



RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

Founded in 1977, LEAP partners with **PreK–12 school communities** to deliver creative arts programs that inspire New York City youth to explore their passions, build on their strengths, and amplify their voices. By providing experiences in **visual arts, theater, dance, music, and new media**, LEAP supports students' social-emotional growth and lays the groundwork for lifelong learning. Research shows that **arts-integrated** education leads to stronger student academic outcomes, increased motivation, and greater engagement. LEAP's arts residencies foster creative thinking and **SEL development** through student-centered artmaking, project-based learning, and social skill-building activities.



LEAP Arts Residencies can **support the academic curriculum during the school day** or can be offered as **afterschool enrichment** programming. LEAP Teaching Artists partner with school leaders to develop customized programs in a selected art form or utilize signature program project plans that **meet the specific goals and needs** of the students.

THE LEAP WAY

The LEAP Way fosters SEL skills development through the following experiences:

- **Challenge Growth:** We challenge young people to take risks.
- **Engage Authentically:** We get to know each young person by centering their cultural and lived experiences, their interests, and passions.
- **Expand Interests:** We support young people as they try new things, broaden their horizons, learn about other people, cultures, and perspectives, and explore their own identities.
- **Manage Goals:** We assist young people in setting goals, breaking them down into manageable steps, and reflecting on challenges and successes.
- **Promote Peer Bonds:** We create a safe space for young people to work in teams and groups, exploring similarities and differences, and developing deep bonds and relationships.
- **Share Power:** We ensure that young people feel that their voices and opinions matter.



SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

LEAP Signature Residencies offer **in-school and after-school** programs grounded in **LEAP's original curriculum and teaching frameworks**. These dynamic residencies span a range of disciplines—including **theater, entrepreneurship, literacy, and visual arts**—and are led by **expert teaching artists** specially trained in both the content and art form. Rooted in the LEAP Way, our Signature programs feature engaging, standards-based curriculum and offer students the opportunity to participate in **citywide culminating events** that celebrate their growth and creativity.

LEAP YOUR WAY RESIDENCIES

LEAP provides **customized in-school and after school** programs in **visual arts, music, dance, theater, and new media**. Each residency is thoughtfully **designed to align with the unique goals and needs** of your students and school community. Our experienced teaching artists and program managers collaborate with schools to create project plans that support student learning, accommodate school schedules, and reflect the school's culture. **Every LEAP residency culminates in a student showcase**, bringing together families, educators, and stakeholders to celebrate the creativity and achievements of participating students.



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