



## Junior High Enhanced Academic Program

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

The Enhanced Academic Program (EAP) prepares students for high intellectual engagement by starting the development of skills and acquisition of knowledge as early as possible. Students who will be successful in this program can perform at rigorous academic levels and enjoy being challenged to expand their knowledge and skills.

The Enhanced Academic Program (EAP) enhances:

- Knowledge Development and prepares students for mastery in foundational, subject-specific content.
- Character Development by developing honesty, integrity, and self-reliance through the application of their knowledge and skills.
- Community Engagement by enhancing their understanding of diverse communities and identifying connections that transcend difference.

Within EAP, students will develop and apply the Alberta Education Competencies, including critical thinking, problem-solving, managing information. Creativity and innovation, communication, collaboration, cultural and global citizenship and personal growth and well-being, which can lead towards successful learning, living, and working.

The EAP program prepares students for Advanced Placement courses in high school.

### PURPOSE OF EAP:

1. Extend curriculum and enrich Alberta Education's specific learner outcomes in Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science.
2. Enrich student learning through a second language and / or music
3. Provide an engaging and challenging learning environment that utilizes inquiry-based and problem-solving learning strategies
4. Incorporate a faith-based global perspective that focuses on the Catholic vocation to social justice
5. Engage students in exercises that challenge them to think critically, see things from different perspectives, respond creatively to universal questions, and acquire knowledge from interesting and unique sources



## ENHANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAM STUDENTS ARE:

1. Eager to be challenged
2. Able to complete tasks in a timely manner
3. Highly self-directed
4. Curious about many things and interested in learning about them
5. Analytical about their own education and open to personal growth as a learner
6. Prepared to work collegially with their peers
7. Willing to develop public speaking and presentation skills

## ENTRANCE CRITERIA FOR THE ENHANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAM?

The criteria for entrance into the EAP are divided into three skills set areas: Academic, Attitudinal, Behavioural and Competency Based.

### Academic Skill Set:

- Reporting on Achievement
- Student achievement as determined by the student's report card demonstrates performance that has "Proficient Standard" and/or "Standard of Excellence" level of achievement in the respective subject areas

### Attitudinal Skill Set:

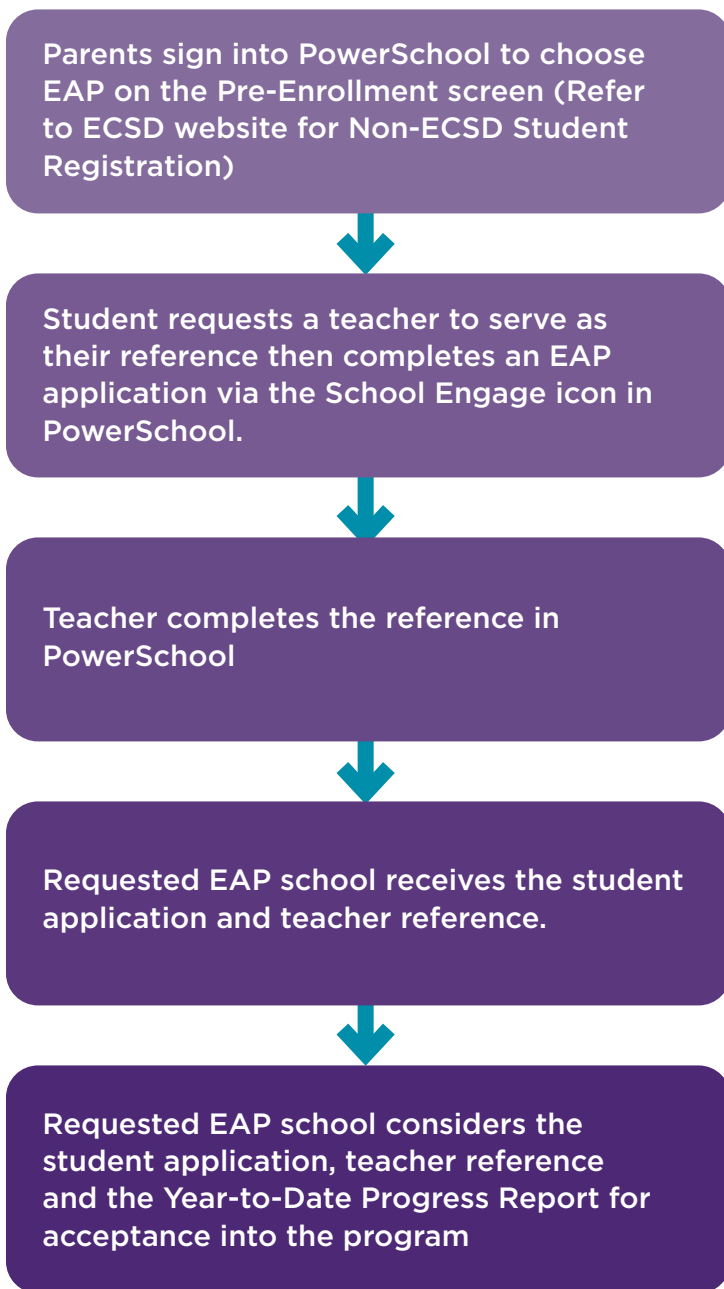
- Has a strong work ethic and is motivated to work diligently
- Is eager, self-directed, and capable of handling the enhanced learning.
- Displays a positive attitude in the classroom and when interacting with peers.
- Welcomes new challenges and is inclined to be a problem solver.
- Has the ability to seek out alternate possibilities in a rational and logical manner.

