

Understanding Enhanced Academic Programming at ESSMY

Making an Informed Decision

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Enhanced Academic Programming(EAP) is an internationally recognized program that provides junior high students with academically rigorous programming. This program is for those students who want to challenge themselves to dig deeper into content and work collaboratively with other, like minded students. Students should choose EAP in areas where they really feel they need a challenge. For example, a student with tremendous strength in math, who is feeling unchallenged, can work through the EAP assignments, once they have shown mastery of the Alberta Curriculum. This is accomplished through pre-testing and formative assessment.

GOALS

- Develop academic skills in a challenging learning environment
- Demonstrate personal responsibility, diligence and self-discipline

BENEFITS

- Improved ability to handle rigorous and advanced coursework
- Improved work and study skills
- Familiarity working at an accelerated pace
- Preparation for academic programming in Advanced Placement in High School (Note that successful completion of High School Level Academic Placement courses can allow students to be exempted from some first year university courses.)

PROGRAM DELIVERY

- In-depth study of advanced concepts
- Instruction delivered at an accelerated pace
- Integrated with the regular Alberta Curriculum and embedded in the four core courses: Math, Science, English Language Arts, Social Studies.

ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible for this programming, students must be
Enrolled in Grades 7 to 9
Motivated to achieve and enjoy challenges

OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM

- Public Speaking is a requirement of EAP
- Not necessarily accelerating through content, but accelerating the development of the skills and enriching learning
- Allowing students to tap into their passion and potential
- Integration of strengths - students are recognizing through challenging themselves better where their strengths lie
- Creating resilience in those kids who aren't usually challenged

Although it is not a pre-requisite, EAP is a natural start for junior high students who think they might be interested in pursuing Advanced Placement in high school.