



FTC Team Duct Tape Team #2845

An Exceptional *FIRST* Tech Challenge Team

Mission and Purpose

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Team Duct Tape (TDT) operates under the philosophy of "*character before competition*," which, as per the Team Duct Tape Handbook, seeks to "elevate character, teamwork, and academic and intellectual achievement above all else."

As a *FIRST* Tech Challenge team, we agree to abide by the rules of competition set forth by the *FIRST* (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) organization, in exchange for the opportunity to play the game. As much as we all enjoy winning, at heart the *FIRST* experience isn't about proving that we're better than other teams; it's about

challenging ourselves to meet the highest criteria across a range of requirements in the course of the competition, to be the best team we can possibly be. The competition itself is just a vehicle to demonstrate skills mastery, and provide a fun and engaging opportunity to exercise science, engineering, math, technical, interpersonal and professional skills gained in the course of the season. Winning is the ultimate incentive to repeat and improve learned skills, of course, but winning shouldn't be confused with succeeding.

Our goal for TDT students is to foster exemplary professional conduct and to teach solid design, engineering, programming, professional and technical skills in a fun, collaborative environment that hones teamwork and communications skills.

Competitions may be won or lost for any number of reasons. But a team with character, skill and class will always be successful.