

# Middle school students compete in 'Seaperch' competition at Ashwaubenon High School



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ASHWAUBENON (WLUK) -- It was a test to see which robot could swim best in Ashwaubenon Saturday.

Twenty area middle schoolers competed in the "SeaPerch" competition at Ashwaubenon High School. They navigated remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) through underwater obstacle courses inspired by real world tests. Students spent the last few months constructing their ROVs from kits.

Ann Franz of the Northeast Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance says the event is a great way to introduce students to the field of engineering.

"You know, STEM careers are so important to our region," Franz said. "We have so many jobs related to STEM and that's what this program really helps kids to explore because how do you know what you don't know?"

A panel of judges scored the competition. The top finisher will advance to the International SeaPerch Competition in Maryland.

