



**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 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.griffinresa.net)
- [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com)
- [www.gace.ets.org](http://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

