

Destination Imagination Parent Meeting

What is DI?

Leander ISD sponsors the creative problem-solving program, *Destination Imagination (DI)*. DI is an extracurricular, school-sponsored program that fosters creativity and team-based problem-solving skills and life skills for students. Leander ISD DI is open to all students in third through twelfth grades. The goal of Destination Imagination is to cultivate the creative problem solving process and make it an unconscious part of students' everyday lives.

Teams will showcase their solutions at a **DI Regional Tournament on February 22, 2020**.

Teams may advance to state and international competitions later in the spring. Teams participate in both the Team Challenge and Instant Challenge portions of the competition.

[DI Video](#)

Team Challenge

Each season, DI offer seven new and engaging Team Challenges—Technical, Scientific, Engineering, Fine Arts, Improvisational, Service Learning and Early Learning—that encourage students to explore their passions, discover their unique talents and abilities, and learn new skills.

Technical-The Big Fix: The Technical Challenge prompts students to complete tasks by using engineering, research, strategic planning, and related skills.

Scientific-First Encounter: The Scientific Challenge blends the curiosity of scientific research with the creative expression of performance art.

Engineering-In the Cards: The Engineering Challenge asks students to design, build, and test load-bearing structures created from specific materials.

Team Challenge (continued)

Fine Arts-Picture This: The Fine Arts Challenge helps students develop acting and creative skills through artistic media, theater arts, script writing, and prop design.

Improvisational-To the Rescue: The Improvisational Challenge is all about research, spontaneity, and storytelling. Teams receive topics and produce skits right on the spot.

Service Learning-It's About Time: The Service Learning Challenge is designed to engage students in public service that addresses real-life community issues.

Challenge Previews

Instant Challenge

Teams also participate in Instant Challenges—quick creative and critical thinking exercises that build teamwork and problem solving abilities.

At a tournament, a team will receive an Instant Challenge and the materials with which to solve it. The team members must think on their feet by applying appropriate skills to produce a solution in a period of just five to eight minutes.

Instant Challenges are performance-based, task-based, or a combination of the two. Although each Instant Challenge has different requirements, all Instant Challenges reward teams for their teamwork. Instant Challenges are kept confidential through the day of the tournament.

How are DI teams formed

- Registration forms are handed out at the parent meeting or can be picked up from the campus DI representative (QUEST teacher on your campus).
- As completed registration forms come in, the DI campus representative will have a system for keeping track of the order in which the completed forms are received. This will be necessary in the event that there are not enough team managers and students need to be put on a waiting list.
- All completed registration forms must be turned in by Friday, September 20, 2019.
- The DI campus representative will look at registration forms, and based on challenge preferences, grade-level, and whether or not a parent is able to be team manager/co-manager, will form teams of seven students (the DI campus representative has the final say on forming teams).
- The DI campus representative will contact the team managers and parents of team members. The team manager will decide when and where to meet based upon availability (you must agree that you give permission to give your contact information to the team manager before this can be shared- this will be on the registration form)

Parent Expectations

- Provide transportation for your child to and from DI meetings outside of school hours and provide transportation to the regional tournament at East View High School in Georgetown on Saturday, February 22, 2020.
- Responding to emails from team manager or DI campus representative, even just to let them know that you received it
- Help team manager recruit appraisers to represent your team. It is a requirement for participating in regional tournament that every team recruits two appraisers to represent your team.
- Attend team meetings to help manager when needed and when possible. Any parent who will be working directly with any team members must be a registered LISD volunteer.
- Provide snacks for team when needed.
- Help team manager collect money for trainings and t-shirts.
- Support team manager.

Student Expectations

- Respect the adult team managers and team members
- Respect the facilities where you meet for team meetings, trainings at other campuses, and tournaments
- Attendance at meetings is crucial
- If team members are assigned work to finish or follow-up on at home, the work needs to be brought back to the next meeting and needs to have been done by the team member (not parents or siblings)
- Meetings have a purpose
- Have a willing attitude to share, to cooperate, and be flexible
- Be able to attend the regional tournament on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at East View High School in Georgetown and the state tournament on April 3-4, 2020 in Arlington, if your team qualifies. The DI global finals will be held on May 20-23, 2020 (tentative dates)

Team Manager Expectations

- Be an approved LISD volunteer. This can be done on your home campus.
- Secure a location for team meetings and coordinate with team members and parents to decide on date and time for meetings.
- Attend team manager training in October (Dates coming)
- Studying the DI program materials (rules of the road and team challenge)
- Respond to emails and communicate with DI campus representative. The DI campus rep is there to help you every step of the way, but communication is very important.
- Recruit appraisers to represent your team. It is a requirement for participating in regional tournament that every team recruits two appraisers to represent your team.
 - Appraisers must attend a ½ day training and attend the regional tournament on Saturday, February 22nd, 2020
 - Appraisers can be neighbors, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, teachers, etc.

Interference



What is interference?

- The visual is a good tool to help you remember what is interference and what a team manager and other people are allowed to do to help the team.
- It is not interference for team members to be taught skills, but only they can use these skills to create the team's solution
 - Example: A parent may teach a team member to sew if they decide they want to sew a costume, but the team member must be the one who creates the costume used at tournament.
- Understanding the challenge requirements and limitations is the job of the team and team manager, so it is not interference for the team manager or parents to facilitate this understanding.
- It IS interference if any adult or child not on the team helps contribute to the solution

Timeline of events

- September- registration forms go out and are due back to campus representative by September 20, 2019.
- October-team manager trainings, teams select their challenge, and teams secure two appraisers.
- November-Teamwork CAMP at Laurel Mountain ES (registration will be available on the Heart of Texas website), teams are meeting and working on their team challenge and instant challenges.
- December-teams are meeting and working on their team challenge and instant challenges.

Timeline of Events (continued)

- January-Instant Challenge Workshops in LISD and RRISD (registration will be available on the Heart of Texas website) and teams are working on their team challenge and instant challenges.
- February-Appraiser training on February 6 and February 8, 2020 (mandatory for all appraisers-can choose the date that works best) and regional tournament on February 22, 2020.
- March-Postseason Workshop and Roundtable Event for teams moving on to state tournament.
- April-State tournament on April 3-4, 2020 at the University of Texas at Arlington
- May-Global Finals on May 20-23, 2020 (tentative dates) in Kansas City, MO

Thank you for coming!

- Please contact your DI campus representative if you have any questions regarding DI.