



## Note from the Executive Director

I want to take an opportunity to let you know how much we appreciate the support we have received as we have gotten off to another record-breaking start in 2023-2024 in so many areas:

- Almost 200 TAPP Teacher Interns working in our regional schools earning Teacher Certification.
- Over 100 APEL Educational Leader Interns from across Georgia who are earning Educational Leadership Certification.
- Hundreds of endorsement scholarships have been awarded to educators via a GaDOE grant that will provide close to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in endorsement scholarships over the next two years, covering the full cost of endorsements including tuition and books. Contact [professionallearning@griffinresa.net](mailto:professionallearning@griffinresa.net) for more information.
- Griffin RESA's website has over 400+ professional and leadership development opportunities available for teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators in 2023-2024. Most are offered with your choice of *Virtual* or *In-person*. You can access them by going to [www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net) and clicking on "Professional Learning" and then "Schedule of Classes".

As the holiday season approaches, I want to thank each of you for the work you do. I hope this holiday season affords you quality time with your families, and I hope your holidays are filled with laughter and peace. I hope you are blessed and enriched in every experience you have over the holidays. You deserve all these things, and much more, because the contributions you make on a daily basis enrich the lives of so many people, and bring good things to them.

To connect a little more with our online Professional Learning Network of great educators, we encourage you to follow us on twitter at: @Griffin\_RESA and @Stephanie\_Gordy.

Happy holidays, and thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Dr. Stephanie Gordy  
Executive Director

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# CONSORTIUM/ JOB-ALIKE



## ***Alternative School Job-Alike***

A consortium of professional administrators, graduation coaches, and counselors that lead and support alternative schools across the region. This group of professionals will share resources, problem solve, and network as they support students in their schools.

**Date:** November 15, 2023  
**Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Location:** Griffin RESA  
**Cost:** \$0 in area, \$15 out of area



**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Registration Deadline: November 13, 2023**

**Register online @ [www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net)**

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## ***Math Coordinator and Supervisor Consortium***

The purpose of the Mathematics Supervisor Consortium is to bring together Math Coordinators and Supervisors from Griffin RESA member school systems to discuss leading and coordinating district implementation plans, share resources, and conduct meaningful conversations about effective strategies and framework for the teaching and learning of Mathematics.

**Date:** November 16, 2023  
**Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Location:** Griffin RESA  
**Cost:** \$0  
**Target Audience:** Math Coordinators and Supervisors

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Registration Deadline: November 9, 2023**

This professional development opportunity is provided by a grant for our regional school systems. Therefore, it is open only to educators in the Griffin RESA region: **Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Pike, Newton, Griffin-Spalding, and Thomaston-Upson School Systems.**



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# JOB-ALIKE



## ***Job-Alike for Instructional Coaches K-5***

This job-alike class provides opportunities for Instructional Coaches to connect, network, collaborate and participate in discussions that surround job-related practices, such as the instructional coaches' role, building relationships, and problems of the practice. This class will provide opportunities for whole-group and small-group collaboration. This class supports professional learning goals to meet TKES standards 2, 3, 4, 6, 9 & 10, as participants further their professional development to support teachers and student learning.

Register online @ [www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net)

### **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Date:** December 7, 2023  
**Time:** 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
**Location:** Griffin RESA  
**Cost:** \$0 in GRESA Region;  
\$15 out of GRESA Region  
**Target Audience:** K-5 Instructional Coaches  
**Registration Deadline:** November 30, 2023

## ***MTSS Job-Alike***

### **MTSS District Coordinators Job-Alike**

**Target Audience:** *District Coordinators*

**Date:** January 18, 2024  
**Time:** 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
**Location:** Griffin RESA  
**Cost:** \$0

**Registration Deadline:** January 11, 2024

### **MTSS School Leaders, Specialists & Chairs Job-Alike**

**Target Audience:** *School Leaders, Specialists and Chairs*

**Date:** January 18, 2024  
**Time:** 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
**Location:** Griffin RESA  
**Cost:** \$0

**Registration Deadline:** January 11, 2024

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

Register online @ [www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net)

# *Disciplinary Literacy: Reading and Writing in Social Studies*

***December 13, 2023  
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM***



An overarching goal in each discipline is to teach students how to read, write, think and talk like an expert in the field. When it comes to social studies, there is an incredible opportunity to not just integrate ELA but truly empower 4th - 12th grade students to think like a historian and provide them with valuable thinking and collaboration skills that they will use way beyond testing and the walls of the school.



