

LEAP Referrals:

The process of evaluating students for gifted identification begins with a referral from a teacher, guidance counselor, or other staff member, a parent or guardian, or the student him/herself.

Referral forms can be obtained from Kate Lanier, or can be found in the offices of all schools. After parental/guardian consent is given, students' test scores, behavioral characteristics' ratings, interviews, in-class observations, and work samples are considered.

Eligibility for is determined by a professional team comprised of building administrators, guidance counselors, and the gifted education coordinator. Differentiated Learning Plans are put into effect upon identification.

Instructional Assistance:

- ◇ Our professional library is growing and includes lesson planning materials or affective needs resources.
- ◇ Continuing education and endorsement questions.
- ◇ Differentiated collaboration.
- ◇ Instructional consultation and team planning,

Office of Gifted Education

LEAP/Talent Pool

To ANALYZE

To EVALUATE

To CREATE

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**Learning Enrichment and
Acceleration Program**



**Summary of Instruction
and Services**

*Talent Pool
Elementary
Middle School
High School*

Program Philosophy

The goal of LEAP is to identify students in grades K-12 who demonstrate higher levels of awareness, accomplishment, and understanding when compared to others of the same age, experience, and background. Whether identified as having general intellectual aptitude, specific academic aptitude, or visual/performing arts aptitude, students who qualify to join LEAP will participate in curriculum programs that provide opportunities for advanced content and pacing, problem solving, higher level thinking, the creation of new ideas and products, and focusing on issues and themes across a wide scope of study areas.

Resources

National Association for Gifted Children
www.nagc.org

Virginia Association for the Gifted-
www.vagifted.org

Supporting Emotional Needs (SENG)
www.sengifted.org

Hoagies' Gifted Education Page
www.hoagiesgifted.org

Chesapeake Bay Governor's School
<http://cbgs.k12.va.us>



Middlesex Elementary

- ◇ Talent Pool for K-2
(Based on teacher referrals)
- ◇ Weekly Pull-out:
Writing workshops
Advanced word and vocabulary study
Accelerated and real-world mathematics
Expanded social studies and science explorations
Study skills and organizational methods
Academic behaviors and independent learning
- ◇ Summer Regional Governor's School
- ◇ CogAT, ITBS, KBIT2, and KTEA2 testing
- ◇ Great Computer Challenge
- ◇ Geography Bee
- ◇ Field Trips
- ◇ Weekly challenge assignments
- ◇ First, third, and fifth-grade screening



St. Clare Walker Middle School

- ◇ Weekly Pull-out
- ◇ Accelerated courses, including Spanish (8) and Pre-Algebra (6)
- ◇ Summer Regional Governor's School
- ◇ CogAT, ITBS, KBIT2, and KTEA2 testing
- ◇ Great Computer Challenge
- ◇ Geography Bee
- ◇ LEGO Robotics
- ◇ Field Trips
- ◇ Weekly challenge assignments



Middlesex High School

- ◇ Governor's School for Marine and Environmental Science
- ◇ Summer Residential Governor's School
- ◇ College admission/scholarship advisory
- ◇ Advanced Placement courses
- ◇ Duel enrollment courses
- ◇ Honors courses
- ◇ Virtual learning