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Fresno Unified Hosts 12th Annual Middle School Tournament of Technology

What: Middle School Tournament of Technology

When: Saturday, April 6, 2019
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Hoover High School
5550 N. First St. (93710)

More than 500 Fresno Unified students will square off in technology-based competitions as part of the 12th annual Middle School Tournament of Technology, the largest contest of its kind in the state. Students can compete in 14 events in three categories: Robotics, Video Productions and Design. This year, for the first time, Tournament of Tech will feature a Minecraft for Education competition. Crowd favorites are the 3D Printer Racecar, 3D Printer Bridge-Builder, Blockbuster Video Trailer and BattleBots, but all the events sharpen students' skills for the 21st century. Sixty judges are lined up to determine top competitors.

The goal of the competition is to engage students with a variety of innovative technologies to help develop collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity skills.

Students have been preparing for months, using design software and 3D printers to build bridges and racecars, video editing software to produce public service announcements and "blockbuster" trailers and Mindstorm Robot Kits to build robots that can navigate mazes and battle other robots. The awards ceremony begins at 2 p.m.

“Tournament of Technology is a much loved highlight for many of our middle school students, a chance to go head to head against other schools in all kinds of tech competitions, in a really fun environment,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

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