



Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS DI?

Destination Imagination® is an educational program in which student teams solve open-ended Challenges and present their solutions at Tournaments. It is the largest Creative Problem Solving program of its kind. The Centerville DI program is a school and community-based program run by volunteers, parents and Centerville City School employees for over 25 years! The goal of our program is to provide opportunities for kids to explore and discover unlimited creative potential through teamwork, cooperation, and mutual respect.

WHAT ARE DI TEAMS LIKE?

DI teams consist of up to 7 students from the same school building (not necessarily the same grade). Teams are typically made up of both boys and girls of different strengths and abilities. All teams need artists, builders, actors, leaders, etc. DI encourages students with a variety of interests to form teams together.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All students registered with Centerville City Schools may join a Centerville DI team. We accept students from grades K (including young 5's)-12. Grades K-2 will participate in our early learning program called Rising Stars! and are considered non-competitive. Students in grades 3-12 may join teams and will participate in one of the six competitive challenges. Special needs students may join special needs teams and will be considered non-competitive.

HOW ARE RISING STARS! AND COMPETITIVE TEAMS DIFFERENT?

The Rising Stars! program emulates the competitive program and includes both a Central Challenge and Instant Challenge component. Rising Stars! teams present their solutions at the same tournament as the competitive students, however their solutions are not scored. This year, the Rising Stars! teams will create a picture book about critters going on an adventure and share it in a team-created video!

WHAT ARE THE COMPETITIVE CHALLENGES THIS YEAR?

There will be a full array of team challenges this year. Technical, Scientific, Fine Arts, and Service Learning challenges will be released on November 1. Improv and Engineering challenges will be released on December 1.

WHO LEADS THE TEAMS?

DI teams are led by one or two adult (18+ years old) Team Managers. Team Managers become employees of Centerville City Schools and undergo a thorough background check. Team Managers receive training and support throughout the year. All parents are qualified to become Team Managers and Centerville DI encourages all adults to apply for the role. We can only place children on DI teams if enough adults volunteer as Team Manager.

HOW CAN I SIGN UP TO BE A TEAM MANAGER?

You can indicate on your child's registration form that you are interested in becoming a Team Manager. Or, you may contact CENTERVILLEDI@GMAIL.COM to request an application.

HOW OFTEN DO TEAMS MEET?

A team's meeting schedule is up to the team and the Team Manager. This year, teams will begin their season meeting virtually via a conferencing platform, such as Zoom. If Centerville City Schools remain in virtual learning, Centerville DI will continue virtual meetings. If Centerville City Schools allow extracurricular activities to resume in-person meetings, Centerville DI teams **may** switch to in-person meetings. The decision will remain with the teams and Team Managers at that point. You do need to make a thoughtful commitment to DI. Once a team reaches seven members, a member may not be replaced if s/he drops out.

HOW ARE TEAMS FORMED?

Centerville DI will be conducting an online registration process from September 23 through October 9. All students interested in joining a DI team should register online during this timeframe. Building Coordinators and District Coordinators will form teams based on student interests and the amount of Team Managers. The number of teams competing from each school depends entirely on the number of Team Managers who volunteer. Prospective team members will be notified by October 23 if they have been placed on a team.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES DI TAKE?

The DI season begins in November and culminates at the Regional Tournament in March. For qualifying teams in grades 3-12, the State Tournament is in April and Global Finals occur in late-May. The time commitment during the season really depends upon member dedication, member and Team Manager availability, the DI challenge, the level of experience, and age. Most teams meet at least once per week throughout the early DI season, with more meetings in January, February, and March. You are expected to attend all practices, the dress rehearsal and tournament(s). Parents are expected to volunteer in some capacity.

HOW MUCH DOES DI COST?

The participation fee for Centerville DI is \$95 for competitive challenges or \$60 for Rising Stars and other non-competitive teams (special needs) with a \$220 family max. This fee includes Centerville Schools' pay-to-participate fee, a DI t-shirt, a DI team picture, registration fees for Regional Tournament, DISSERT Banquet, administrative costs, team manager background checks, and support of State and Global Tournaments. If a team advances to State or Global Tournaments, costs will be greater. Centerville DI wants every child to have an opportunity to participate. Fundraising activities are available for teams or families.

HOW WILL DI BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF COVID-19?

DI has adapted their program to accommodate the changing world we now live in! Challenges have been written to allow teams the opportunity to solve the challenges virtually or in-person. Because the challenges have been revamped to make these accommodations, the program materials will be released a little bit later than usual. On November 1, the Technical, Scientific, Fine Arts, Service Learning, and Rising Stars challenges will be released, along with the Rules of the Road, Roadmap, and practice Instant Challenges. On December 1, the Engineering and Improv challenges will be released. Timelines in Centerville DI will reflect the release dates as much of our typical season has also been pushed back a little bit.

HOW WILL DI BE THE SAME THIS YEAR?

Everything we know and love about DI will stay the same. The DI program will continue to offer the 4 “C’s” - CREATIVITY, COLLABORATION, COMMUNICATION, CRITICAL THINKING. The DI challenge experience has always been about preparing our children to engage with new ideas, overcome obstacles, and adapt within an ever-changing world. Our current circumstances are the real world test of these skills. This year, a successful Challenge season will include teams navigating the unexpected with resilience, innovation, and good spirits. This valuable philosophy of DI definitely will not change!

WILL THE DI CHALLENGES STILL BE COMPETITIVE? WILL THERE BE TOURNAMENT(S)?

Yes! There will be Regional, Affiliate (Ohio), and Global tournaments. Teams will be scored by appraisers on both their video submitted Challenge solutions and Instant Challenges (either live via conferencing platform or in-person if health conditions allow at the time of the tournament). Qualifying teams will advance to an affiliate tournament and potentially to a global tournament as well.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS?

You may contact Centerville DI at CENTERVILLEDI@GMAIL.COM or check out the website at WWW.CENTERVILLEDI.COM.