CSTEM Teacher \& Student Support Services Shell • Schlumberger Sea Turtle Robotics Project


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The present project will be evaluated at two time periods. The initial evaluation of the project is based on two descriptive instruments developed by CSTEM Teacher \& Student Support Services. The first instrument was a student survey divided into sections (1) student demographics (2) knowledge of engineering fields and (3) interest in robotics. The second survey was a teacher's instrument that measures (1) grade level taught (2) their gender (3) if they had ever been employed in a STEM field, and (4) interest in STEM programs. Therefore this report will evaluate the project at the first time period describing the student and the teacher survey. Finally, this report will examine the objectives listed below. It should be noted that some sections did have missing data.

## CSTEM Objectives outcomes include:

- Increase in students' knowledge of STEM fields.
- Strengthen student's STEM skills.
- Increase student's interest in robotics.
- Increase student's interest in learning more about science and technology.
- Increase student's interest in careers that uses science and engineering.
- Enhancement of teacher STEM skills through training
- Build and support STEM teacher collaborations
- Encourage students to explore interest in STEM


## Demographics of Students

The total sample in the present study was 207 students, representing 30 schools. Table 1 describes the overall distribution of the sample across school levels. In this case there were 83 elementary students which represent about 40 percent of the students in the sample. There were 80 middle school students along with 43 high school students. Middle school students represent about 39 percent of the students. Finally, high school level students represented about 21 percent of the sample

Table 1
Grade Level, Frequency, and Percentage
Overall

| Grade Level | Number | Percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | 83 | 40.1 |
| Middle School | 81 | 39.1 |
| High School | 43 | 20.8 |
| Total | 207 | $100 \%$ |

Figure 1, graphically describes the grade level make-up of the students contained in the present study.
Figure 1
Grade Level Make-Up of the Sample


Table 2 describes the distribution of the overall sample across gender. There were 115 male students in the sample and 90 female students. Males represented about 55 percent in the sample. Females represented about 44 percent of the sample. There were two students that did not indicate there gender. These two students represented less than 1 percent of the sample

Table 2
Gender, Frequency and Percentage
Overall

| Gender | Number | Percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Males | 115 | 55.5 |
| Females | 90 | 43.5 |
| Missing | 2 | 1.0 |
| Total | 207 | $100 \%$ |

Figure 2, graphically represents the gender make-up of the students contained in the present study.
Figure 2
Gender Make-Up of the Sample


Table 3 represents ethnicity levels in the present sample. Hispanic students represented the largest proportion in the sample (about 48\%) with 99. The second largest percent (about 38\%) in the sample was African-American students. The total number of African-Americans in the survey was 78. Asian and Caucasian students represented about 5 percent and 4 percent respectively. Seven of the students selected the option "Other" as an indicator of their ethnicity. Finally, there were 4 cases where the student's race was not indicated.

Table 3
Ethnicity, Frequency and Percentage
Overall

| Ethnicity | Number | Percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| African- <br> American | 78 | 37.7 |
| Hispanic | 99 | 47.8 |
| Caucasian/White | 8 | 3.9 |
| Asian | 11 | 5.3 |
| Other | 7 | 3.4 |
| Missing | 4 | 1.9 |
| Total | 207 | $100 \%$ |

Figure 3, graphically represents the ethnic make-up of the students contained in the present study.
Figure 3
Ethnicity Make-Up of the Sample


Figure 4 graphically represent ethnic groups and the gender make-up of the sample.
Figure 4
Ethnic Groups and Gender


Figure 5 graphically represents school levels across ethnicity.
Figure 5 School Level and Ethnicity


Figure 6 graphically represents school level across gender.
Figure 6
School Level and Gender


Figure $6 \mathrm{a} \& 6 \mathrm{~b}$ graphically represents ethnicity across gender.
Figure 6a and 6b
School Level, Ethnicity and Gender

Female


Male


Figure 7 graphically represents Knowledge of Engineering Fields for the total sample.
Figure 7
Students' Knowledge of the Areas of
Engineering


Figure 8 graphically represents student knowledge of the different areas across grade level.
Figure 8
Students' Knowledge of the Areas of Engineering Across Grade Levels


GRADELEVEL

- Elem
- Highschool
- Middle

Figure 9 graphically represent elementary school student's knowledge of the different areas of engineering across ethnicity.
Figure 9
Elementary School Students' Knowledge of Areas in Engineering By Ethnicity