For more information or to register,  
go to [www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net)



The DBQ inspired course shows you how to use grouping techniques, collaboration, peer revision, and close reading to analyze and interpret a variety of sources, make connections between sources, bring in their own outside experiences and then produce well written argumentative evidence.

**Instructor will share strategies and resources that will support TKES Standards 1, 3, 7, and 8 with practical takeaways that will positively impact teacher practice and student achievement.**





# January 2024



**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.

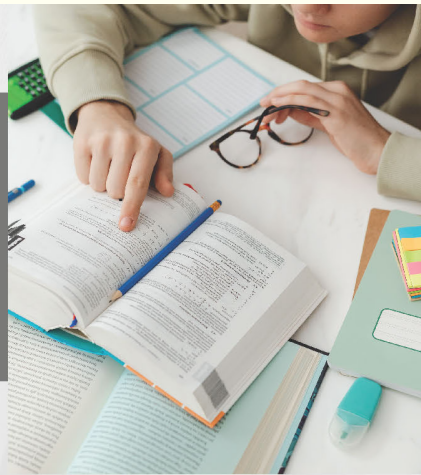
Human Resources Directors from Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Pike, Griffin-Spalding, and Thomaston-Upson School Systems will be in attendance at this event to provide information on prospective employment opportunities for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year and for the 2024-2025 school 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](http://www.griffinresa.net) - TAPP Teacher Recruitment
- Complete survey and submit

#### FACE-TO-FACE INFORMATION SESSION

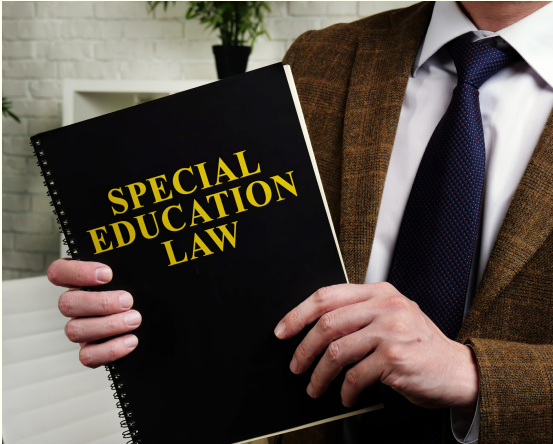
- Prior to the day of the event, registrants will receive an event schedule with all relevant information pertaining to the session at Griffin RESA.



## Face-to-Face Information Session

**GRIFFIN  
RESA**

# SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW



GRIFFIN RESA GLRS  
PRESENTS:



## Special Education Law Updates with Julie Weatherly

January 24, 2024  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

COST \$15 (LUNCH PROVIDED)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

While neither IDEA nor Section 504 have been amended in many years, there continues to be a considerable amount of activity in special education law recently and it doesn't seem to be slowing down. This session will provide an update of the most recent significant special education "legal happenings," including an overview of relevant court decisions and agency interpretations that have been issued.



Griffin RESA  
440 Tilney Avenue  
Griffin, Ga. 30224  
(770) 229-3247

## JANUARY 24, 2024

Would you like to learn more about special education legal happenings?

*If yes, this session is for you!*

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# RESPECTING THE DIVERSITY IN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY WITH INTENT

January 24, 2024-  
February 21, 2024

Time: Asynchronous Content

Earn 2 PLU's



This course is intended to generate thought and action steps to better serve the needs of your culturally diverse school community. The first step is to acknowledge difference: in our live experiences, points of reference, and in our unintentional biases. As we explore these important principles, you will create an action plan to implement tangible ways to promote and celebrate your diverse community. You'll also reflect and respond to some discussion prompts on the topic, as well as complete three short assignments to relate culturally responsive practices in your classroom and school community.

