



The RESA Reporter

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Note from the Executive Director

As the new year begins, we want to provide an exceptional customer service experience to educators in support of their professional growth and development. We are doing this in several ways:

- We offer over 400 professional development classes each school year, serving over 10,000 participants annually.
- We also offer ten (10) different endorsements, which is an added credential to a valid Georgia educator certificate, that enhances the skill and dispositions of program completers in their respective area of study. This prepares the educator for higher levels of success in their current school or system role, as well as preparing them for future roles that may require an enhanced skill.
- As an approved Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) by the GaPSC, we offer Georgia's APEL (*Alternative Program for Educational Leadership*), which is a one-year job embedded pathway of candidates seeking Tier I or Tier II Leadership certification. This program is designed for educators with a Master's Degree or higher, who are looking for leadership certification-only (*non-degree*). APEL is designed to instruct, guide, and support employed leaders, helping them build the confidence, skills, and presence needed to lead. An APEL Information Session is held on February 5th, during after school hours, for those who want to know more about our Alternative Program for Education Leadership Certification. More information is inside this newsletter.
- We have an upcoming conference for MTSS/SST educators, More information is inside this newsletter
- Our upcoming State-Wide Educator Job Fair is in April. Last year, hundreds of educators attended. Information on how to register is inside this newsletter.

Take a peek inside the newsletter for information about each of these professional development opportunities and MUCH MORE!

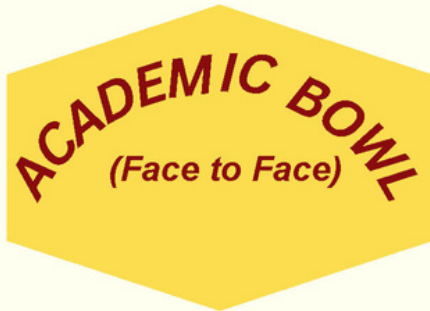
Dr. Stephanie Gordy
Executive Director

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Griffin RESA 2023-2024 Student Competitions



Round 1: September 25 - October 6, 2023

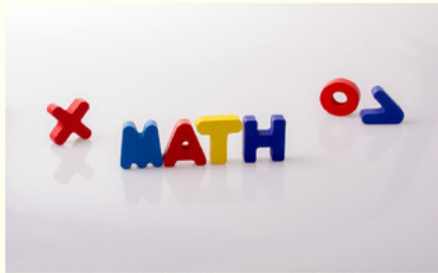
Round 2: October 16 - October 27, 2023

Round 3: November 6 - November 17, 2023

Round 4: November 27 - December 8, 2023

Round 5: January 8 - January 19, 2024

Mathematics Competition (Face to Face)



January 24, 2024, High School
January 25, 2024, Middle School
March 14, 2024, Elementary School

Regional Science Fair (Face to Face)



January 31, 2024, Middle School
February 1, 2024, High School

Literacy Days (Face to Face)



February 6, 2024, Grades K-2
February 7, 2024, Grades 3-5
February 8, 2024, Grades 6-8

Young Georgia Authors Competition (Asynchronous)



February 22, 2024

**For more information, contact Professional Learning:
professionallearning@griffinresa.net**

**or
770-229-3247**

2024 SOUTH METRO SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

June 3 - 4, 2024



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday, June 3rd: 9:00 am - 5:40 PM
6:00 PM Dinner (All Meals Included)

Tuesday, June 4th: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
(Breakfast and Lunch Included)

CONFERENCE STRANDS

- Instructional Leadership
- School Climate
- Planning & Assessment
- Organizational management
- HR Management
- Teacher/Staff Evaluation
- Professionalism

REGISTER TODAY!

**Early Bird Registration Deadline:
March 21, 2024**

Full Registration:

Includes one night's lodging

Day Registration:

Does not include lodging

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- See the [2024 South Metro Summer Leadership Conference brochure](#) for more information.



GRIFFIN RESA

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Literacy

Teacher Led Small Group Instruction K-2

In this course you will learn how to empower even your most struggling readers to succeed through evidence-based reading practices. You will learn how to group students via assessments and needs, choose appropriate texts, be provided with lesson plan templates that walk you through the key components and teaching steps, know how to determine what to teach and when, understand how to manage student data and resources, and keep the rest of the class in meaningful learning activities.

