

FIRST® Tech Challenge Common Core Mathematics Standards Alignment & Instructional Exemplars

Rationale	Color Code
There is no evidence that the standard is addressed as part of a <i>FIRST®</i> program.	
This standard potentially could be addressed as part of a <i>FIRST®</i> program either by actions that the coach/mentor takes when working with the students or by conditions established by the program for that given year.	
The standard is clearly addressed by program activities.	

Standards for Mathematical Practice			FIRST® Alignment	Instructional Exemplar
Standards for Mathematical Practice	Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.	MP1		As part of the <i>FIRST®</i> Tech Challenge experience, students will be expected to analyze the various challenges, develop solutions, and test and refine their answers all while using mathematical formulas and data. These actions are at the heart of the mathematical practice of making sense of problems and persevering to determine solutions.
Standards for Mathematical Practice	Reason abstractly and quantitatively.	MP2		Students in the <i>FIRST® Tech Challenge</i> program will solve a variety of problems allowing them to develop their ability to reason both quantitatively and abstractly as they work to solve challenges associated with designing, building and programming their robot.

Standards for Mathematical Practice	Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.	MP3	<p>Mathematically proficient students understand and use stated assumptions, definitions, and previously established results in constructing arguments. They make conjectures and build a logical progression of statements to explore the truth of their conjectures. They are able to analyze situations by breaking them into cases, and can recognize and use counterexamples. They justify their conclusions, communicate them to others, and respond to the arguments of others. They reason inductively about data, making plausible arguments that take into account the context from which the data arose. Mathematically proficient students are also able to compare the effectiveness of two plausible arguments, distinguish correct logic or reasoning from that which is flawed, and—if there is a flaw in an argument—explain what it is. Elementary students can construct arguments using concrete referents such as objects, drawings, diagrams, and actions. Such arguments can make sense and be correct, even though they are not generalized or made mathematically rigorous. Mathematically proficient students can apply the mathematics they know to solve problems arising in everyday life, society, and the workplace. In early grades, this might be as simple as writing an addition equation to describe a situation. In middle grades, a student might apply proportional reasoning to plan a school event or analyze a problem in the community. By high school, a student might use geometry to solve a design problem or use a function to describe how one quantity of interest depends on another. Mathematically proficient students who can apply what they know are comfortable making assumptions and approximations to simplify a complicated situation, realizing that these may need revision later. They are able to identify important quantities in a practical situation and map their relationships using such tools as diagrams, two-way tables, graphs, flowcharts and formulas. They can analyze these relationships mathematically to draw conclusions. Mathematically proficient students consider the available tools when solving a mathematical problem. These tools might include pencil and paper, concrete models, a ruler, a protractor, a calculator, a spreadsheet, a computer algebra system, a statistical package, or dynamic geometry software. Proficient students are sufficiently familiar with tools appropriate for their grade or course to make sound decisions about when each of these tools might be helpful, recognizing both the insight to be gained and their limitations. For example, mathematically proficient high school students analyze graphs of functions and solutions generated using a graphing calculator. They detect possible errors by strategically using estimation and other mathematical knowledge. When making mathematical models, they know that technology can enable them to visualize the results of varying assumptions, explore consequences, and compare predictions with data. Mathematically proficient students at various grade levels are able to identify relevant external mathematical resources, such as digital</p>	Building off the first practice, students in the <i>FIRST® Tech Challenge</i> program will interact with their peers and be expected to provide reasoned critique of solutions supported by evidence and viable arguments.
