

## **What is the LEAP or Writing Portfolio Graduation Requirement?**

Students have four years to complete a piece in four of the six categories below that collectively average a score of 3.5.

1. Expository Reading
2. Control of Conventions (the mechanics of writing)
3. Report or Narrative
4. Quantity, Range, & Depth of Reading
5. Persuasive Essay
6. Response to Literature

## **How Are the Pieces Scored?**

Consultant teachers score the pieces using rubrics used district wide at all the secondary sites. Students can score between a 0-5.

A “0” indicates the student did not attempt or turn in the work and a “5” represents the highest level of mastery. Students may edit and resubmit pieces until they are satisfied with their scores.

## **What About Students Who Did Not Attend Santa Cruz City Schools as a 9th, 10th or 11th grader?**

- \* Students transferring into Santa Cruz City Schools as freshman or sophomores are responsible for completing four of the six components with an overall average of a 3.5
- \* Juniors entering Santa Cruz City Schools for the first time need to complete two of the six components with an overall average of a 3.5.
- \* Students entering Santa Cruz City Schools for the first time as seniors are exempt.