

'nChaiLights

State Champions & Super Coders: Two Years in a Row!



Our seventh grade Dash and Dot robotics team has done it again! This group of students was named the state champions in the Wonder League Robotics Competition for the second year in a row! That's not all though, this year our students are in the top 1% of teams and have been invited to compete in the international finalist round! Our students were also invited to compete in the perfect score round for their coding! There were over 5,000 teams in the competition and over 80 in Alabama.

Our students were already familiar with the Dash and Dot robots because the NEMJDS was an early supporter of the Wonder Workshop which teaches programming basics through hands-on play with their robots, Dash and Dot. As an early supporter, our school was among the first group to receive Dash and Dot and their accessories. As a result, our seventh graders had the necessary practice and skills to participate and succeed in the competition.

What was especially exciting for our students is that after being named state champs in 2016, they set a goal to make it even further in this year's competition. From day one, our students shared their knowledge and reflections from last year, and as a team, figured out how to improve from the year before. Their growth in their coding, team work, and creativity since their first time competing is impressive, and we can't wait for them to continue growing as they compete in the selective finalist round!

We especially want to thank Amit Sherman, NEMJDS parent and team coach! Amit worked as advisor and facilitator for our Dash and Dot team!