Standards for Mathematical Practice	Model with mathematics.	MP4	<p>Mathematically proficient students can apply the mathematics they know to solve problems arising in everyday life, society, and the workplace. In early grades, this might be as simple as writing an addition equation to describe a situation. In middle grades, a student might apply proportional reasoning to plan a school event or analyze a problem in the community. By high school, a student might use geometry to solve a design problem or use a function to describe how one quantity of interest depends on another. Mathematically proficient students who can apply what they know are comfortable making assumptions and approximations to simplify a complicated situation, realizing that these may need revision later. They are able to identify important quantities in a practical situation and map their relationships using such tools as diagrams, two-way tables, graphs, flowcharts and formulas. They can analyze these relationships mathematically to draw conclusions. Mathematically proficient students consider the available tools when solving a mathematical problem. These tools might include pencil and paper, concrete models, a ruler, a protractor, a calculator, a spreadsheet, a computer algebra system, a statistical package, or dynamic geometry software. Proficient students are sufficiently familiar with tools appropriate for their grade or course to make sound decisions about when each of these tools might be helpful, recognizing both the insight to be gained and their limitations. For example, mathematically proficient high school students analyze graphs of functions and solutions generated using a graphing calculator. They detect possible errors by strategically using estimation and other mathematical knowledge. When making mathematical models, they know that technology can enable them to visualize the results of varying assumptions, explore consequences, and compare predictions with data. Mathematically proficient students at various grade levels are able to identify relevant external mathematical resources, such as digital</p>	Students in the <i>FIRST® Tech Challenge</i> program will use mathematics and mathematical tools (e.g., charts, graphs, tables) to create different models that inform choices they make about robot design and programming and to track and predict competitor's performance as well as identify potential alliance partnerships.
Standards for Mathematical Practice	Use appropriate tools strategically.	MP5	<p>Mathematically proficient students understand and use stated assumptions, definitions, and previously established results in constructing arguments. They make conjectures and build a logical progression of statements to explore the truth of their conjectures. They are able to analyze situations by breaking them into cases, and can recognize and use counterexamples. They justify their conclusions, communicate them to others, and respond to the arguments of others. They reason inductively about data, making plausible arguments that take into account the context from which the data arose. Mathematically proficient students are also able to compare the effectiveness of two plausible arguments, distinguish correct logic or reasoning from that which is flawed, and—if there is a flaw in an argument—explain what it is. Elementary students can construct arguments using concrete referents such as objects, drawings, diagrams, and actions. Such arguments can make sense and be correct, even though they are not generalized or made mathematically rigorous. Mathematically proficient students can apply the mathematics they know to solve problems arising in everyday life, society, and the workplace. In early grades, this might be as simple as writing an addition equation to describe a situation. In middle grades, a student might apply proportional reasoning to plan a school event or analyze a problem in the community. By high school, a student might use geometry to solve a design problem or use a function to describe how one quantity of interest depends on another. Mathematically proficient students who can apply what they know are comfortable making assumptions and approximations to simplify a complicated situation, realizing that these may need revision later. They are able to identify important quantities in a practical situation and map their relationships using such tools as diagrams, two-way tables, graphs, flowcharts and formulas. They can analyze these relationships mathematically to draw conclusions. Mathematically proficient students consider the available tools when solving a mathematical problem. These tools might include pencil and paper, concrete models, a ruler, a protractor, a calculator, a spreadsheet, a computer algebra system, a statistical package, or dynamic geometry software. Proficient students are sufficiently familiar with tools appropriate for their grade or course to make sound decisions about when each of these tools might be helpful, recognizing both the insight to be gained and their limitations. For example, mathematically proficient high school students analyze graphs of functions and solutions generated using a graphing calculator. They detect possible errors by strategically using estimation and other mathematical knowledge. When making mathematical models, they know that technology can enable them to visualize the results of varying assumptions, explore consequences, and compare predictions with data. Mathematically proficient students at various grade levels are able to identify relevant external mathematical resources, such as digital</p>	Students in the <i>FIRST® Tech Challenge</i> program will use a variety of age-appropriate mathematical tools (e.g., charts, graphs, tables, calculators) to solve mathematical problems encountered as they work to program their robot and optimize their strategy to address the various challenges.

