

## **TAPP Areas of Focus**

### **The 24 Competencies for Certification**

#### **Domain 1** (Planning and Preparation)

1. Demonstrating Knowledge of Content & Pedagogy
2. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students
3. Demonstrating Diversity
4. Selecting Instructional Goals
5. Utilizing a Variety of Instructional Resources
6. Designing Coherent Instruction
7. Assessing Student Learning

#### **Domain 2** (The Classroom Environment)

8. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport
9. Establishing a Culture for Learning
10. Managing Classroom Procedures and Routines
11. Managing Student Behavior
12. Organizing Physical Space

#### **Domain 3** (Instruction)

13. Communicating Clearly and Accurately
14. Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques
15. Engaging Students in Learning
16. Providing Feedback to Students
17. Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness
18. Reflecting on Teaching

#### **Domain 4** (Professional Responsibilities)

19. Maintaining Accurate Records
20. Communicating with Families
21. Contributing to the School and District
22. Growing and Developing Professionally
23. Serving all Students
24. Understanding and Participating in the School Improvement Plan

**SERVING SOUTH METRO COUNTY SCHOOL  
SYSTEMS SINCE 1966**

**BUTTS - FAYETTE - HENRY - LAMAR - NEWTON - PIKE - SPALDING  
- UPSON**

## **GOAL**

**The goal is to develop Educators who...**



- Demonstrate content and pedagogical knowledge according to professional and state standards in their perspective subject area and grade level.



- Use state and national content standards to plan and deliver instruction that engage all students in learning.



- Use student data from multiple sources to inform and drive instruction.
- Establish respect and rapport with students, colleagues, parents, and the community.



- Establish a safe learning environment
- Teach to honor diverse cultures, linguistics, learning styles, and interests.
- Immerse technology into the planning, teaching, and assessment of the curriculum
- Model professional and ethical behaviors that bring credibility and integrity to the profession.



**www.griffinresa.net**



**Georgia  
TAPP Program**



## **GA TAPP- TEACHER ACADEMY FOR PREPARATION AND PEDAGOGY**



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
BECOMING A TEACHER?**

Dr. Stephanie Gordy,  
Executive Director

Mollie Hall,  
Alternative Certification Director

**Griffin RESA  
440 Tilney Ave  
Griffin, GA 30224**

**TAPP@griffinresa.net**

Phone: (770) 229-3247

Fax: (770) 228-7316

## What is GaTAPP?

The Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP) is an alternative route to teacher certification. It's a classroom-based preparation program designed for individuals who are qualified to teach at the elementary, middle, or high school level who have not completed a traditional teacher education program.

This program equips candidates with essential skills for classroom success and includes a supervised induction phase, with support as you work toward mastery in this profession.



## How do I qualify for TAPP?

- Must have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college/university. Official transcripts must be sent directly from the college/university to GaPSC using [mail@gapsc.com](mailto:mail@gapsc.com).
- Prior to program entry, you'll need to have a passing score on the GACE Content Assessment in the area you will be teaching.
- Must pass the Georgia Educator Ethics for Teachers Assessment (#351).
- Must have a job offer as the teacher of record in one of our regional schools. Our counties include Butts, Fayette, Griffin-Spalding, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Pike, and Thomaston-Upson.

## Teaching Fields Offered

- **Secondary Education (Grades 6-12)**: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Art, Music, P.E., Health, Business, Technology Education, Family Consumer Science
- **Middle Grades Education (Grades 4-8)**: MG ELA, MG Math, MG Science, MG Social Sciences
- **Foreign Language (Grades P-12)**: Spanish, French, German
- **ESOL (Grades P-12)**
- **Special Education**: General and Adaptive Curriculum, Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- **Elementary Education**

## Griffin RESA TAPP Routes

### **Two Year Program**

- Must meet all eligibility and completion requirements
  - Year One Fees: \$4800 (\$400/month payroll deduction)
  - Year Two Fees: \$2100 (\$175/month payroll deduction)

### **One Year Program**

- Must have 2+ years of teaching experience in an accredited school
  - OR Master's in Education in Content Area
  - OR Teaching in a CTAE field
- Year One Fees: \$4800 (\$400/month payroll deduction)

### **Elementary Education Add-On One Year Program**

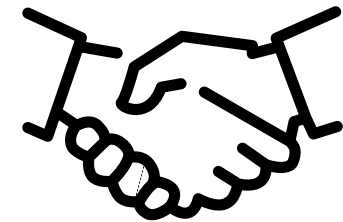
- Must pass GACE Content in Elementary Education, hold a P-5 position, and have a clear renewable certificate with the GA Professional Standards Commission
- Fees: \$2700 (\$225/month payroll deduction)

## Completion Requirements

- Proficient score on TAPP assignments and portfolio
- Attend eight required evening seminars for year 1 and five seminars for year 2
- Five days of Field Experiences
- Proficient score on Griffin RESA TAPP Assessment of Competencies
- Completion of required courses based on program of study (Exceptional Child, Dyslexic Learner, Nature and Needs of the Middle Grades Learner, Science of Reading, Teaching of Reading & Writing)

## Mentors & Field Supervisors

Each candidate is assigned a school-based mentor and a Griffin RESA TAPP field supervisor for support and evaluation..



## Pre-TAPP

Those not currently employed as a teacher, and meet all entry requirements, can enroll in the Essentials of Effective Teaching course and be added to the Pre-TAPP List (which advertises you for their current job openings). The \$900 fee will be credited towards first-year TAPP fees upon employment within two years in a Griffin RESA-member system.