The Power of VEX

When I first saw the VEX demonstration at my school, I was intrigued. I did not try out for VEX in sixth grade because I was unsure if I had the skill set to make the teams. For seventh grade, I decided to try out for VEX and give it my all. I earnestly studied the rules and procedures. On the day of the test, I felt ready. When I found out I made the VEX teams, I was extremely excited, nothing could ruin the day.

 In seventh grade I got to meet my team. Little did I know I would be spending a lot of time with them and they would become good friends. As most of our members were new to VEX, we had a rough start. We could not agree on what to do, and without help from our classmates, we were in a poor position. We decided to make a scissor lift. Predictably, we ran into problems. The robot was too heavy and we decided to start over. This was risky since our first tournament was less than two weeks away. We completed our arm and placed 18th out of 30 in the tournament.

 VEX is important to me as it teaches me teamwork, responsibility, efficiency, and building skills. I want to be a roller coaster designer and these skills will greatly boost my long-term skills. I would be at a disadvantage if I wasn’t in VEX. Plus, it’s fun!