Domain	Cluster	Standard	Indicator/Skill	FIRST® Alignment	Instructional Exemplar
Standards for Mathematical Practice	Attend to precision.	MP6	<p>Mathematically proficient students try to communicate precisely to others. They try to use clear definitions in discussion with others and in their own reasoning. They state the meaning of the symbols they choose, including using the equal sign consistently and appropriately. They are careful about specifying units of measure, and labeling axes to clarify the correspondence with quantities in a problem. They calculate accurately and efficiently, express numerical answers with a degree of precision appropriate for the problem context. In the elementary grades, students give carefully formulated explanations to each other. By the time they reach high school they have learned to examine claims and make explicit use of definitions.</p> <p>Mathematically proficient students look closely to discern a pattern or structure. Young students, for example, might notice that three and seven more is the same amount as seven and three more, or they may sort a collection of shapes according to how many sides the shapes have. Later, students will see 7×8 equals the well remembered $7 \times 5 + 7 \times 3$, in preparation for learning about the distributive property. In the expression $x^2 + 9x + 14$, older students can see the 14 as 2×7 and the 9 as $2 + 7$. They recognize the significance of an existing line in a geometric figure and can use the strategy of drawing an auxiliary line for solving problems. They also can step back for an overview and shift perspective. They can see complicated things, such as some algebraic expressions, as single objects or as being composed of several objects. For example, they can see $5 - 3(x - y)^2$ as 5 minus a positive number times a square and use that to realize that its value cannot be more than 5 for any real numbers x and y.</p> <p>Mathematically proficient students notice if calculations are repeated, and look both for general methods and for shortcuts. Upper elementary students might notice when dividing 25 by 11 that they are repeating the same calculations over and over again, and conclude they have a repeating decimal. By paying attention to the calculation of slope as they repeatedly check whether points are on the line through $(1, 2)$ with slope 3, middle school students might abstract the equation $(y - 2)/(x - 1) = 3$. Noticing the regularity in the way terms cancel when expanding $(x - 1)(x + 1)$, $(x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)$, and $(x - 1)(x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$ might lead them to the general formula for the sum of a geometric series. As they work to solve a problem, mathematically proficient students maintain oversight of the process, while attending to the details. They continually evaluate the reasonableness of their intermediate results.</p>		<p>Students in the <i>FIRST® Tech Challenge</i> program in order to complete the challenges in the most efficient manner possible will have to develop their mathematical precision as they program their robot to interact with the different challenge structures as well as navigate the challenge board.</p>
Standards for Mathematical Practice	Look for and make use of structure.	MP7			<p>Students in the <i>FIRST® Tech Challenge</i> program will learn to recognize and use patterns to solve problems and challenges. In particular, students will take advantage of the properties of different shapes when they build their robot, program its movements, and determine solutions for the different challenges.</p>
Standards for Mathematical Practice	Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.	MP8			<p>Students in the <i>FIRST® Tech Challenge</i> program will be able to experience regularity in repeated reasoning as they program their robot to complete the different challenges in the game.</p>

Ratios and Proportional Relationships	Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.	7.RP.A.1	Compute unit rates associated with ratios of fractions, including ratios of lengths, areas and other quantities measured in like or different units. For example, if a person walks $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in each $\frac{1}{4}$ hour, compute the unit rate as the complex fraction $\frac{1/2}{1/4}$ miles per hour, equivalently 2 miles per hour.		During programming the robot, the students will need to use ratios to compare the relationships between different elements such as wheel rotation and distance traveled, distanced traveled and speed.
Ratios and Proportional Relationships	Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.	7.RP.A.2.A	Decide whether two quantities are in a proportional relationship, e.g., by testing for equivalent ratios in a table or graphing on a coordinate plane and observing whether the graph is a straight line through the origin.		Using data collected from trials, students will need to determine which variables are proportional to one another to correctly program the robot.
Ratios and Proportional Relationships	Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.	7.RP.A.2.B	Identify the constant of proportionality (unit rate) in tables, graphs, equations, diagrams, and verbal descriptions of proportional relationships.		During programming the robot, students will use data they collect from trials to identify the constants associated with robot travel.
Ratios and Proportional Relationships	Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.	7.RP.A.2.C	Represent proportional relationships by equations. For example, if total cost t is proportional to the number n of items purchased at a constant price p , the relationship between the total cost and the number of items can be expressed as $t = pn$.		Students will have to create equations to represent the proportions that they find in order to successfully program the robot.