Figure 10
Middle School Students' Knowledge of Areas in Engineering
By Ethnicity


Figure 11 graphically represent high school student's knowledge of the different areas of engineering across ethnicity.
Figure 11
High School Students' Knowledge of Areas in Engineering By Ethnicity


Figure 11 graphically represent elementary school student's knowledge of the different areas of engineering across gender.
Figure 11
Elementary School Students' Knowledge of Areas in Engineering By Gender


Figure 12 graphically represents middle school student's knowledge of the different areas of engineering across gender.
Figure 12
Middle School Students' Knowledge of Areas in Engineering By Gender


Figure 13 graphically represent high school student's knowledge of the different areas of engineering across gender.
Figure 13
High School Students' Knowledge of Areas in Engineering By Gender


Table 14 reports student's responses to item 7, which ask why they wanted to join the robotics team.

## Table 14 <br> Reasons for Joining the Robotics, Percent of Students that Said Yes to Each Question

| Questions | YES | NO |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| I want to learn more about science and technology | $75.0 \%$ | $25.0 \%$ |
| I am interested in a job or career that uses | $33.3 \%$ | $66.7 \%$ |
| science and engineering |  |  |
| I like working on a team project | $43.5 \%$ | $56.5 \%$ |
| I am good with operating computers | $24.6 \%$ | $75.4 \%$ |
| I want to learn more about engineering | $32.9 \%$ | $67.1 \%$ |
| I want to become an engineer | $17.9 \%$ | $82.1 \%$ |
| I like putting things together | $60.9 \%$ | $39.1 \%$ |

Figure 15 graphically represent the percentage of students that answered yes to each question.
Figure 15
Reasons for Joining the Robotics, Percent of Students that Said Yes By Question


Figure 16 graphically represent the percentage of students that answered yes to each question by grade level.
Figure 16
Why you joined the robotics team by Grade Level


Figure 17 graphically represent the percentage of students that answered yes to each question by ethnicity.
Figure 17
Why you joined the robotics team by Ethnicity


Figure 18 graphically represent gender percentages of the teachers included in the sample.
Figure 18 Gender Percentages


Figure 19 graphically represents the percentage of teachers reporting they had worked in a STEM area.
Figure 19
Number of Teachers Previously Employed in STEM Area
employed


Figure 20 , graphically represents the percentage of teachers who have been employed in a STEM areas by gender .
Figure 20
Number of Teachers Previously Employed in STEM Area by Gender


Figure 21, graphically represents the percentage of teachers who have been employed in a STEM areas by grade level.
Figure 21
Number of Teachers Previously Employed in STEM Area by Grade Level


Figure 22, graphically represents the percentage of teachers who have been employed in a STEM areas by grade level.
Figure 22
Number of Teachers Previously Employed in STEM Area by Grade Level and Gender


Figure 23 graphically represents the percentage of students on free or reduced lunch programs.
Figure 23 Percentage of Students on Free or Reduced Lunch Programs


Figure 24 graphically represents the number of teachers that have been involved with a robotics program.
Figure 24
Involved with Robotics Program


Figure 25 graphically represents how teachers learned about the Shell • Schlumberger Sea Turtle Robotics Competition.
Figure 25
How teachers learned about the Shell • Schlumberger Sea Turtle Robotics Competition


Figure 26 graphically represents why teachers decided to lead a Schlumberger * Shell Sea Turtle Robotics Competition team.
Figure 26
Why teachers decided to lead a Shell • Schlumberger Sea Turtle Robotics Competition team


Figure 27 graphically represents who prompted the formation of the team.

Figure 27
Who prompted the formation of the team.


## Design of the Evaluation

To evaluate this project, the present study will use a repeated measure design. In the case participants were surveyed at the beginning of the project and there will be a follow-up survey at the conclusion of the study. Issues that arise with this design is centered around mortality and maturation. Mortality, in this case is students that dropout or transfer out of the program before the completion of the project. Maturation is the impact of the treatment over time. Although we have very little control over mortality issues, we can somewhat control maturation by limiting the time between treatment and evaluation.

## Data

The data for the present study came from students enrolled in 30 schools in the Houston Independent School District. Each student was asked to complete a self-reporting instrument developed by CSTEM. There were a total of 207 students that completed the survey. About 40 percent of the students were in elementary grades compared to about 39 percent in middle school. The remaining 21 percent were enrolled in high schools. The ethnic make-up of the sample was primarily Hispanic and African-American students, representing 48 and 38 percent respectively. It should be noted the sample size for Asian, Caucasian/White and other races are rather small. Furthermore, when you divide the ethnic make-up and do gender comparisons the results become even more suspicious. However the sample may be a representation of Houston Independent School District due the fact that the sample does include primarily Hispanic and African-American. Therefore, to generalize the results to any other race other than Hispanic and African-American students might become ambiguous.

