

Day of Discovery



Highlights

- Day of Discovery is a middle school STEM enrichment partnership between Vanderbilt Collaborative for STEM Education and Outreach and Metro Nashville Public Schools.
- Students meet from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. one school day per week and engage in inquiry-based STEM learning co-taught by Ph.D. scientists and instructors.

Eligibility and Requirements

- Rising 7th and 8th grade students interested in exploring science, technology, engineering, and math through research and experimentation.
- Attend and participate in all Day of Discovery classes.
- Maintain satisfactory achievement and above in all coursework.
- Complete all schoolwork missed while attending Day of Discovery.

Application Process

- Visit our website or use the QR code to find the digital application:
<https://tinyurl.com/VandyDoD>
- If you need any help with the application, please contact Dr. Des:
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Is Day of Discovery right for me?

What Day of Discovery *IS*:

- ✧ A co-curricular program where you learn in-depth science by asking your own questions, and by discovering your own solutions
- ✧ An opportunity to follow your curiosity
- ✧ A responsibility beyond your normal demands. It is up to you to keep your grades up, and make up work on your own time, working proactively with your teachers.
- ✧ A time to work – even though you don't get graded. You will gain many "experience points" your peers never get, and it is up to you to make the most of the privilege.
- ✧ A place for middle schoolers who are curious, positive, cooperative.
- ✧ A commitment, and a program you will get a lot out of.

What Day of Discovery *IS NOT*:

- ✧ A "field trip" – you are expected to arrive every week ready to work – *together*. You will do lots of work in groups.
- ✧ An option on any given day – you commit to being an active participant, and you need to do that *every week* (unless you are sick).
- ✧ A place to goof off, though as long as you are getting your work done, and showing responsibility and positive attitude, we will make sure you are having fun.
- ✧ A place to "show off," or a place for "only smart kids." We look for maturity, interest, and effort. (But you will get smarter.)

Absences to make up work at school are not excused, and

Attitude is everything.

You will shine because you are positive,
attentive, and curious!

If this sounds good to you, we can't wait to meet you.