Date: January 11, 2024
Time: 8:30am - 3:30pm
Location: Griffin RESA
Cost: \$35 in GRESA region, \$50 out of the area
Target Audience: K-2 Teachers

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration Deadline:
January 4, 2024



The F.I.P. Side of Georgia Milestones Writing

Let's engage in grade-level collaboration to create success criteria using the state writing rubrics that will improve student achievement for each of the three writing genres. Workshop participants will also learn how to use writing exemplars to differentiate instruction and empower students to take ownership of their own writing growth.

Grades 3-5

Date: January 16, 2024
Time: 8:30am - 3:30pm
Location: Griffin RESA
Cost: \$35 in GRESA region, \$50 out of the area
Target Audience: 3-5 Teachers

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration Deadline:
January 9, 2024

Grades 6-8

Date: February 28, 2024
Time: 8:30am - 3:30pm
Location: Griffin RESA
Cost: \$35 in GRESA region, \$50 out of the area
Target Audience: 6-8 Teachers

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration Deadline:
February 21, 2024



Leveraging Literacy: Strategies in Science and Social Studies

Effectively acquiring, assessing, and communicating information in science and social studies is a critical component of the GSE. This class will focus on strategies for strengthening literacy while engaging learners in science and social studies content. We will discuss literacy basics and then investigate methods to strengthen reading comprehension and vocabulary acquisition. We will examine strategies for supporting literacy in a contextual manner, including the key role content-specific terminology plays in the learning process.

Date: January 17, 2024
Time: 8:30am - 3:30pm
Location: Griffin RESA
Cost: \$35 in GRESA region, \$50 out of the area
Target Audience: K-12 Teachers

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Registration Deadline:
January 10, 2024

Reading Intervention Workshop for K-5

Do you need an introduction or practice to delivering reading intervention in the classroom for your students receiving services through Tier 2 or 3? If so, this is the workshop for you.

Learn to implement evidence-based reading interventions and progress monitor for elementary school students.

Expand your knowledge of analyzing the five pillars of reading and choosing the correct reading intervention for your students who received tiered support.

Date: January 23, 2024
Time: 8:30am - 3:30pm
Location: Griffin RESA
Cost: \$35 in GRESA region, \$50 out of the area
Target Audience: K-5 Teachers

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Registration Deadline:
January 16, 2024



GaTAPP Information Session



GRIFFIN RESA

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TEACHER?

Join Griffin RESA's GaTAPP
Information Session

WHEN? JANUARY 2024

In January 2024, the Griffin Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) will conduct the South Metro Atlanta GaTAPP Information Session hosted by Griffin RESA, at Griffin RESA.

Registration is required.

WHAT is GaTAPP?

GaTAPP is the Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy.

The GaTAPP program is designed to attract highly motivated professionals outside the teaching profession who hold a Bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college/university and are interested in pursuing a teaching career.

Human Resources Directors from Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Pike, Griffin-Spalding, and Thomaston-Upson School Systems will be in attendance at this event to provide information on prospective employment opportunities for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year and for the 2024-2025 school year.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Griffin RESA's Office of
Alternative Certification

Email: TAPP@griffinresa.net

Phone: (770) 229-3247



REGISTRATION DETAILS

COMPLETE REGISTRATION

- Access Registration Survey [HERE](#)
 - Or at www.griffinresa.net - TAPP Teacher Recruitment
- Complete survey and submit

FACE-TO-FACE INFORMATION SESSION

- Prior to the day of the event, registrants will receive an event schedule with all relevant information pertaining to the session at Griffin RESA.



Face-to-Face Information Session



JOB-ALIKE

MTSS District Coordinators Job-Alike

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires the use of evidence-based interventions and suggests that schools and districts implement a tiered system of support. This professional learning opportunity will allow participants to interact with others who are also tasked with implementing/overseeing MTSS processes in their building.