Ratios and Proportional Relationships	Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.	7.RP.A.2.D	Explain what a point (x, y) on the graph of a proportional relationship means in terms of the situation, with special attention to the points $(0, 0)$ and $(1, r)$ where r is the unit rate.		Through real-world trials, students will have the opportunity to explain the implications of various values in a proportional relationship.
Ratios and Proportional Relationships	Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.	7.RP.A.3	Use proportional relationships to solve multistep ratio and percent problems. Examples: simple interest, tax, markups and markdowns, gratuities and commissions, fees, percent increase and decrease, percent error.		During programming the robot, the students will need to use ratios to compare the relationships between different elements such as wheel rotation and distance traveled, or distanced traveled and speed.
The Number System	Apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers.	7.NS.A.1.A	Apply and extend previous understandings of addition and subtraction to add and subtract rational numbers; represent addition and subtraction on a horizontal or vertical number line diagram. a. Describe situations in which opposite quantities combine to make 0. For example, a hydrogen atom has 0 charge because its two constituents are oppositely charged.		Students using battery-operated components will need to understand that batteries installed backwards will counter batteries installed forwards, and that installing batteries in parallel or in series will produce different outputs.
The Number System	Apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers.	7.NS.A.1.B	Apply and extend previous understandings of addition and subtraction to add and subtract rational numbers; represent addition and subtraction on a horizontal or vertical number line diagram. b. Understand $p + q$ as the number located a distance $ q $ from p , in the positive or negative direction depending on whether q is positive or negative. Show that a number and its opposite have a sum of 0 (are additive inverses). Interpret sums of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.		Students will need to understand that $p + q$ as the number located a distance $ q $ from p , in the positive or negative direction depending on whether q is positive or negative to develop their robot's path of travel.

The Number System	Apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers.	7.NS.A.1.C	<p>Apply and extend previous understandings of addition and subtraction to add and subtract rational numbers; represent addition and subtraction on a horizontal or vertical number line diagram.</p> <p>c. Understand subtraction of rational numbers as adding the additive inverse, $p - q = p + (-q)$. Show that the distance between two rational numbers on the number line is the absolute value of their difference, and apply this principle in real-world contexts.</p>	Students will need to understand that $p + q$ as the number located a distance $ q $ from p , in the positive or negative direction depending on whether q is positive or negative to develop their robot's path of travel.
The Number System	Apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers.	7.NS.A.1.D	<p>Apply and extend previous understandings of addition and subtraction to add and subtract rational numbers; represent addition and subtraction on a horizontal or vertical number line diagram.</p> <p>d. Apply properties of operations as strategies to add and subtract rational numbers.</p>	Throughout the programming process, students will apply their knowledge of rational numbers to add and subtract.
The Number System	Apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers.	7.NS.A.2.A	<p>Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division and of fractions to multiply and divide rational numbers.</p> <p>a. Understand that multiplication is extended from fractions to rational numbers by requiring that operations continue to satisfy the properties of operations, particularly the distributive property, leading to products such as $(-1)(-1) = 1$ and the rules for multiplying signed numbers. Interpret products of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.</p>	Throughout the programming process, students will apply their knowledge of rational numbers to multiply and interpret results in a real-world context.
The Number System	Apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers.	7.NS.A.2.B	<p>Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division and of fractions to multiply and divide rational numbers.</p> <p>b. Understand that integers can be divided, provided that the divisor is not zero, and every quotient of integers (with non-zero divisor) is a rational number. If p and q are integers, then $-(p/q) = (-p)/q = p/(-q)$. Interpret quotients of rational numbers by describing real world contexts.</p>	Throughout the programming process, students will apply their knowledge of rational numbers to divide and interpret results in a real-world context.
The Number System	Apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers.	7.NS.A.2.C	<p>Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division and of fractions to multiply and divide rational numbers.</p> <p>c. Apply properties of operations as strategies to multiply and divide rational numbers.</p>	Throughout the programming process, students will apply their knowledge of rational numbers to multiply and divide.
