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New Hampshire Uses Robotics Competition to Boost Science and Technology Learning

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New Hampshire Governor John Lynch has set a goal to boost science and technology learning in the state through participation in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition. Currently, just over 30 percent of New Hampshire public high schools have teams participating in FIRST. The goal is to have 100 percent of public high schools participating by 2010.

The governor called upon the Department of Education, local school districts, the higher education community and business leaders to support this initiative. Local school districts are encouraged to award course credit to high school students participating in FIRST while business and higher education communities are charged to increase sponsorship and volunteer efforts.

The FIRST Robotics Competition challenges teams of young people and their mentors to solve a common problem in a six-week timeframe using a standard "kit of parts" and a common set of rules. Teams build robots from the parts and enter them in competitions judged by famous engineers.

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- [Governor Lynch's Press Release](#)
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