Date: January 18, 2024 & March 28, 2024
Time: 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Location: Griffin RESA
Cost: \$0 in GRESA region, \$15 out of the area
Target Audience: K-12 Teachers

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration Deadline: January 11, 2024

MTSS School Leaders, Specialists, and Chairs Job-Alike

Date: January 18, 2024 & March 28, 2024
Time: 12:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Location: Griffin RESA
Cost: \$0 in GRESA region, \$15 out of the area
Target Audience: School MTSS/SST Leaders, Specialists, and Chairs

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration Deadline: January 11, 2024



Counseling Job-Alike

- Network with other School Counselors in our Region
- Supporting Students' mental health and wellness
- Balancing student needs and counselor responsibilities
- Digital Tools for Counselors
- Connecting families to community services
- Effective Communication
- Supporting at-risk students
- Other topics from the group

Date: February 13, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Griffin RESA
Cost: \$0 in GRESA region; \$15 out of the area

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration Deadline: February 6, 2024

Register online @ www.griffinresa.net



FEBRUARY 2024 CLASS LIST

Leading Literacy: Collaborative Conversations (Springing Forward to the Final Push)	2/1
SLP Collaborative	2/2
APEL Ed Leadership Certification Information Session	2/5
Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES) Training for New Administrators	2/6
SDI Math for the New Special Education Teacher	2/6
GA PSC Ethics for Paraprofessionals	2/7-2/21
Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES) Training for New Administrators	2/7
Assistive Technology Consortia	2/9
Classroom Management for 6-12 Teachers	2/13
LKES Training	2/13
SDI Reading Series: Strategies for Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Recognition	2/13

Counseling Job Alike	2/13
LKES Training (online)	2/14
Differentiated Instruction: How to Make it Manageable	2/15
Using Data Protocols to Make Statistically Significant Gains in the Classroom!	2/15
Building Thinking Classrooms in K-12 Mathematics	2/27
Strategies for Coaching Positive Classroom Management	2/27
The F.I.P. Side of Georgia Milestones Writing Grades 6-8	2/28
Understanding the Georgia Mathematics Milestone Assessment Grades 3-9	2/28
Using Success Criteria to Facilitate Student Growth	2/28





MARCH 2024 CLASS LIST

Literacy Tools Across Content and Grade Levels to Support Success	3/6-4/17
MTSS/SST Specialists Drive-In Conference	3/6
Engaging K-5 Students in STEM/STEAM	3/7
Engaging Students with New K-12 Practices of ELA	3/7
School Psychologists Job-Alike	3/7
Are We Having Fun Yet? Using Manipulatives to Teach Elementary Mathematics	3/7
Classroom Management for PK-5th	3/13
Level Up! Engage Every Student: Student-Centered Strategies for Secondary Learners	3/13
Graduation Coach Job-Alike	3/13
Special Education Leadership Academy	3/14
Teacher Led Small Group Instruction Upper Grades	3/14
Preschool Special Needs Consortium	3/14

Innovative Scheduling for Leaders	3/14
Co-Teaching in the Math Classroom	3/20
Reading Strategy Groups: Making the Invisible Visible	3/21
SDI Reading Series: Strategies for Fluency Vocabulary & Comprehension	3/21
Writing Across the Content Areas 6th-12th	3/21
Math Coordinator and Supervisor Consortium	3/21
Collaborative Community Meeting for Special Education Directors	3/22
Alternative School Job-Alike	3/27
MTSS District Coordinators Job-Alike	3/28
Turning Reading Assessment Data into Targeted Instruction	3/28
MTSS School Leaders, Specialists, and Chairs Job-Alike	3/28



2024 MTSS Conference

March 6, 2024

From 8:30am to 3:30pm

Cost is \$75

(includes continental breakfast & lunch)

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) recommends that schools use evidence-based interventions and implement multi-tiered supports to increase student performance. Educators lead that work!