The Number System	Apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers.	7.NS.A.2.D	<p>Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division and of fractions to multiply and divide rational numbers.</p> <p>d. Convert a rational number to a decimal using long division; know that the decimal form of a rational number terminates in 0s or eventually repeats.</p>	Throughout the programming process, students will divide numbers involving numbers that either repeat or end in zero.

The Number System	Apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers.	7.NS.A.3	Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving the four operations with rational numbers.		Throughout the programming process, students will solve real-world problems using the four mathematical operations.
Expressions and Equations	Use properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions.	7.EE.A.1	Apply properties of operations as strategies to add, subtract, factor, and expand linear expressions with rational coefficients. Understand that rewriting an expression in different forms in a problem context can shed light on the problem and how the quantities in it are related. For example, $a + 0.05a = 1.05a$ means that "increase by 5%" is the same as "multiply by 1.05."		As part of the programming process, students will develop equations that use variables so that they can determine input values for a wide range of conditions (e.g. distance equals speed over time)
Expressions and Equations	Use properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions.	7.EE.A.2	Solve multi-step real-life and mathematical problems posed with positive and negative rational numbers in any form (whole numbers, fractions, and decimals), using tools strategically. Apply properties of operations to calculate with numbers in any form; convert between forms as appropriate; and assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies. For example, if a woman making \$25 an hour gets a 10% raise, she will make an additional $\frac{1}{10}$ of her salary an hour, or \$2.50, for a new salary of \$27.50. If you want to place a towel bar $9\frac{3}{4}$ inches long in the center of a door that is $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, you will need to place the bar about 9 inches from each edge; this estimate can be used as a check on the exact computation.		During programming students will have to rework the equations they develop to create simpler forms.
Expressions and Equations	Solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations.	7.EE.B.3	Use variables to represent quantities in a real-world or mathematical problem, and construct simple equations and inequalities to solve problems by reasoning about the quantities.		Throughout programming, students will be confronted with real-world mathematical problems that they will need to solve using the four mathematical operations, positive, and negative rational numbers.
Expressions and Equations	Solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations.	7.EE.B.4.A	a. Solve word problems leading to equations of the form $px + q = r$ and $p(x + q) = r$, where p, q, and r are specific rational numbers. Solve equations of these forms fluently. Compare an algebraic solution to an arithmetic solution, identifying the sequence of the operations used in each approach. For example, the perimeter of a rectangle is 54 cm. Its length is 6 cm. What is its width?		If the coach/mentor chooses, students can be presented with word problems derived from real-world situations from the challenge that involve equations of the form $px + q = r$ and $p(x + q) = r$, where p, q, and r are specific rational numbers.
Expressions and Equations	Solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations.	7.EE.B.4.B	b. Solve word problems leading to inequalities of the form $px + q > r$ or $px + q < r$, where p, q, and r are specific rational numbers. Graph the solution set of the inequality and interpret it in the context of the problem. For example: As a salesperson, you are paid \$50 per week plus \$3 per sale. This week you want your pay to be at least \$100. Write an inequality for the number of sales you need to make, and describe the solutions.		If the coach/mentor chooses, students can be presented with word problems derived from real-world situations from the challenge that involve inequalities of the form $px + q > r$ or $px + q < r$, where p, q, and r are specific rational numbers.

Geometry	Draw, construct, and describe geometrical figures and describe the relationships between them.	7.G.A.1	Solve problems involving scale drawings of geometric figures, including computing actual lengths and areas from a scale drawing and reproducing a scale drawing at a different scale.		To aid in the programming process, students may create scale drawings of the playing surface and the various challenges.
Geometry	Draw, construct, and describe geometrical figures and describe the relationships between them.	7.G.A.2	Draw (freehand, with ruler and protractor, and with technology) geometric shapes with given conditions. Focus on constructing triangles from three measures of angles or sides, noticing when the conditions determine a unique triangle, more than one triangle, or no triangle.		As part of robot construction or programming, students may need to draw different triangles in order to communicate ideas or make calculations.
