

# LEAP



Raymore-Peculiar School District

Nomination Window: **January 3-28, 2019**

**Nominations must be submitted by January 28, 2019**

LEAP (Logic, Enrichment, and Academic Pursuit) is an intervention program for students who have been identified as gifted learners. Raymore-Peculiar School District LEAP services gifted students in grades 2-8. Gifted Education in Raymore-Peculiar schools encourages students to assume greater responsibility for recognizing and fulfilling their own affective and cognitive potential in an environment stimulated by the interaction of intellectual peers.

LEAP students...

- Are given instruction with an accelerated pace, compacting the material to meet their identified cognitive development, as well as their affective needs.
- Have demonstrated exceptionalism or precocious development of mental capacity
- Have a learning potential and the need to work at levels beyond those expected at the student's age/grade.
- Are provided opportunities that allow for the expression of some aspect of the individual's interests, needs, abilities, and learning preferences.
- Have the opportunity to experience intellectual or artistic demands commensurate with their needs and abilities and to utilize guidance and resources corresponding with their interests.

Candidates must reach qualifying levels on identified assessments in order to participate in the LEAP program. These qualifying levels are prescribed by the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education and have been adapted to the Raymore-Peculiar LEAP program. **A student is required to qualify in three of the four following areas:**

- **Academic Achievement:** A student must score at or above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile on a standardized achievement test.
- **Intellectual Ability:** A student must score at or above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile on an acceptable IQ test.
- **Reasoning, and Problem-solving Ability:** A student must score at or above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile on an acceptable Reasoning and Problem-solving test.
- **Other Documentation:** A student must receive a superior score on an acceptable measure that documents characteristics of gifted children and provides evidence of exceptional performance; or have participated in a previous gifted program.

**PARENTS or TEACHERS seeking to nominate a 1st-7th grade student for candidacy to be evaluated for the district gifted program - LEAP may complete the form found at the following link:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/d9DXp1pljAtn1Lt93>

If the student is already in the LEAP/Gifted program they do not need to be nominated again.

**The form must be submitted by January 28, 2019**

After form is submitted communications to parents will be sent by email (subject line: LEAP/Gifted Program). Please watch for emails with the LEAP/Gifted Program subject line.

**Notification letters on status of qualification for the LEAP program will be sent out by the second week of May.**

Contact Debbie Johnson at 816-892-1347 or [debbie.johnson@raypec.org](mailto:debbie.johnson@raypec.org) if more information is needed.