



Our Mission

The LEAP Learning Center is a Tustin based after-school and summer academic intervention program founded in 1999 that focuses on improving the lives of local at-risk elementary school children. LEAP is committed to and operates under the belief that all children can learn provided with the environment, resources and support they need to thrive.

Our mission is to develop attitudes and behaviors that promote success in school, instill a strong work ethic and encourage life-long learning. We provide individualized instruction that targets the specific needs of each child.

At LEAP, children significantly improve their academic skills while learning that it is very important to make good choices, develop good work habits and act with honesty and integrity.



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Learning, Enrichment and Achievement Partners

*touching lives....
changing futures*

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“Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire.”

- William Butler Yeats



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A community partnership
dedicated to changing the
future for children



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Key Features

Individualized Plan of Instruction

Children who are economically disadvantaged and academically at risk are selected by their classroom teachers on a priority basis. Working closely with the teacher, the LEAP Director designs and monitors specific academic interventions to effectively meet the needs of each child.

Core of Committed Volunteer Tutors

Successful, qualified and caring adults, many of whom are retired teachers, enjoy seeing the significant progress made by the children. Volunteers forge trusting relationships and children want to do their very best.

College Students

As an approved off-campus America Reads Literacy Site for Federal Work-Study students, we are able to recruit outstanding College Students to serve as Tutors, Role Models and Mentors.

Research-Based

Tutors are trained to use the latest research-based strategies effective for struggling students, especially children whose primary language is not English.

Community Partnerships

Close collaboration among LEAP, local schools and the Tustin School District ensures students receive targeted instruction. St. Paul's Episcopal Church donates invaluable space and services. Federal Work-Study contracts with University of California, Irvine and South Coast College provide educated and capable staff at limited cost.

Program Overview

Since its founding, LEAP has served over 1,700 children through its two unique programs:

The After-School Program every Monday through Thursday afternoons from September through June that serves over 60 children each year.

The Summer School Program every Monday through Friday during June and July that serves over 140 children.

Key to LEAP's success is its unique *Reading Intervention Program*. Developed by the LEAP Director over the last decade, the program successfully addresses the acute and growing literacy deficiencies among participating students, who often come from homes in which limited English is spoken or read. Children are taught and modeled in small groups by tutors who have been trained with the latest research-based strategies that are effective with struggling readers. Students are encouraged to think while they read, read for meaning, apply what they learn and persevere when things are difficult.

In a safe and supportive environment, students experience success, often for the first time, positively impacting their classroom performance and self-confidence. The downward spiral of failure is broken and children are given the opportunity for a bright and promising future!



Proven Results

LEAP Works!

Tutors are Qualified and Trained

Methods are Research-Based

Instruction is Individualized and Focused

Students and Volunteers are Accountable

Ongoing communication is maintained
among LEAP, school and parents

Test Scores Confirm our Success!

Cost Effective

LEAP provides over 23,000 hours of individualized instruction for the 200 students enrolled in our two programs annually. Instruction is provided at a cost of \$3.54 per hour for each child!

LEAP can provide services at such a low cost due to our extensive and effective use of volunteers and work-study college students and our arrangement with a local church that donates space and other services.

