

LEAP Referrals:

The referral window for gifted educational services opens October 15th of each new academic year. 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 Kim Waite, 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.

Office of Gifted Education

LEAP/Talent Pool

To **ANALYZE**

To **EVALUATE**

To **CREATE**

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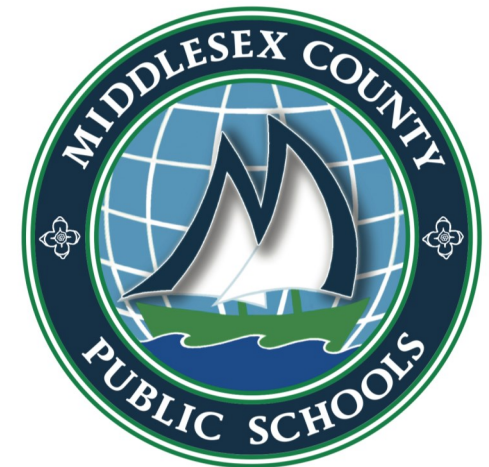
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**Middlesex County
Public Schools**

**Learning Enrichment and
Acceleration Program**



Learners • Citizens • Leaders

**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 or specific academic 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-3
- ◇ Weekly Pull-out:
 - Writing workshops
 - Advanced word and vocabulary study
 - Accelerated and real-world mathematics
 - Problem-based social studies and science explorations
 - Study skills and organizational methods
 - Academic behaviors and independent learning
- ◇ Summer Regional Governor's School
- ◇ Otis Lennon Ability Test, NNAT2, Stanford Achievement Tests
- ◇ Odyssey of the Mind
- ◇ Field Studies
- ◇ Second-grade screening

To learn more about the Learning Enrichment and Acceleration Program and read our Local Plan, please visit our website:

www.mcps.k12.va.us



St. Clare Walker Middle School

- ◇ Accelerated courses, including Language Arts PLUS classes, Spanish (8), Environmental Science and Pre-Algebra (6)
- ◇ Summer Regional Governor's School
- ◇ NNAT2, , Otis Lennon Ability Test, Stanford Achievement Test,
- ◇ Odyssey of the Mind
- ◇ Field Trips
- ◇ Grade-level interdisciplinary projects



Middlesex High School

- ◇ Governor's School for Marine and Environmental Science
- ◇ Summer Residential Governor's School
- ◇ Internships. Independent Studies
- ◇ College admission/scholarship advisory
- ◇ Advanced Placement courses
- ◇ Dual enrollment courses
- ◇ Honors courses
- ◇ Various Clubs and Competitions
- ◇ Virtual learning
- ◇ Socratic Seminars
- ◇ Community outreach
- ◇ Field Trips