



GRIFFIN REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy

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Serving South Metro County School Systems since 1966
BUTTS – FAYETTE – HENRY – LAMAR – NEWTON – PIKE – SPALDING – UPSON
Dr. Stephanie L. Gordy, Executive Director



TAPP

- An alternative certification route for individuals who did not complete teacher certification requirements as part of their degree program.





TAPP

- Utilized by the state of Georgia to address teacher shortage issues or to fill high need areas.
- Enables individuals with a bachelor's degree or higher to earn teacher certification.
- Offered by various program providers throughout Georgia.





Griffin RESA Member Systems

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Newton
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson





Approved Certification Areas: Secondary Education (6-12)

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Business, Technology, Family/Consumer Science





Approved Certification Areas: Middle Grades (4-8)

- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Science
- Reading





Additional Certification Areas

- Early Childhood Education Certification
- Foreign Language, ESOL, Music, Art, Health/Physical Education
- Special Education General Curriculum
Special Education Adaptive Curriculum
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- CTAE (Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education)





TAPP Program Routes

- Two Years
- One Year with requirements
- One Year for ECE Add-On





TAPP Route #1

- Two Years
- \$4500 for Year 1 (System Payroll Deduction over 12 months of \$375 per month)
- \$1800 for Year 2 (System Payroll Deduction over 12 months of \$150 per month)
- Minimum of Bachelor's Degree
- Passing score for GACE Program Admissions
 - Or exempt with test scores (verbal/math)
 - SAT- 1000
 - ACT- 43
 - GRE- 1030
- Passing score on the GACE II Content Assessment





TAPP Route #2

- One Year
- \$4500 (System Payroll Deduction over 12 months of \$375 per month)
- Option #1 requirements
- Either:
 - Two or more years as a teacher of record in an accredited school
 - Master's Degree in Education
 - Only receiving CTAE Certification





TAPP Route #3

(Elementary Add-On Certification)

- One Year
- \$2400 (System Payroll Deduction over 12 months of \$200 per month)
- Meet GACE Program Admissions requirements
- Pass GACE II in Early Childhood Education
- Hold a P-5 position with one of our member systems
- Already hold a teaching certificate





TAPP Support

- Griffin RESA TAPP Field Supervisor
- School based mentor
- 7+ classroom observations with feedback from your support team each year
- 100+ hours of instruction
 - Classroom Management
 - Curriculum
 - Assessment
 - Differentiated Instruction
 - Ethics/ Professionalism
 - Special Education





TAPP Enrollment

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Total # of Interns	58	75	110	155	183	195
% in High School	50%	41%	43%	36%	33%	36%
% in Middle School	31%	35%	34%	29%	31%	24%
% in Elementary School	19%	24%	23%	35%	36%	40%

* Griffin RESA's TAPP Program supports 29 teaching fields this year.

* 1/4 of TAPP Interns are in the field of Special Education.





Thank you to our member systems

- This agreement with the systems will help alleviate the financial hardship on TAPP candidates.
- **If a candidate withdraws from TAPP, he/she will be responsible for repayment to the system. We do not have refunds for TAPP Tuition.**





Completion Requirements

- Proficient Portfolio
- Proficient Observations by the TAPP Coordinator or Field Supervisor
- Proficient Observations by the building level Administrator
- Completion of required coursework.
- Completed classroom observations by mentor
- Passing scores on GAPSC Ethics and edTPA Assessments
- Attend monthly TAPP seminars





Required Coursework

- Identification of the Exceptional Child – *(P-12 in all areas)*
- The Teaching of Reading *(P-12) – (Only elementary, middle, and special education)*
- Nature and Needs of the Middle Grades Learner- *(Only Grades 6-8)*
- Foundations of Reading- *(Pre-K – 5th only)*
- Any additional assigned Professional Learning as needed





Regional **Certified Educator** **Job Fair**

Who Should Attend?

- Certified Educators
- Those eligible for teaching certification for the 2019-2020 school year

What to Expect:

- Information about South Metro Suburban Region & Schools
- Meet staff and representatives from eight (8) South Metro Suburban School Systems representing 125+ schools and over 100,000 students

What to bring with you:

- ✓ At least 15 copies of a one-page resume to provide System Human Resources and School Reps

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm
Location: TBD (*Directions/Map:* www.griffinresa.net)

Pre-registration is not required





Griffin RESA

- Thank you for your interest in TAPP.
- Thank you to the Human Resource Directors from our member school systems for their presence and participation in tonight's information session.





For more information

- www.griffinresa.net
- www.gapsc.com
- www.gace.ets.org



Conclusion

- Comments from Dr. Stephanie Gordy, Executive Director, Griffin RESA
- Comments from Human Resource Directors
- General questions from the audience
- Please hold specific, individual questions for discussions with the HR Directors or TAPP Team

