



The School of Quest and Inquiry

What do you want to know?

"Hands-on and Minds-on"

Welcome to the School of Quest and Inquiry

INQUIRY involves students in:

- tackling real-world questions, issues and controversies
- developing questioning, research and communication skills
- solving problems or creating solutions
- collaborating within and beyond the classroom
- developing deep understanding of content knowledge
- participating in the public creation and improvement of ideas and knowledge

The School of Quest and Inquiry, also known as Q & I, is one of the five small learning communities at Decatur Central High School. Q & I focuses on the student-centered learning process of Inquiry, in which the teacher acts as a facilitator of the learning process.

The teacher creates real-world learning environments that employ a context in which learning is relevant and meaningful to the students. Teachers include activities that involve the student as an active learner. Teachers integrate projects as a vehicle through which they facilitate the inquiry process.

The inquiry approach encourages students to learn to question things. The students collaborate with others and exchange ideas. A goal for students is to learn to think critically and at a higher level and to solve problems both independently and collaboratively.

If you have questions please contact the School Director, Ms. Gale Stone at gstone@msddecatur.k12.in.us



Students will develop **inquiry** skills and will nurture inquiring attitudes or habits of mind that will enable them to continue the **quest** for knowledge throughout life.

"The meaning of 'knowing' has shifted from being able to remember and repeat information to being able to find and use it."

(National Research Council, 2007)