## Summary of the Objectives

The first objective addressed in this project was student's overall knowledge of STEM fields. The results indicate as educational levels increase so does knowledge of what engineers do in the different fields. Moreover, middle school students have more knowledge of what engineers do compared to elementary students, and high school students have higher knowledge compared to middle school students. When the data is divided by grade level and ethnicity, Hispanic students followed by African-Americans tend to have the least knowledge of what engineers do compared

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Grade Level, Frequency, and Percentage Overall


## Gender Make-Up of the Sample



## Ethnicity, Frequency and Percentage Overall



## My Ethnicity * My Gender Crosstabulation



# My Ethnicity * Student Grade Level Crosstabulation 



## Student Grade Level * My Gender Crosstabulation

Bar Chart


My Gender
$\square$ Male
$\square$ Female

## Student Survey

I want to learn more about Science and Technology


## Student Survey

I Plan to take Advance Placement math and courses


## Student Survey

I am interested in learning more about robotics


## Student Survey

The robotics camp has made me more interested in technology and science


The robotics camp has made me more interested in technology and science

## Student Survey

I plan to continue in the robotics competition program next year


## Student Survey

I am interested in a job or career that uses science and engineering


## Student Survey

I want to learn more about engineering


## Student Survey

I think technology and science are cool


## Student Survey

I like putting things together


## Student Survey

I like working on a team project


## Student Survey

Joining the robotics competition has strengthen my understanding of science and engineering


## Student Survey

I will recommend the robotics program to a friend


## Student Survey

I think robotics is cool


## Student Survey

I want to become an engineer


## Student Survey

It takes students knowledge of math, science and technology to develop robbotics


It takes students knowledge of math, science and technology to develop robbotics

## Student Survey

I feel boys do better in math and science compared to girls


## Student Survey

I think the robotics competition makes me like make and science more


## Student Survey

Most professionals that work in engineering and science areas are males


Most professionals that work in engineering and science areas are males

## Student Survey

In my math class, we often use computers to solve problems


## Student Survey

Involvement in the robotics program has made me consider a career in engineering


Involvement in the robotics program has made me consider a career in engineering

## Student Survey

I plan to go to college


## Student Survey

I plan to finish college


## Student Survey

What I learned at the robotics camp will be helpful to me in real life


## Student Survey

In college, I plan to major in Math, Biology or Chemistry


## Student Survey

In college, I plan to major in Engineering


## Student Survey

In college, I plan to major in Technology (Computer Science or Computer Applications)


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## Student Survey

In college, I plan to major in Education


## Student Survey

In college, I plan to major in Business


## Student Survey

In college, I plan to major in Social Science (History,
Psychology etc)


## Teacher Survey

Grade Level I Teach


## Teacher Survey

My Ethnicity


## Teacher Survey

My Gender


## Teacher Survey

School I Teach At


School I Teach At

## Teacher Survey

I Plan to Stay Involved in Future Robotics Programs


## Teacher Survey

I Will Integrate the Skills I have Learned from the Robotics
Program in the Curriculum I Teach


I Will Integrate the Skills I have Learned from the Robotics Program in the Curriculum I Teach

## Teacher Survey

My Principal was Very Supportive of my Participation in the
Robotics Program


My Principal was Very Supportive of my Participation in the Robotics Program

## Teacher Survey

I will Recommend Other Teachers at My School to Join the
Robotics Program


I will Recommend Other Teachers at My School to Join the Robotics Program

## Teacher Survey

I Have Access to Robotics Equipment at My School


## Teacher Survey

I Would Like to Start a Robotics Club at My School


## Teacher Survey

I Would Like to Receive More Training in Robotics


## Teacher Survey

At My School, Boys do Better Than Girls in Science and Technology


## Teacher Survey

Engineering is a Male Dominated Field


## Teacher Survey

At my School, Boys are Expected to Do Better Than Girls


## Teacher Survey

I Have a Bachelor Degree in One of the STEM Areas (Science,
TEchnology, Engineering or Math)


I Have a Bachelor Degree in One of the STEM Areas
(Science, TEchnology, Engineering or Math)