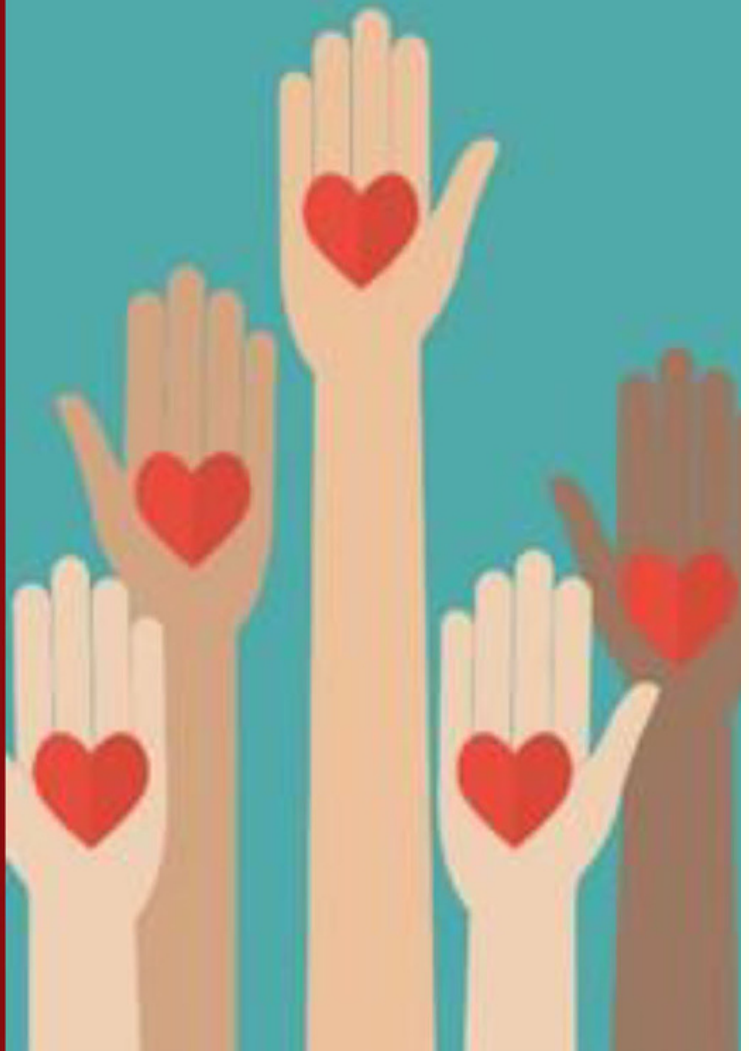
At this face-to-face conference, educators, leaders, MTSS Specialists, and Facilitators will interact and engage in professional development that supports them with implementing MTSS in their schools. All educators engage in supporting the whole child through a high-functioning MTSS.

Session Strands:

- Leadership and Communication Skills
- Multi-Tiered Instructional Practices for Student Support
- Data Driven Decision Making
- Tools for Progress Monitoring
- School and Community Partnerships
- School Climate/PBIS
- Student Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Wraparound Supports

Register [HERE](#) Today!

Registration Deadline: February 28, 2024



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GA ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (APEL)

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GA ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (APEL)

Information Session (no cost)
Monday, February 5, 2024
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Virtually via Zoom



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
REGISTER [HERE](#)

Registrants will receive a Zoom link 24 hours in advance of the session start time.

➔ **Griffin RESA's APEL Program will Offer:**
A one-year, job-embedded pathway for candidates seeking Tier I or Tier II Leadership certification. All program work is offered virtually.

➔ **APEL's Target Audience**
This program is designed for educators with a Master's degree or higher who are looking for leadership certification-only (non-degree).

APEL Design

APEL is designed to instruct, guide, and support employed leaders helping them build the confidence, skills, and presence needed to lead.

Griffin RESA's Staff will Share

- ✓ Program Entry Requirements
- ✓ Application and Enrollment Details
- ✓ Program of Study for Tier I and Tier II
- ✓ Payroll Deduction Process



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Regional
Certified Educator
Job Fair



Saturday, April 27, 2024
10:00am - 12:00pm
Luella High School
603 Walker Dr.
Locust Grove, GA 30248



Representatives from the Griffin RESA TAPP (Teacher Alternative Preparation Program) will also be on hand to answer questions for eligible participants. To check eligibility requirements, please visit www.griffinresa.net click on "TAPP/Teacher Recruitment" and then click on "GA TAPP Program Info".



8 South Metro Suburban School systems representing 125+ schools

Pre-registration is required

REGISTER HERE

