

Commonly Asked Questions

1. Once the student is accepted into the CSI program for 2010-2011, will they have to reapply each year?

The students will not need to reapply if they have had a successful year in the program.

2. Will siblings of CSI students outside of the CMES attendance zone be able to attend Chestnut Mountain if they are not in the program?

Yes, it is our desire to keep families together so they can be part of the school community.

3. How will CMES's SEARCH program be affected by CSI?

We will continue to have the SEARCH program at CMES. It is possible that instead of a full-day pull-out program, the search teacher may co-teach with the CSI teacher if a large number of SEARCH students are in the CSI program.

4. Can the students be moved out of the program if they are not being successful?

We would like the opportunity to work with our parents and students to ensure success, however if a student continues to struggle after interventions have taken place, a meeting with administration may be requested by the parent or the CSI teacher. A committee comprising of the parent(s), teacher and administrator will determine removal from the CSI program.

5. Will the class size of the CSI program be smaller than the other classes in the grade level?

The class sizes for the CSI program will mirror the class sizes for the other classes in the school, which follow state guidelines.

6. Who are the CSI teachers?

The teachers for the CSI program have not yet been chosen. We are waiting to see how many applications we receive to determine how many teachers are needed at each grade level.

7. Who will serve on the CSI Committee, which chooses the students for the program?

Applications will be reviewed by CMES administration, teachers and possibly Dr. Sally Krisel, Rigor Specialist for Hall County Schools.

8. Will there be a certain percentage of students outside of the CMES attendance zone who are accepted into this program?

Dr. May is working closely with Mr. Schofield and Dr. Krisel to finalize the details of the choice plan.

9. How will math be incorporated into the CSI way of teaching since CMES uses the Singapore Math program?

We will continue to use the Singapore Math program; however, math will also be imbedded into the units of study. It will probably take less direct instructional time than the traditional classroom.

10. How does CSI impact the transition to da Vinci?

The CSI program is much like the type of teaching at da Vinci, however being a part of CSI does not assure the student's acceptance into da Vinci.