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Building Robots, Building Skills

All over the United States, students take part in robot competitions. Contests are held from kindergarten through college. Teams usually build their machines from special kits. The kits may include pipes, wires, metal pieces, and plastic bricks. They usually also include tiny computers to help control the robots.

Teams use the computers to tell their robots what to do. The robots must be able to complete tasks, such as throwing balls into a basket or traveling past obstacles or through a maze.

Teams compete to see which robot can complete its tasks quickly and smoothly. Robot competitions are exciting events. However, whether they win or lose, students on robot teams often build more than robots. They also build skills in math, computers, and working on teams.

