



Impact on Texas

Founded in 1989 and based in Manchester, NH, FIRST is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity designed to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology through mentor based K-12 programs, and to motivate them to pursue education and career opportunities in STEM focused fields.

FIRST in Texas supports FIRST Robotics teams and events across Texas with a focus on increasing accessibility for low-income and underrepresented students. Our goal is to provide a life changing experience for our participants and establish a foundation of support for FIRST programs for the next generation of innovators.

*2015/2016 SEASON

	STUDENTS	TEAMS	ROBOTS CREATED	MENTORS
GLOBAL REACH	400,000+	44,000+	37,000+	100,000+
TEXAS REACH	19,000+	1,800+	1,600+	5,000+

Since 2010, FIRST in Texas has dispersed more than Five Million Dollars in team grants through partnerships with the Texas Workforce Commission and generous contributions from numerous Texas based companies and foundations.

Texas hosted more than 200 events across 30+ different cities in 2016.



1,600+

Teams funded by FIRST in Texas over the last five seasons.

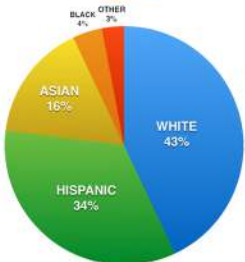
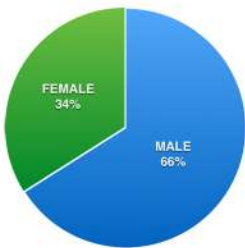


28,000+

Students directly impacted by FIRST in Texas funding Partners.



Student Demographics



26% Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch Program

More interested in going to college



88% FIRST® LEGO® League
84% FIRST® Tech Challenge
90% FIRST® Robotics Competition

89.6% Alumni in a STEM field (student or professional)



98% Improved problem solving skills



95% Increased time management skills



93% Increased conflict resolution skills



76%+ Strengthened communication skills



Brandeis University, 2011 FIRST Tech Challenge - FIRST Robotics Competition Evaluation and 2013 FIRST LEGO League Evaluation; FIRST, 2011, Survey of FIRST Alumni



The University Interscholastic League (UIL) of Texas recently partnered with FIRST to recognize Competitive Robotics as an academic sport. Since 1910, the UIL has grown into the largest inter-school organization of its kind in the world. This partnership will make FIRST available to more than 2 million students in more than 1,400 high schools and 3,000+ middle and elementary schools across the state.