkercad."
- 2. Students will apply their new skills in the recreation of a model "Peg,Cube, Sphere."
- 3. Students will print their "Peg,Cube, Sphere" on a 3d printer.

Phase #2: Learn How To Draft / Computer Aided Design / 3D Printing (Recreate a Model)

- 1. Students will learn how to draft a detailed drawing of a model car.
- 2. Students will build this model car in a CAD program.
- 3. Students will print their cars on a 3d printer.
- 4. Students will race their cars.

Phase #3: Apply Skills: Draft / CAD / 3D Print / Motor / Program (Custom)

- 1. Students will design their own custom vehicle.
- 2. Students will manually draft this vehicle.
- 3. Students will build their personal vehicle with an online Computer Aided Design program.
- 4. Students will form their custom cars with a 3d printer.
- 5. Students will add motors and power supplies.
- 6. Students will add a computer chip and manually drive their computer.

Phase #4: Build Robot: Draft / CAD / 3D Print / Assemble / Add Motors & Chip

- 1. Students will design their robot chasis.
- 2. Students will manually draft their robot chasis.
- 3. Students will build their robot chasis with an online Computer Aided Design program.
- 4. Students will form their robot chasis with a 3d printer.
- 5. Students assemble their robot by adding motors and power supplies.

Phase #5: Programming with Sensors.

Students will design and write programs so that their vehicle can compete in a number of activities. Eventually they will add and program sensors to perform more advanced tasks.

Partners

Although I may be guiding the classes, a tremendous amount of the learning and support comes from the students themselves. Students will be partnering with other students through most of the course.

Class Conduct

- The moment the bell rings be in your seat. •
- Have fun, but please don't be a distraction. •

Also:

- Bathroom (Bladder Control) Just ask.
- Roaming the Room The only students who should be out of their seats are those who are helping others. If you want to help someone, just ask.
- Food & Drink Nope...can't damage the computers.
- . Other Class Assignments – Other class assignments are not to be done during class time.

Missed Assignment Guidelines

- You are responsible for all missed work due the day following your return. Much of the work can be done outside of class time.
- Late work will not be accepted unless previously authorized by the instructor.

Availability:

I will always make myself available to assist you...just ask. Class Materials: Earbuds and Tech Folder.







Grading Scale
C-: Peg, Cube and Spere.
C: Draft & Print "Fastest Car."
B-: Draft & Print "Cool Car."
B: Draft, Print and Assemble Robot
with motors, computer chip and
sensors.
B+: Program Robot Motion.
A-: Program Robot Line Sensor.

A: Program Robot Ultrasonic Sensor;.

