



Want a job
that makes
an impact?
You can
start now!



Ascension Public Schools
is proud of its
highly recognized
Teach Ascension Academy,
a district-based teacher
certification program offering
intensive training to new
teachers through on-the-job
professional development
with Master Teachers and
inspirational teacher mentors.
Talk to us to learn more.

- Do you long for a career where YOU can make a difference?
- Want to begin earning a salary from the start?
- Want a job with excellent benefits and a 180 day work year?
- Looking for a career that inspires others to success?
- Are you a college graduate?

“Thanks to terrific support and mentors along the way, I’m making a difference teaching right here at Donaldsonville Primary— impacting the lives of students each and every day. Is it challenging? Yes. Is it worth it? Yes.”



Jenny Heroman Koenig. TAA Participant
Former television host and producer
2nd grade teacher
Donaldsonville Primary School



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Teach Ascension Academy?

Ascension's district-based teacher certification program incorporates the elements of the Teacher Advancement Program, called TAP, to prepare new teachers to teach in Ascension Parish schools. TAP methods are proven to increase the quality of instruction and student achievement.

The TAP system incorporates four research-based elements of success as their means of improving instruction and the achievement of students: multiple career paths, ongoing applied professional growth, instructionally focused accountability, and performance-based compensation. Ascension

The Ascension Public Schools is "A" ranked school system that is committed to providing each student the high-quality education necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Do I have to have Praxis exams passed before applying to the program?

Yes, you must have passed the Praxis I or meet the exemption requirements prior to applying to the program, you must have passed Praxis II before initial training begins.

Am I guaranteed a job in Ascension Parish if accepted into the program?

No, all participants must secure a position by interviewing with school principals. Last year, 100% of participants secured employment.

Can I teach in any school in Ascension Parish through this program?

You may only teach in Ascension Parish schools who implement the TAP program. Currently there are openings in our Donaldsonville schools (Donaldsonville Primary, Lowery Elementary, Lowery Middle and Donaldsonville High School) as a priority of placement. However, there are other TAP schools in the district. Gonzales Primary, Sorrento Primary, Central Primary, Carver Primary, Lakeside Primary, Duplessis Primary, and Pecan Grove Primary.

There are many types of certifications: English, business, mathematics, physics, general science, chemistry, biology, earth science, environmental science, early childhood education (PK4 and elementary education (1st to 5th grades), and many others. There are also special education certifications too.

Do I need a college degree to apply to this program?

Yes, in order to apply to Teach Ascension Academy, you must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. In addition, you must have an undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or above.

Have passing scores on PRAXIS I (or equivalent ACT/SAT score) and pass the PRAXIS II (content knowledge) for the program after participating in a rigorous selection process

What is the Selection Process?

It consists of a written application, a writing sample, a teaching sample, a data analysis task, a video review, and an individual interview.

Applications must be received by the end of February 2018.

If selected, when does the training begin?

The initial four weeks of intensive training will take place during the entire month of June 2018. The time commitment for the initial summer training is Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

Continuous training is provided weekly during the school year by Master Teachers. Teach Ascension certification training also includes personal assistance from qualified and dedicated mentors.

**Talk to our Human Resources or
Teach Ascension Academy director today.
Email your interest to
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