

**Have a question about IQuest? Check here for answers!  
(You're probably not the only one to ask)**

**What is the mission of IQuest?**

*IQuest was conceived as an enrichment program for gifted middle school students with an interest in the STEM subjects.*

**What age does my child have to be to attend IQuest?**

*IQuest is for students in 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade. This means that your student should be between the ages of 11 and 13. We will accept 8<sup>th</sup> grade students through the summer following their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, if they are still under the age of 14.*

**What types of activities are included in a typical IQuest program?**

*IQuest is designed to encourage students to apply high level critical thinking, intuitive and creative skills. While activities vary from program to program based on themes, they are all designed to incorporate independent work, team work and problem-solving challenges. Because many gifted students are creatively inclined, our activities are frequently structured to allow students opportunities for art and design, storytelling and interpretation.*

**How does my child qualify for IQuest?**

*We do not require a qualification test for IQuest, but we encourage you to discuss it with your child's teacher. If your student has been identified in school as a highly motivated student, and thrives in advanced classes, IQuest would be an appropriate program for them. Your student should also be able to work cooperatively with other students, follow written and verbal directions with ease, and communicate well with other students and adults. They must be able to read and write at or above grade level.*

*In addition, all students must comport themselves in a manner that is respectful to the adult leaders, our volunteer assistants, other students, and museum property. Students who do not behave in this manner may be asked to sit out of activities. We reserve the right to contact any parent and request that their child be picked up early from the program.*

**My child is homeschooled. Are they eligible to participate in IQuest?**

*Homeschooled students of the appropriate age are welcome at IQuest. They should be able to meet the same criteria for participation, with stronger reading/writing skills, a strong interest in science, math, technology and engineering, and they should be able to work independently on a problem or activity with minimal direction. They should also be able to work on a team with other students. You should be aware that IQuest is not designed as a substitute for STEM-based instruction, but is intended as an enrichment opportunity for students who excel or have a significant interest in these areas.*

**How do I sign my child up for IQuest?**

*You may book your program online through the museum website, by phone or in person at the museum. You will be asked to sign an information and waiver form. This form must be completed and received by us before your child can participate in the program.*

**Can my child's friend/brother/sister join them at IQuest?**

*Friends and siblings of the appropriate age are welcome. Younger and older siblings are not permitted. If you are signing up your child and a friend, please be sure to provide a copy of our waiver form to the appropriate parent and bring the signed form with the students to IQuest.*