

Language Enhancement After-school Program

The LEAP Program is an afterschool program that provides high-quality programming to students who are learning or who have learned English as a second language. We also conduct parent outreach to involve parents in the process of educating their children. We provide meaningful learning activities to help scaffold and prepare students for school and for life.

We work with Jackson County Schools, Western Carolina University, and Cullowhee United Methodist Church to create a program in which many stakeholders are interested in the long-term success of the children enrolled in the program.

We approach our work with the children with a loving, positive standpoint. Our tutors and volunteers in the organization are trained to give each child the very best instruction, using the most up-to-date technologies and methodologies.

For the current school year, Jackson County Public Schools have decided to operate using Plan B, which means that they'll be working on-site and online during the year. LEAP will operate in the same way, working on-site when possible, and working online as needed.

Volunteer opportunities

We are looking for volunteers who can commit to a minimum of one, two-hour time block a week. When meeting face-to-face, LEAP will run Monday to Thursday from 2 to 6 pm. When meeting virtually, the schedule will depend on the students' availability, but more than likely, on-line meetings will occur after 3:00 p.m. For on-site work, we will need people to help set up stations and learning centers, give out snacks and clean up, supervise students throughout transitions, assist with and/ or run clubs, work one-on-one with students to help them with homework and independent reading, and clean up at the end of the afternoon. For online work, volunteers will support LEAP staff during online academic sessions, extracurricular sessions (clubs), and other activities. Volunteers will need to complete background checks.

If you are interested, please contact the program director, Juan Díaz, who can provide you with more information.