



Dear Parents of Home Schooled or Independent Study Students,

As you work with your student on the CIC process, we hope your student is excited about being an inventor! Each student's invention should be something that is from his/her life or a problem his/her family or community faces. Inventors should be passionate about the problem they hope to solve.

The CIC program accepts inventions and innovations. That means your child could invent something that has never been invented before, or improve upon something that already exists. Student inventions should be constructed as much as possible, with recycled materials. The prototype built to solve the problem should not be greater than 2 feet wide by 2 feet deep. Videos and pictures can be taken to replace an oversized prototype.

We encourage you to communicate with your student throughout the invention process. Discuss problems you face or problems you see around the world in the news. Please encourage your student to speak with family members and friends and record their learning in their Invention Log. This is a great way to start coming up with ideas for solutions (inventions).

Thinking of an idea for an invention is the absolute hardest part of the CIC program. It requires collaboration, observation, and reflection. Thank you for helping your student inventor by being a sounding board for invention ideas. Please email me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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