

EDUCATOR SUMMARY

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Destination Imagination (DI) is an educational non-profit that teaches the creative process to 125,000 students each year across grades K-12.
- Our program takes place across 48 states and more than 30 countries including Canada, Turkey, Korea, Guatemala, Poland, China, India, Great Britain, Brazil and Singapore.
- A 2011 study by the University of Virginia Curry School of Education found students who participated in DI significantly outperformed non-DI students on standard assessments of creative thinking, critical thinking, and creative problem solving.

WHO

Students in grades K-12 and college form teams of two to seven members. Each team needs an adult Team Manager. Team Managers help students stay on track but do not directly help the team develop their solution to the DI Challenge. Team managers are often faculty members or parents.

WHAT

There are six new DI Challenges to choose from each year. Each of the Challenges is developed by a team of educators and industry experts who target a particular area of the curriculum and its related standards of content and performance. The areas of focus include: Technical, Scientific, Fine Arts, Improvisational, Structural and Service Learning. There is also a non-competitive Early Learning Challenge that allows kids to build social and problem solving skills.

WHEN

Each season takes place from September through May. Teams typically spend two to four months developing and practicing their Challenge solutions.

WHERE

Tournaments typically take place in local schools. And, while most schools run DI as an after school program, some school districts incorporate the program into their electives curriculum.

WHY

Teams in our program improve in creative thinking, critical thinking, and collaborative problem solving. Participants experience the creative process, develop new friendships, and learn to work together.

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