



8,400+

students, grades 6-12 on
FIRST Chesapeake teams

“The excitement is what engages younger students to become passionate and interested in the field of STEM.... Our team might be small in comparison, but we bring the energy of an entire army to our competitions.”

— Demond Morris, The Prez, Junkyard Dogs, FIRST® Robotics Competition Team 2106

2,400+

mentors/coaches
involved in events



“My daughter’s initial reaction at a FIRST tournament was that the experience is unlike most sporting events where teams have distinct boundaries and it’s all about competition.

Gracious Professionalism is a real thing in the FIRST community. It’s what cultivates an environment of altruism and mutual respect among participants and keeps my kids wanting to come back to FIRST events year after year.”

— Tom Poole, Board Member, FIRST Chesapeake, FIRST® Tech Challenge Mentor Team 16022, and Senior Vice President, Capital One

440+

teams participating,
grades 6-12

1,600+

registered alumni in
District of Columbia,
Maryland, and Virginia

60,000+

event attendees

20+

competitive events
and workshops



2,000+

volunteers who donate
their time to events

FIRST programs build teamwork skills that are critical in real-world professional environments. When you work with a team, every opinion, every perspective, matters. If one team member falls, everybody falls. Being part of FIRST teaches students not only how to lead when the situation demands it, but how to follow and how to be a critical part of the whole.

— Vannia Willis, FIRST Chesapeake Volunteer/Event Coordinator, Warfare Systems Engineer Manager, Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren

100,000+

competition live feed views
from around the world

40%

Young Women

60%

Young Men

young women/young men involved
with FIRST Chesapeake



VirginiaFIRST dba FIRST Chesapeake is a 20+-year-old 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to bringing STEM-based leadership enrichment programs to middle and high school youth in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

www.firstchesapeake.org

“The FIRST community promotes an environment of entrepreneurship while providing a platform for students like myself to spark real change in our communities. FIRST has been, by far, the most influential experience of my entire life. I walked in as a shy and unconfident ninth-grader and left as a well-rounded leader in my community, currently pursuing a STEM degree.”

— Jessica Aujla, FIRST Chesapeake Alumni Ambassador