Geometry	Draw, construct, and describe geometrical figures and describe the relationships between them.	7.G.A.3	Describe the two-dimensional figures that result from slicing three-dimensional figures, as in plane sections of right rectangular prisms and right rectangular pyramids.		In robot construction or challenge analysis, students may need to deconstruct three-dimensional figures into two-dimensional planes.
Geometry	Solve real-life and mathematical problems involving angle measure, area, surface area, and volume.	7.G.B.4	Know the formulas for the area and circumference of a circle and use them to solve problems; give an informal derivation of the relationship between the circumference and area of a circle.		To optimize the movement of their robot, students will need to use the concepts of area and surface area to determine the most efficient routes for their robot to travel.
Geometry	Solve real-life and mathematical problems involving angle measure, area, surface area, and volume.	7.G.B.5	Use facts about supplementary, complementary, vertical, and adjacent angles in a multi-step problem to write and solve simple equations for an unknown angle in a figure.		In order to have the robot interact with challenges, students will work with different angles to determine robot motion and placement.
Geometry	Solve real-life and mathematical problems involving angle measure, area, surface area, and volume.	7.G.B.6	Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area, volume and surface area of two- and three-dimensional objects composed of triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons, cubes, and right prisms.		Throughout <i>FIRST® Tech Challenge</i> , students will have to solve problems involving area, volume and surface area of two- and three-dimensional objects composed of triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons, cubes, and right prisms
Statistics and Probability	Use random sampling to draw inferences about a population.	7.SP.A.1	Understand that statistics can be used to gain information about a population by examining a sample of the population; generalizations about a population from a sample are valid only if the sample is representative of that population. Understand that random sampling tends to produce representative samples and support valid inferences.		If students collect the results of practice attempts to complete certain challenges they will have the opportunity to understand the relationship between values collected in a sample and values distributed over a population.
Statistics and Probability	Use random sampling to draw inferences about a population.	7.SP.A.2	Use data from a random sample to draw inferences about a population with an unknown characteristic of interest. Generate multiple samples (or simulated samples) of the same size to gauge the variation in estimates or predictions. For example, estimate the mean word length in a book by randomly sampling words from the book; predict the winner of a school election based on randomly sampled survey data. Gauge how far off the estimate or prediction might be.		If students collect the results of practice attempts to complete certain challenges, they will have the opportunity to evaluate the variance observed in estimates or predictions.

Statistics and Probability	Draw informal comparative inferences about two populations.	7.SP.B.3	Informally assess the degree of visual overlap of two numerical data distributions with similar variabilities, measuring the difference between the centers by expressing it as a multiple of a measure of variability. For example, the mean height of players on the basketball team is 10 cm greater than the mean height of players on the soccer team, about twice the variability (mean absolute deviation) on either team; on a dot plot, the separation between the two distributions of heights is noticeable.		Data collected by students in the testing of their robots may require comparative analysis of data sets. If a team scouts for alliances, they will need to compare different teams and their robot's performance.
Statistics and Probability	Draw informal comparative inferences about two populations.	7.SP.B.4	Use measures of center and measures of variability for numerical data from random samples to draw informal comparative inferences about two populations. For example, decide whether the words in a chapter of a seventh-grade science book are generally longer than the words in a chapter of a fourth-grade science book.		If students collect the results of practice attempts to complete certain challenges they will have the opportunity to draw comparative inferences about the results of future challenges. If a team scouts, they will need to compare two different teams and their robot's performance and make determinations about possible performance (and teams they might want to work with).
Statistics and Probability	Investigate chance processes and develop, use, and evaluate probability models.	7.SP.C.5	Understand that the probability of a chance event is a number between 0 and 1 that expresses the likelihood of the event occurring. Larger numbers indicate greater likelihood. A probability near 0 indicates an unlikely event, a probability around 1/2 indicates an event that is neither unlikely nor likely, and a probability near 1 indicates a likely event.		If students collect the results of practice attempts to complete certain challenges they will have the opportunity to determine the probability of a chance event (e.g., number of points earned by the robot). If a team scouts, they will need to compare two different teams and their robot's performance and make determinations about possible performance (and teams they might want to work with).
