



# ROBOTICS

## Pilot Program News & Updates

### 2016 UIL Robotics BEST Division State Champions



The first-ever UIL Robotics - BEST Division state champions were crowned Dec. 10, 2017, at the Dr Pepper Arena in Frisco.

(listings include BEST team number and school name)

#### **BEST Division State Champs**

##### **Group I (Conferences 1A-4A)**

- 166 - Martin's Mill HS

##### **Group II (Conferences 5A-6A)**

- 4 - Laredo United HS

#### **BEST Division Runners-Up**

##### **Group I (Conferences 1A-4A)**

- 469 - Penelope HS

##### **Group II (Conferences 5A-6A)**

- 464 - Hutto HS

### UIL Robotics Information

Visit the [Robotics section](#) of the UIL website, or send email to [robotics@uiltonline.org](mailto:robotics@uiltonline.org).

### Pilot Program Continues in 2017

#### *FIRST Division State Championship dates, venue set*

Following highly successful inaugural championship events for the UIL Robotics FIRST Division last July and for the BEST Division in December, competition and planning continues for the 2017 program.



This year's UIL Robotics - FIRST Division State

Championship is scheduled for May 19-20, 2017, at the Austin Convention Center. The event will again feature FRC and FTC competition. New this year, the FTC qualifiers will be split into two 32-team fields based on school size. Group 1 will include schools from UIL conferences 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A, and Group 2 will include schools from conferences 5A and 6A. FRC competition will feature a single 32-team field. Information on qualification criteria is available at the Robotics section of the UIL website.

Planning is underway for the fall 2017 BEST Robotics competition season and UIL Robotics - BEST Division State Championship. Additional information will be posted later in the spring.

### Explore Training Opportunities

Informational and training workshops are important resources for educators looking to start or grow robotics programs on their campuses. The annual UIL Capital Conference, scheduled for June 26-27 in Austin, will again feature a complete track for robotics, including introductory sessions as well as in-depth workshops with presenters representing BEST of Texas Robotics and FIRST in Texas. [Visit UIL Robotics online](#) for additional information.