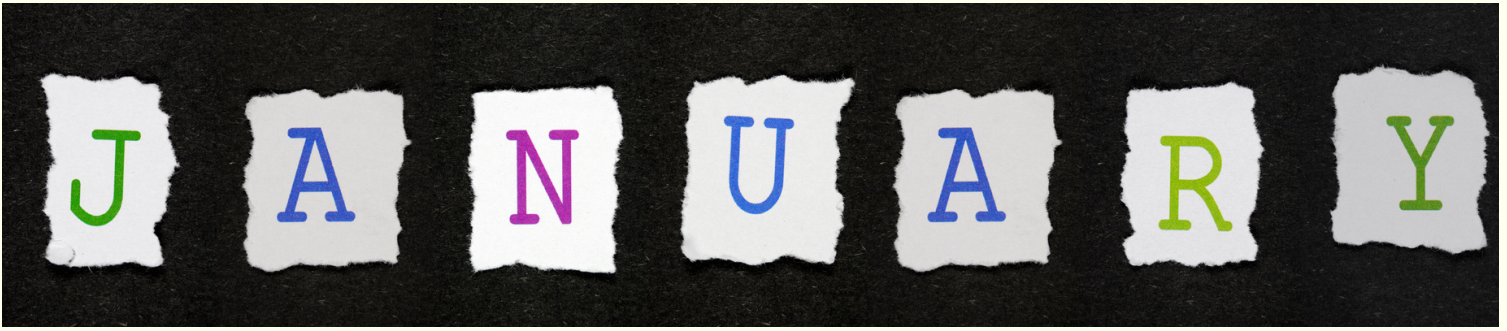
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# CLASS SCHEDULE

Self-Compassion for Educators	12/5	"Plot Twist: Writing can be Engaging, Accessible and Standards Based!"	12/7
How to Develop Meaningful IEP Goals: Moving Beyond Compliance	12/5	Hearing & Vision Screening Training	12/7
Reading Intervention Workshop K-5	12/5	Job Alike for Instructional Coaches K-5	12/7
Ready, Set, Dive into 6th Grade Mathematics	12/5	Ready, Set, Dive into 7th Grade Mathematics	12/7
Special Education Leadership Academy	12/5	Preschool Special Needs Consortium	12/7
Classroom Management for 6-12 Teachers	12/6	Disciplinary Literacy: Reading and Writing in Social Studies	12/13
Digital Tools for Administrators	12/6	Enhancing Vocabulary Using Brain-Based Instruction	12/13
Ready, Set, Dive into 1st Grade Mathematics	12/6		





# CLASS SCHEDULE

Coaching Endorsement Course 1 - Skills for Effective Coaching	1/9- 3/8	Classroom Management for PK-5th	1/18
Gifted Endorsement Course 1 - Characteristics of the Gifted Student	1/9- 3/19	LKES Training ( <i>virtual</i> )	1/18
Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES) Training for New Administrators	1/10	MTSS District Coordinators Job-Alike Transition Consortium	1/18
Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES) Training for New Administrators ( <i>virtual</i> )	1/11	MTSS/SST School Leaders, Specialists, and Chairs Job-Alike	1/18
Teacher Led Small Group Instruction K-2	1/11	Reading Intervention Workshop for K-5	1/23
The F.I.P. Side of Georgia Milestones Writing (Grades 3-5)	1/16	MTSS/SST Facilitator Endorsement Course 1-A Problem Solving Framework	1/23- 5/28
Assistive Technology for the New Special Education Teacher	1/16- 1/30	Respecting the Diversity in Your School Community with Intent	1/24- 2/21
Communication Circles: A Restorative Practice	1/17	Collaborative Community Meeting for Special Education Directors	1/26
Leveraging Literacy: Strategies in Science and Social Studies	1/17	Foundational Literacy Skills: Where Theory & Practice Intersect (K-3)	1/30
LKES Training	1/17	MTSS 102: Serving Students in Tier 2 The Principles of Authentic Leadership	1/30
The Survivor's Toolkit: Managing and Addressing Behavior Challenges for Students with Disabilities	1/17		



# 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





# Best Practices for School Leaders

Virtual Conference

February 5-12, 2024



At this virtual conference, school and system leaders will explore best practices in Building Positive School Climate, Instructional Leadership, Teacher Recruitment and Retention, Data Analysis for Planning and Assessment, and Professionalism and Communication. Educational Leaders across the state of Georgia, through pre-recorded breakout sessions, will share effective practices in building school cultures that retain teachers and increase student performance.

## Session Topics

*BUILDING POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE*

*INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP*

*TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION*

*DATA ANALYSIS FOR PLANNING & ASSESSMENT*

*PROFESSIONALISM AND COMMUNICATION*

**Cost: \$35**

**Register at**

**[www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net)**



**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](http://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**

