TAP System for
Teacher and Student Advancement

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ATTRACT, RETAIN, DEVELOP & MOTIVATE
HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATORS

Since its introduction in 1999, the TAP system has led to dramatically improved outcomes for students and changed the trajectory of entire schools. Most TAP schools are high-need and serve diverse areas—from Phoenix to Native American reservations to rural Tennessee.

> **TAP provides the blueprint that every school needs to make improvements and to be successful.**
>
> Mindy Searcy, District Executive Master Teacher, Arkansas

Partner With Us

TAP is an educator-led, comprehensive school reform solution that establishes sustained structures for building educator excellence and increasing student achievement growth.

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Through the implementation of four interrelated key elements, **teachers are improving their instruction and the achievement of their students**—whether they are a school that has faced historic challenges or a high-performing school that wants to go to the next level.

Multiple Career Paths

TAP allows teachers to pursue a variety of positions throughout their careers—career, mentor and master teacher—depending upon their interests, abilities and accomplishments. This allows good teachers to advance professionally without having to leave the classroom.

Ongoing Job-Embedded Professional Growth

Unlike traditional models of professional development, TAP provides teachers with a system of professional learning that is ongoing, job-embedded, collaborative, student-centered and led by instructors who are experts in that content area.

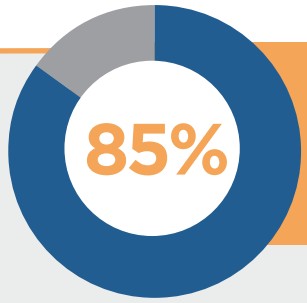
Accountability that is Instructionally Focused

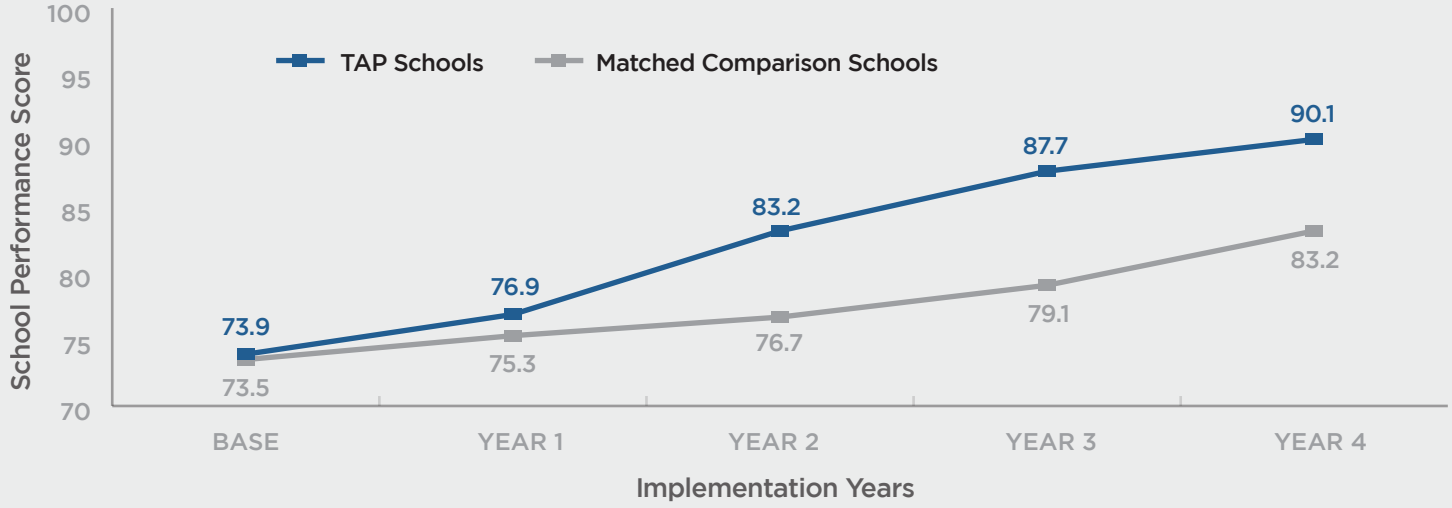
As a complement to regular professional learning, TAP provides a comprehensive system for observing and providing feedback to teachers that honors and rewards them for how well they teach their students.

Performance-Based Compensation

TAP changes the current pay system by providing additional compensation to teachers based on new roles and responsibilities, their accomplishments in the classroom and/or the performance of their students.

Our Impact



85% of principals say the implementation of TAP has helped retain effective teachers.

Interactive Inc. Study Finds Louisiana TAP Schools Outperform Matched Comparison Schools