STEM Inventory

Entry# 78

TOY Challenge

Org-Type Industry-based | Collaborative Group

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Service-Region Nationwide

Type Professional Development for Teachers | Student Program

Subjects General Science | Biology | Chemistry | Physics | Engineering

Level Elementary School (K-5th grade) | Middle School (5-8th grade)

Other-Objectives

Program-Title

Served-per-Year Demographics

Content

TOYchallenge is a chance for teams of imaginative kids to create a new toy or game. Toys are a great way to learn about science, engineering, and the design process! As girls and boys create a toy or game, they experience engineering as a fun, creative, collaborative process, relevant to everyday life. Each TOYchallenge team needs an adult coach to support the team as they work together to brainstorm, research, design, and test their creation. The coach is not there to tell the kids what to do, but to support and guide a team from brainstorming to building and exhibiting a working prototype (and we give the coaches lots of advice and support, too). The competition results in a lot of "self-learning" - students learn things that they need to know on their own, skills that they don't always learn in school. When they form their own plans and come to their own conclusions, students not only retain what they've learned better, but they also feel more empowered, motivated and fulfilled. They learn skills they will use for the rest of their lives, whatever they choose to do as a career: imagination and collaboration skills are as important as engineering ideas. This is a competition where everybody wins! We honestly believe that TOYchallenge can help change kids' lives and encourage you to join the fun and participate!

Generated: Through building toys we hope our program generates interest in science, engineering, and the design process. While

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making these toys kids will also learn a sense of teamwork, build self-confidence, and do a great amount of self-learning.

Length Ongoing Cost

Primary-Funding Industry Primary-\$

Materials

Outcomes

Started

Other-Funding

How-Assessed

Best-Practice-Why

Promising-Practice

Sponsor-Org
Sponsor-Phone Sponsor-Email

Other-Orgs Northrup Grumman Southwest Airlines Hasbro

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