### Behavioural Skill Set:

- Has the ability to work independently.
- Has the ability to work as part of a team, when necessary.
- Has the ability to plan, organize, and carry out a task to completion.
- Possesses strong study and research skills.
- Demonstrates an intellectual inquisitiveness over a broad range of interests.
- Is reflective and deliberate in their thinking.
- Enjoys involvement in the extracurricular life of the school.
- Demonstrates potential and willingness to assume leadership.
- Has "proficient" to "excellent" oral and written communications skills

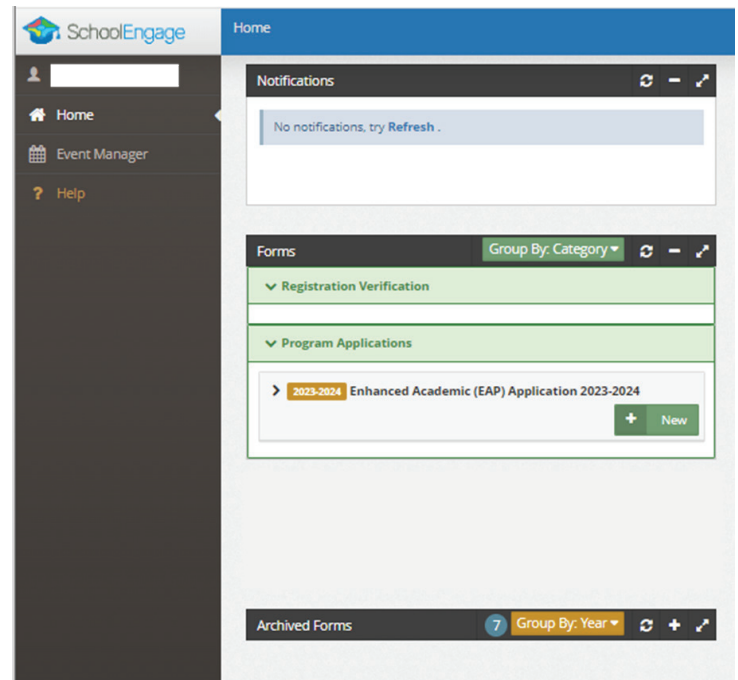


# PROCESS FOR STUDENT APPLICATION

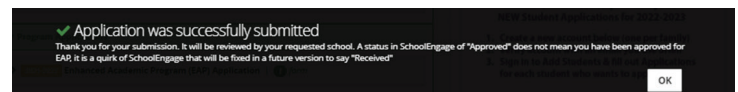


## STUDENT APPLICATION

Students will enter their PowerSchool, select the School Engage icon to view



The student selects “new” to complete the Student Application Form, then clicks “submit”. They will receive a pop-up message

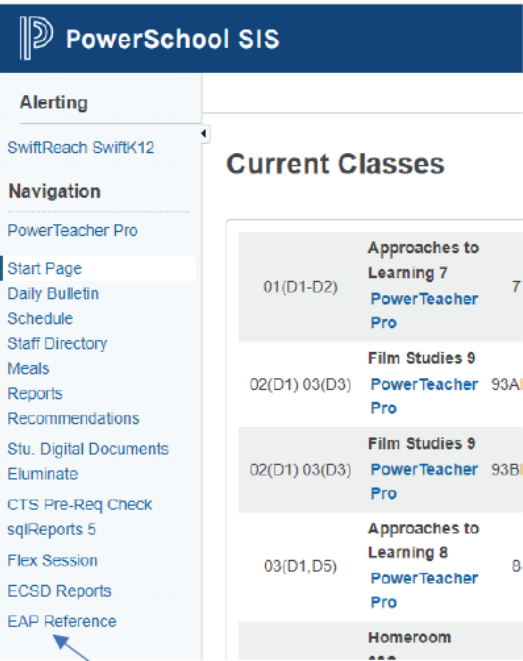


# TEACHER REFERENCE

This process is put in place to ensure that a student considering EAP is a suitable candidate for the program based on past performance and their skill sets. The receiving school considers the professional perspective of the teacher, as well as the report card.

Teachers will receive an email to their ECSD email indicating that they have been requested to provide a reference for a student. Teachers will log into their PowerSchool to complete the reference form.

Teacher will log into PowerTeacher



A new menu item is active at the bottom called EAP Reference

## SCHOOLS WITH THE ENHANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

- Archbishop Joseph MacNeil Catholic Elementary/Junior High School
- Cardinal Léger Junior High School
- H.E. Beriault Catholic Junior High School
- Holy Cross Catholic Elementary/Junior High School
- Holy Family Catholic Elementary/Junior High School
- Louis St. Laurent Catholic Junior/Senior High School
- St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary/Junior High School
- Sir John Thompson Catholic Junior High School
- St. Thomas More Catholic Junior High School

