

FIRST® & VLACS Experience

For 30 years, *FIRST*® has engaged millions of young people in a movement to transform the world through innovation and leadership—people like you!

Would you like to earn high school credit while you are participating on a *FIRST* team? Well, now you can through a collaboration between *FIRST* and the Virtual Learning Academy (VLACS)! VLACS is an online virtual public middle school and high school that offers students the opportunity to learn at their own pace, through courses, projects, internships, travel, and other experiences.

Beginning in December, VLACS will offer two, credit-bearing experiences to active *FIRST* participants:

FIRST Engineering Experience

FIRST Programming Experience

How do I earn credit while participating in *FIRST*?

1. You may earn one half-credit by demonstrating mastery of competencies from either a *FIRST* Engineering Experience or a *FIRST* Programming Experience.
2. You will learn through participation in *FIRST* while working on competencies with the support of a VLACS instructor. There will be work required in addition to participating in *FIRST* team activities. Once you demonstrate mastery of the competencies associated with your Experience, high school credit will be awarded to you by VLACS.

How much does it cost?

Free for NH residents who are currently enrolled in high school.
\$486 per half credit for non-NH residents.

What are my next steps?

1. Pick the competency grouping for which you want to earn credit.
 - a. *FIRST* Engineering Experience
 - b. *FIRST* Programming Experience
2. Check with your school to confirm that the VLACS credit will be accepted. VLACS is an approved diploma granting NH public school and works with all high schools in the state.
3. Go to vlacs.org, create an account, and enroll in the desired Experience.

Explore *FIRST* Experiences:

Programming Experience:
<http://bit.ly/2PF9a6u>

Engineering Experience:
<http://bit.ly/2HUst1>

Learn more about VLACS:

<https://vlacs.org>