

Dear RoboJackets Families,

Thank you for your patience as we have worked to get our robotics programs in place for the 2026–27 school year. We know the wait has caused some concern and anxiety, and we sincerely apologize that it has taken longer than expected to provide an update.

As our robotics programs have grown, we are taking a more intentional, team-based approach to supporting our students and coaches. This year, district leadership will be more actively involved alongside our robotics mentors and community partners as we continue building on what makes RoboJackets such a meaningful experience for Avondale students.

All Avondale students in grades 2–12 are invited to participate in RoboJackets. The program includes:

- **RoboJackets FRC** — Our high school competitive robotics program for students through 12th grade. *Coach: Anupam Goli*
- **RoboJackets FTC Aspire** — A competitive-level program for students ready to compete against teams from across the state. *Coach: Allison Kneisler*
- **RoboJackets FTC Build** — A developmental program focused on teamwork, communication, persistence and problem-solving. *Coach: Allison Kneisler*
- **RoboJackets FTC Play** — A recreational-level option focused on gameplay and flexible participation. *Coach: Allison Kneisler*

A few important details:

- **FTC Aspire teams have secured their season registration fees** and mentors will be able to enter teams into the first event selection on **October 6**.
- **FTC Build and FTC Play will run January–May**, helping us make the best use of our current facilities while limiting overcrowding.
- Additional information about program structure, registration, contacts, and participation can be found on the RoboJackets webpage at www.avondaleschools.org/robotics.

Thank you again for your patience and continued support. We're excited to move forward and provide our students with opportunities to build, compete, problem-solve, and grow through robotics this year. Please visit the [RoboJackets webpage](http://www.avondaleschools.org/robotics) to complete and interest form, and a coach will contact you with more details.