Overview

The residency program is an amazing opportunity for a senior year experience that fully prepares you to become an effective teacher. The two-semester program fulfills the requirements for both capstone methods and student teaching. The program provides one year of clinical training and practical, hands-on experience at an assigned school in Ascension Public Schools. Specifically the program provides student teachers with:

- Extensive teaching opportunities that allow you to participate in an entire school year
- Job-embedded professional development provided by the district

"Student teaching in Ascension Parish was an amazing experience and fully prepared me for my first year of teaching."  
- Ashley Melancon

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"I strongly believe that everyone should participate in a student teaching experience that includes the training and support provided by the TAP™ system. This experience in Ascension Parish has prepared me better than I could have imagined for the realities of teaching.”
- Taylor Ford

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TAP Support

In 2007, Ascension began implementation of the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP). 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.

As a resident teacher in a TAP school, you will receive the following support and professional development:

- Assistance, support, and follow up by a master teacher typically at a 1:15 ratio
- Assistance, support, and follow up by a mentor teacher typically at a 1:10 ratio
- 60-90 minutes weekly professional development in cluster meetings during the school day

"A" Rated School District & Nationally Recognized Success

The National Institute for Excellence in Teaching presented Pecan Grove Primary with the prestigious TAP Founder’s Award in 2015. Each year, NIET recognizes one school for its exceptional efforts to implement and represent the principles of the Teacher Advancement System.

Ascension Public Schools is an “A” school system that is committed to providing each student the high-quality education necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world. The District Performance Score has improved every year and currently ranks fourth in the state of Louisiana in academic achievement.