

FIRST[®] LEGO[®] League Challenge Ignites STEM Engagement

Hands-On Classroom and After-School Programs

Friendly competition is at the heart of Challenge, as teams of students ages 9-16* engage in research, problem-solving, coding and engineering – building and programming a LEGO robot that navigates the missions of a robot game. As part of Challenge, teams also participate in a research project to identify and solve a relevant real-world problem.

Learn more about FIRST LEGO League by visiting www.firstlegoleague.org.

FIRST LEGO League Challenge Class Pack

Challenge can be implemented through *FIRST* Class Packs, which provide the curriculum educators and facilitators need to guide their students through 12 sessions as they explore STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and robotics and develop an innovative solution to a real-world problem pertaining to the season theme.

Challenge Implementation Study

From 2019-2022, *FIRST* worked with the Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley¹ to evaluate the *FIRST* LEGO League Explore and Challenge programs. Goals of the evaluation included understanding impact the programs had on students and teachers. This evaluation was funded by the LEGO Foundation.



Key Findings

Teachers and facilitators noted positive student outcomes in core <i>FIRST</i> program areas, including:	•	Students have gains in STEM Outcomes Interest in STEM	100%
Students have gains in creativity	Ŧ	Confidence in STEM	100%
Imaginative thinking	97%	Programming and coding skills	100%
Coming up with unusual, unique, or clever ideas	93%	Understanding STEM content	97%
Students have gains in teamwork and problem solvingAbility to work with others100%		Students reported increased interest in robotics and programming	
Ability to make a decision as a team	97%	Robotics 67%	
Ability to accept feedback or criticism	97%	Programming 60%	
Ability to adapt, improve, and modify ideas	100%		



"...Class Pack provides [the idea] that robotics is not just for most students, but for all students. So every kid can feel that they are worthy to work with [this] equipment."

– Teacher

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*ages vary by country 1 Collins, M., Sanchez, A., Yun, S., Grindstaff, K. (2022). Evaluation of the *FIRST* LEGO League Explore and *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge Class Pack Model. Berkeley, CA: The Research Group, Lawrence Hall of Science.

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