Statistics and Probability	Investigate chance processes and develop, use, and evaluate probability models.	7.SP.C.6	Approximate the probability of a chance event by collecting data on the chance process that produces it and observing its long-run relative frequency, and predict the approximate relative frequency given the probability. For example, when rolling a number cube 600 times, predict that a 3 or 6 would be rolled roughly 200 times, but probably not exactly 200 times.		If students collect the results of practice attempts to complete certain challenges they will have the opportunity to determine the probability of a chance event (e.g., number of points earned by the robot). If a team scouts, they will need to compare two different teams and their robot's performance and make determinations about possible performance (and teams they might want to work with).
Statistics and Probability	Investigate chance processes and develop, use, and evaluate probability models.	7.SP.C.7.A	Develop a probability model and use it to find probabilities of events. Compare probabilities from a model to observed frequencies; if the agreement is not good, explain possible sources of the discrepancy. a. Develop a uniform probability model by assigning equal probability to all outcomes, and use the model to determine probabilities of events. For example, if a student is selected at random from a class, find the probability that Jane will be selected and the probability that a girl will be selected.		If the coach/mentor chooses, the students may develop probability models of varying complexity and accuracy to determine game strategy. If a team scouts, they will need to compare two different teams and their robot's performance and make determinations about possible performance (and teams they might want to work with).

Statistics and Probability	Investigate chance processes and develop, use, and evaluate probability models.	7.SP.C.7.B	<p>Develop a probability model and use it to find probabilities of events. Compare probabilities from a model to observed frequencies; if the agreement is not good, explain possible sources of the discrepancy.</p> <p>b. Develop a probability model (which may not be uniform) by observing frequencies in data generated from a chance process. For example, find the approximate probability that a spinning penny will land heads up or that a tossed paper cup will land open-end down. Do the outcomes for the spinning penny appear to be equally likely based on the observed frequencies?</p>	<p>If the coach/mentor chooses, the students may develop probability models of varying complexity and accuracy to determine game strategy. If a team scouts, they will need to compare two different teams and their robot's performance and make determinations about possible performance (and teams they might want to work with).</p>
Statistics and Probability	Investigate chance processes and develop, use, and evaluate probability models.	7.SP.C.8.A	<p>Find probabilities of compound events using organized lists, tables, tree diagrams, and simulation.</p> <p>a. Understand that, just as with simple events, the probability of a compound event is the fraction of outcomes in the sample space for which the compound event occurs.</p>	<p>If the coach/mentor chooses, the students may determine the probability of a series of events encountered during the game. If a team scouts, they will need to compare two different teams and their robot's performance and make determinations about possible performance (and teams they might want to work with).</p>
Statistics and Probability	Investigate chance processes and develop, use, and evaluate probability models.	7.SP.C.8.B	<p>Find probabilities of compound events using organized lists, tables, tree diagrams, and simulation.</p> <p>b. Represent sample spaces for compound events using methods such as organized lists, tables and tree diagrams. For an event described in everyday language (e.g., "rolling double sixes"), identify the outcomes in the sample space which compose the event.</p>	<p>If the coach/mentor chooses, the students may represent sample spaces for compound events using methods such as organized lists, tables and tree diagrams. If a team scouts, they will need to compare two different teams and their robot's performance and make determinations about possible performance (and teams they might want to work with).</p>
Statistics and Probability	Investigate chance processes and develop, use, and evaluate probability models.	7.SP.C.8.C	<p>Find probabilities of compound events using organized lists, tables, tree diagrams, and simulation.</p> <p>c. Design and use a simulation to generate frequencies for compound events. For example, use random digits as a simulation tool to approximate the answer to the question: If 40% of donors have type A blood, what is the probability that it will take at least 4 donors to find one with type A blood?</p>	<p>If the coach/mentor chooses, the students may design and use a simulation to generate frequencies for compound events.</p>