



## **Pressman Academy Enrichment Program**

Position Statement September 2016

The Pressman Academy Enrichment Program is designed for those children in grades 2-5 who demonstrate the ability to work beyond the current grade level and offers opportunities for appropriately challenging learning as an adjunct to instruction in the classroom. The program is an acceleration program which is designed to meet the rate at which the child learns and to meet the level at which the child shows academic competence.

This program is NOT a grade acceleration program and it is NOT a gifted program.

There are two parts to the program: the MAP—Math Acceleration Program and the LEAP—Language Arts Enrichment and Acceleration Program. The programs will involve both small group work and classroom work. There may also be additional homework components for students who are in one or both of the programs.

To be considered for the Pressman Academy Acceleration Program there are specific criteria that must be met. Nomination of a student by a parent or teacher is not a part of the process. Data collected by Pressman will be used as criteria for MAP and LEAP eligibility. Parents will be notified if their child(ren) meet the criteria and asked if they would like their child(ren) considered for MAP and/or LEAP.

### **LEAP Criteria**

First Grade: End of the Year Reading Level M or above  
Second Grade: End of the Year Reading Level P or above  
Third Grade: End of the Year Reading Level S or above  
Fourth Grade: End of the Year Reading Level U or above

And

A grade of 3.5 or above on two on-demand cold prompt writing assessments

### **MAP Criteria**

Minimum of 95 percent or above on at least 2 unit tests

And

A 95 percent or above on an end of the year math assessment

Students who meet this initial criteria will then take a specific test administered by Pressman Academy to determine their eligibility. The test requires advanced problem solving skills, and the nature of the test may be viewed as frustrating to students who are not ready for this type of challenge.



Once all of the data is collected a committee consisting of the Head of School, Elementary School Principal, Director of Student Services and Enrichment Teacher will determine if the child is a candidate for MAP and/or LEAP. The final decision of acceptance to LEAP and/or MAP lies with the school personnel.

Please note that children are evaluated for participation in late spring to determine their eligibility for participation in the MAP and/or LEAP for the following school year.