

How Can I Get Further Information

About The L.E.A.P. Program?

Further information about the LEAP. Program is available by contacting one of the following:

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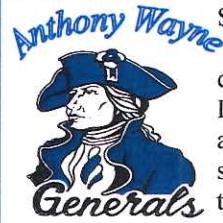
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How Is My Child Evaluated?



Students will learn to evaluate themselves on their effort and quality of each project completed in LEAP class. LEAP teachers will also evaluate students on these same projects as well as on quarterly report cards, geared specifically for LEAP. Look for the LEAP grade card inside the regular home school grade card. Parent conferences will also be scheduled for each grade level. Conferences coincide with the district's parent/teacher conference schedule.

If parents need to contact the LEAP teachers at any time to discuss their child's progress or concerns, they may contact their child's teacher at **Whitehouse Elementary 419.877.0543** or **Fallen Timbers Middle School 419.877.0601**.

Dispute Resolution Process

Appeals to resolve a dispute with regard to identification and placement will be processed in the following manner:

A committee shall be formed including the following:

- A parent/legal guardian of the referred student
- A gifted education coordinator or gifted intervention specialist, or if neither are available, a school psychologist or guidance counselor
- An administrator from the student's current school
- A current teacher of the referred student

⇒ The appeals committee shall be responsible for conducting a fair and thorough evaluation of the student.

⇒ The committee shall issue a written decision on the outcome of the evaluation process to the principal and the student's parent/guardian.

Further appeals must be made in writing the Superintendent within thirty calendar days of the parent/guardian receiving the decision. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall review the appeal and notify the parent/guardian of his/her final decision. The Superintendent or his/her designee's decision shall be final.

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L.E.A.P. WHAT IS IT?



Learning **E**nrichment and **A**cceleration **P**rogram

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ANTHONY WAYNE L.E.A.P.

Gifted Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Anthony Wayne School LEAP (Learning, Enrichment and Acceleration Program) is to:

- Facilitate the development of the gifted child by addressing their unique needs both academically, socially and emotionally.
- Enhance the academic achievement and motivation of the gifted student by engaging them in an academically enriched and accelerated curriculum structured to meet their needs.
- Give the gifted student the necessary tools to understand and use effective problem solving and decision making strategies to prepare them for a meaningful participation in future endeavors and a global society.
- Allow them the opportunity to interact and learn from their academically and socially similar peers.

What Happens In L.E.A.P.?

Students invited to participate in LEAP spend one full day per week in the LEAP class. The teacher, certified in gifted education, presents a program in keeping with the student's age and ability. A higher level thinking curriculum based on Ohio's State Content Standards and current educational research is presented, focusing on accelerated content. The curriculum is designed to include advanced problem solving, research, product design, and projects requiring creativity, individual and group work.

A state approved Written Education Plan will be created by staff and parents and appropriately documented for each student served.

Where Are L.E.A.P. Classes Held?

The elementary LEAP classroom for grades 3 and 4 is located in one of the elementary buildings determined yearly, based on available room due to enrollment variances. The exact day of the week that a student attends the program is determined by the regular classroom teacher assigned.

After arriving at their home school on the LEAP day, students check in with their regular classroom teacher. Then the LEAP students are transported by school bus to the LEAP school. At the end of the day, the students are transported back to their home school and will then be dismissed. Board policy states that LEAP students are not required to complete regular classroom homework that they have missed while at their LEAP class. Long term projects are still required to be completed if previously assigned. If there is a problem, please discuss it with the regular classroom teacher.

The middle school LEAP classes are held at Fallen Timbers Middle School.

Does My Child Have to Participate?

The final decision to permit participation rests with the parent and is a voluntary decision. A *Permission to Participate* form is signed and returned to the gifted coordinator or gifted teacher, allowing student participation.

Students are expected to complete the full year in LEAP once the commitment has been made. If an emergency arises or the teacher and parent feel it is not in the best interest of the student to continue, withdrawal procedures can be initiated.

How Are Parents Informed About Results?

After a *Permission to Test* form is signed by the parent, further formal testing is completed. Upon completion of test scoring, results are mailed to the parents within 30 days of the testing.

Students transferring into the district will be assessed within 90 days of date of transfer if requested by parents. Student data from previous school will be assessed.

Qualifications For The L.E.A.P. Program?

An intensive screening process is employed to identify those children eligible to receive gifted services. The State of Ohio and House Bill 282 have set the criteria for gifted identification. To meet the state regulated standards, along with the Anthony Wayne gifted plan submitted to the Ohio Department of Education, a student must score a minimum of 130 on a state approved ability test and score a 95% or higher (plus or minus one standard deviation) in the areas of reading, language or math on a state approved achievement test.

Recommendations for a testing pool includes the standardized testing results given to the whole grade groups, parents/guardians, peers, administrators, or other related professionals. Self-recommendation is also encouraged. Referral forms for the program are located in the main office of each school building or online at www.anthonywayneschools.org

The gifted coordinator and gifted teachers consider each potential applicant's demonstrated ability to succeed in both the regular classroom and the challenging LEAP classroom.

Placement in the program is limited by law. The maximum number of combined students from all elementary buildings is 15 per class. This combination allows students of similar abilities to interact.

Does My Child Need To Re-qualify Every Year?

Students do not need to re-qualify for the program on a yearly basis. Once the student is invited he/she will continue in the program unless a modification is recommended by the teacher and parent.

Students who have been tested, but who have not been selected for participation, may be considered to be re-tested twice a year as stated by Ohio Law. Parents may request reconsideration by contacting Serena Troyan, Coordinator, at 419.877.5377 or stroyan@anthonywayneschools.org