

Starting a Destination Imagination Team: In School or Out – You’ve Got Options!

Are you excited about bringing Destination Imagination (DI) to your students, children, or community? Great news: starting a DI team is flexible—it can happen within a school setting or completely outside of one!

Whether you're a teacher, parent, or community member, here's how you can launch a team that inspires creativity, teamwork, and real-world problem-solving.

Option 1: Start a Team Through a School

Many DI teams are formed within schools, making it easy to access resources, space, and potential teammates.

Benefits:

- Easier to recruit students who already know each other
- Access to classrooms, libraries, or other facilities
- Support from school staff and parent organizations
- Possible school funding or fundraising help

Who can start it?

- Teachers
- School staff
- Parents with school support
- Approved volunteers

Steps:

- Get permission from school leadership
- Recruit 2–7 students and a Team Manager
- Purchase a Team number with Destination Imagination
- Set regular meeting times and get creative!



Option 2: Start a Team Outside of School

No DI program at your school? No problem! Start a team independently through families, libraries, youth groups, or homeschool co-ops.

Benefits:

- Flexible scheduling and meeting locations
- Kids from different schools can join
- Great option for hands-on families

Who can start it?

- Parents
- Community leaders
- Homeschool educators
- Youth group organizers



Steps:

- Gather 2–7 interested students and a Team Manager
- Purchase a Team number with Destination Imagination
- Start meeting—at home, a library, or anywhere!

Every Team Needs:

- A Team Manager (adult volunteer with a required background check)
- 2–7 students per team in the same age group
- Challenge Materials (provided after registration)
- A regular meeting space
- A little creativity and a lot of fun!

Final Thoughts: A Team for Every Community

Whether your team meets in a school cafeteria or around a kitchen table, Destination Imagination offers the same incredible experience: learning, teamwork, friendship, and confidence-building.

- The destination is the same—but the path is all yours to create.
- Ready to get started? Contact Wisconsin Destination Imagination (WIDI) at info@wisconsindi.org or visit WisconsinDI.org.