

# BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Extra Duty Activity (EDA)

<b>Name of EDA:</b>	Destination ImagiNation
<b>School Level:</b>	Elementary, Middle, and High School

**Description of Activity:** Destination ImagiNation (DI) is an international creative problem-solving organization. DI is dedicated to promoting three critical life skills among learners at all levels: creativity, teamwork, and problem solving. DI seeks to: foster creative and critical-thinking skills; teach creative problem-solving methods and tools; develop teamwork, collaborative, and leadership skills among participants; nurture research and inquiry skills; and enhance written and verbal communication and presentation skills. Participants work together as a team to solve real life problems and challenges by understanding the challenge, generating options, planning for action while appraising the tasks involved, and developing creative solutions. Students bring their solutions to local, state, and world competitions.

Under the direction of the principal, the DI sponsor plans and organizes DI activities. The sponsor is responsible for team registrations and auditions, fundraising and promotions, holding team meetings and practices, and teaching students cooperative problem solving. The goal is to develop creative problem-solving skills, teamwork, and reading, writing, and performing skills. The sponsor arranges the teams' participation in various tournaments. Typically, each team will have 5-7 members.

The DI sponsor must be well organized, possess excellent oral and written communication skills, be able to teach creative problem solving, and able to work collaboratively with students, staff, parents, and the community. Sponsors will be expected to organize and arrange for travel to tournaments and competitions.

**Link to the Blueprint for Progress:** The DI sponsor supports the *Blueprint for Progress* mission to provide a quality education for all students. The sponsor assists in meeting the *Blueprint's* Performance Goal 1 by providing students with opportunities to participate in music, art, and extracurricular activities. The DI sponsor also assists in meeting the *Blueprint's* Performance Goals 5 and 6.

<b><i>Examples of Specific Duties of this EDA Sponsor</i></b>	<b><i>Estimated Hours</i></b>
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Planning and Preparation	35 – 50
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- Acts as liaison between the national DI organization and the local school
- Obtains and disseminates rules, regulations, applications, training materials, and registration forms
- Renews/sends in all necessary applications and fees
- Organizes and promotes parent/student night
- Plans and coaches creative problem-solving activities

- Develops a calendar of team meetings, activities, and competitions
- Secures meeting locations and times
- Promotes program through news, Web site, and bulletin boards
- Develops budget and secures fundraising materials

Typical Class Activities, Events, and Fund Raisers

45 – 100

- Conducts approximately 30 regular team meetings with each team
  - Meetings last approximately 1.5 hours
  - Average of 2 teams per school
- Organizes trips to competitions and tournaments
- Participates in judges' training day
- Performs/displays problem solutions at school assembly and/or at parents' night
- Participates in local and state tournaments
- May participate in DI World Tournament
- Organizes fund raisers, obtains supplies, and maintains budget
- Organizes completion/evaluation party

**Estimated Annual Hours that a Teacher Might Spend to Sponsor this EDA: 90 - 150**

**Minimum Number of Students Required: 5**

**Annual Compensation**

Destination ImagiNation is a Level I and Level II activity.