

## **WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT COURSE IN EDUCATION?**



It's DESTINATION IMAGINATION! You may also have heard of this being called D.I..

Destination Imagination is a program that gets Kindergarten to college age kids to work with a team to create an end product together, called a challenge.

They have a choice of 5 challenges they can choose from. It can be **Technical**, where they build a device; **Theatrical** where they act out and perform a play; **Improvisational**, where they perform as well, but are also given last minute things to incorporate right on the spot into their play. There is also a **Scientific** challenge in which the kids focus on a science-based performance. The **Structural** challenge is one that is geared for kids who like to work and build using wood, but they need to build it to be strong enough to hold weights. Last but not least, there is a challenge called **Rising Stars** for kids (K-2) who want to get their feet wet by trying DI for the first time. This one is also performance based.

**DI is an absolutely worthwhile program you should get your child involved in.**

*How can I get my child involved in D.I.?*

Funny you should ask. Well, you can come to a meeting on **Wednesday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> in the Adler Learning Center at 6:30 p.m.** to learn all about this program. Parents, this meeting is for you, but you are more than welcome to bring your children.

*What should you do in the meantime before the meeting?*

It would be a great idea to go to the D.I. website [www.idodi.org](http://www.idodi.org) to learn more about the program. You can even preview the challenges for this year on the website. If you would like to watch a short video about DI, please click [here](#).

*What else should you do?*

Talk to other parents whose kids might also be interested in forming a team. The kids can be of mixed ages/grades on the team. There can be as few as two on a team and as many as seven. The team needs to decide together on which challenge they want to do for the tournament. If you don't have a team, come to the meeting and we can see if others would like to join your team if they are interested in doing the same challenge.

***What kind of time commitment is expected?***

DI begins as soon as you have a team together and have a parent who will be the team's manager to help move the team along. The team usually meets for about 1 hour a week together to work on their team challenge for the March tournament. The team can either meet at someone's house, or use one of the available classrooms after school. If the team places in the top three of their challenge, they go on to the State competition held in April. If they place in the top two at State they go on to compete globally in May in Tennessee.

Please consider coming with your child to hear more about how exciting of an experience DI is. You will also get your questions answered. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by e-mailing me at [azeinz@d70schools.org](mailto:azeinz@d70schools.org) to let me know you will be there on Wednesday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. If you cannot make it and are still interested, please e-mail me as well.

Thank you for your interest in this outstanding program.

Sincerely,  
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