## Teacher Survey

Students That Participate Will do Better in Their Math and
Science Courses


Students That Participate Will do Better in Their Math and Science Courses

## Administrator Survey

Level


## Administrator Survey

Ethnic


## Administrator Survey

Gender


## Administrator Survey

School


School

## Administrator Survey

I Plan to Stay Actively Involved In Future Engineering and
Robotics Programs


I Plan to Stay Actively Involved In Future Engineering and Robotics Programs

## Administrator Survey

The Robotics Program Will Help My Students Do Better In Math and Science


The Robotics Program Will Help My Students Do Better In Math and Science

## Administrator Survey

Teachers Have Access to Robotics Equipment


## Administrator Survey

I Will Encourage More Faculty Members at My School to Get
Involved in The Robotics Program


I Will Encourage More Faculty Members at My School to Get Involved in The Robotics Program

## Administrator Survey

I Will Encourage Other Administrators to Get Their School Involved in the Robotics Program


## Administrator Survey

We Have a Robotics Club at My School


## Administrator Survey

My Faculty and Staff are Open to New Innovative Ways


## Administrator Survey

At my School Teacher Have Access to Cable TV in Their Classroom


## Administrator Survey

Teachers are Encouraged to use Technology in Their
Classroom


Teachers are Encouraged to use Technology in Their Classroom

## Administrator Survey

I Often Communicate With My Faculty Members Through
Emails


## Administrator Survey

Teachers are Encouraged to Attend Technology Training


## Administrator Survey

I Have Attended a Technology Training Seminar in the Past Year


I Have Attended a Technology Training Seminar in the Past

## Administrator Survey

Offer More After School Programs for my Students Involving Technology


Offer More After School Programs for my Students Involving Technology

## Administrator Survey

Offer More Summer Programs for my Students Involving
Technology


Offer More Summer Programs for my Students Involving
Technology

## Administrator Survey

Offer More After School and Saturday Faculty Development
Programs on Effective Use of Technology in the Classroom


Offer More After School and Saturday Faculty Development Programs on Effective Use of Technology in the Classroom

## Parent Survey

Grade


## Parent Survey

Ethnic


## Parent Survey

School


## Parent Survey

Like My Child toStay Active in Future Engineering and Robotics Programs


Like My Child toStay Active in Future Engineering and Robotics Programs

## Parent Survey

I Enjoyed Attending the Robotics Competition Program


## Parent Survey

The Program Will Help My Child do Better in Math and Science


The Program Will Help My Child do Better in Math and Science

## Parent Survey

I am Actively Involved in My Child's Education


## Parent Survey

I Often sit down with my Child to Help Them Plan His/Her Educational Career


## Parent Survey

My Child Likes Putting Things Together


## Parent Survey

My Child Favorite Subject


## Parent Survey

My Child Plans to go to College


## Parent Survey

The Robotics Competition has Made My Child Want to go to College


The Robotics Competition has Made My Child Want to go to College

## Parent Survey

My Child does most of their Homework on the Computer


## Parent Survey

My Child does well in Math and Science


## Parent Survey

I will continue to Support the Robotics Competition Program


## Parent Survey

I would Like my Child to Receive more Training in Robotics


## Parent Survey

I would Like my Child to attend more after School Programs
Involving Technology


I would Like my Child to attend more after School Programs Involving Technology

## Parent Survey

I would Like the School my Child attends to Offer more
Summer Programs involving Technology


I would Like the School my Child attends to Offer more Summer Programs involving Technology

## Student Survey (Elem)

What is your grade level


## Student Survey (Elem)

What is your Ethnicity


## Student Survey (Elem)

What is your Gender


## Student Survey (Elem)

What is the name of your School


## Student Survey (Elem)

The robotics competition was fun


## Student Survey (Elem)

I like putting things together


## Student Survey (Elem)

I play computer games at home a lot


## Student Survey (Elem)

Robotics are fun to play with


## Student Survey (Elem)

I plan to continue in the Robotics competition program next year


## Student Survey (Elem)

I have learned a lot in this program


## Student Survey (Elem)

I like working with my friends


## Student Survey (Elem)

I think robotics are cool


## Student Survey (Elem)

I like math


## Student Survey (Elem)

My favorite subject is


## Student Survey (Elem)

I plan to go to college


## Student Survey (Elem)

I plan to finish college


## Student Survey (Elem)

I wish we had robotics at my school


## Student Survey (Elem)

At my school I do most of my homework on a computer


## Student Survey (Elem)

My teacher uses a computer to teach us in class


## Student Survey (Elem)

I like science


