



Tapp Middle School

Cobb County School District

"A community with a passion for learning"

Dr. Jerry W. Dority
Principal

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TO: The Parents of Tapp Middle School Students

FROM: Dr. Jerry Dority, Principal

RE: Tapp MS's AYP Status for 2010-2011

Dear Parents:

I want to take this opportunity to share information with you regarding Tapp Middle School's AYP Status for 2010-11, as well as some of our highlights and accomplishments for the year.

- Tapp MS did not make AYP based on the April test administration of the Criterion Referenced Competency Test (CRCT). The re-take scores have not been factored in yet. Once this is completed (some time in September) our status could change to "Did Make AYP".
- Tapp did make AYP in 12 of the 13 categories used to determine AYP. The only area we did not make AYP in is Academic Performance for Students with Disabilities (SWDs). Yes, it is true. You can miss only one category and not make AYP.
- The Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) are the percentages of students who must meet or exceed standards in each category in order for a school to make AYP.
- The AMO (Annual Measurable Objective) in Math increased greatly this year, from 67.6% last year to 75.7% this year. ↑ 8.1%
- The AMO (Annual Measurable Objective) in Reading/English Language Arts also increased greatly this year, from 73.3% last year to 80% this year. ↑ 6.7%
- Students with Disabilities (SWDs) are expected to perform at the same level in all academic areas as the regular education and gifted students.
- In addition to all students in a school making the AMOs, each student group must also make the AMOs. A minimum number of 40 students are required to make up a student group, therefore, all student groups are not counted in every school. Tapp's student groups are: Black, Hispanic, White, SWDs, and Economically Disadvantaged.

- 93.3 % of all Tapp students met or exceeded standards in Reading/English Language Arts and 81% of all students met or exceeded standards in Math on the CRCT.
- Tapp Middle School is not in "Needs Improvement" status.

What are some ways Tapp MS will address our academic deficiencies?

- READ 180
- Before and After school tutoring by teachers
- Math Enrichment classes
- Extended Reading Time-daily
- Guided Math

What can Parents do to help us achieve our goals?

- Support our neighborhood school
- Volunteer
- Join PTSA and work on a committee
- Monitor grades and attendance using Pinnacle
- Attend parent conferences when requested
- Work collaboratively with the teachers

Please find a list of Tapp Middle School's 2010-2011 Highlights and Accomplishments enclosed with this letter.

"Working Together, We Can Make A World of Difference"