

St. Pius X Catholic School

Learning Enrichment Activity Program for Above Grade Level Students

LEAP Program

3rd - 5th Grade Students

Program Overview

LEAP (Learning Enrichment Activity Program) is designed to give advanced learners in grades 3-5 an enriched, expanded learning experience that links closely and extends standards within each grade level served. We will focus on complex, critical thinking skills within interdisciplinary content through the use of project-based learning. We will also continue to practice and build on foundational skills in reading, math, and writing that all elementary students need.

Qualifications

Participation in LEAP is by invitation only based on certain academic measures including Terra Nova testing, trimester benchmark assessments, Lexile scores, classroom performance, and teacher recommendation. Students who participate one year might not qualify in successive years based on increased academic expectations. LEAP students are expected to keep their grades above a C average in the regular classroom in order to continue in LEAP.



Classwork and Homework

LEAP students will have occasional LEAP homework throughout the week, such as assigned reading, research, writing, or math/science problem solving projects. However, students are also required to complete classwork and homework from within their regular classroom. Teachers will work together to coordinate instruction so LEAP students are not missing core lessons and are not doubling up on assignments unnecessarily.

Grading

At present, grades will not be taken in the LEAP class, however students are expected to attend LEAP classes and participate with sincerity.

Flexibility With Other Extracurricular Activities During Grace Period

Those students who would like to also participate in other extracurricular activities, such as music, during grace period are encouraged to do so, but are asked to be mindful of their commitment to the LEAP program. It is suggested to only miss one class a week in LEAP in order to continue the participation requirement.

