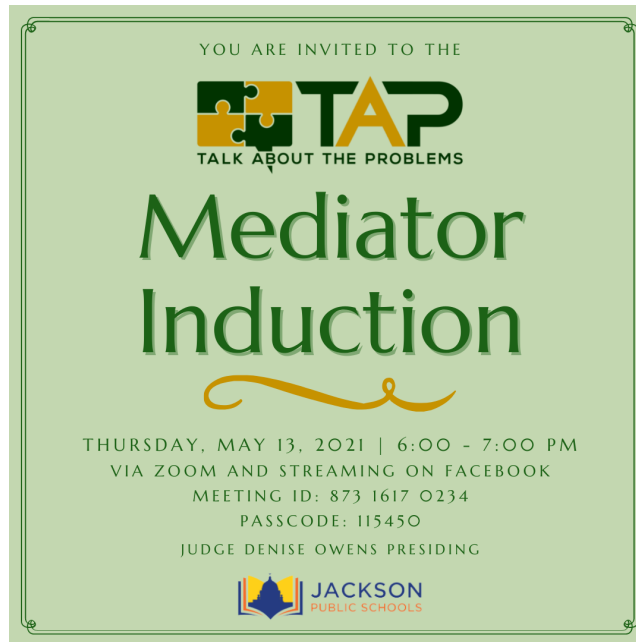


TAP NEWS



Join us for the 2021 JPS Induction Ceremony this **Thursday, May 13 at 6:00pm** as our new mediators swear the Oath of Service.

- [Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.
- [Click here](#) to view or share the livestream from the ISJL's Facebook page.
- **Mediators are encouraged to wear their new TAP shirts.**

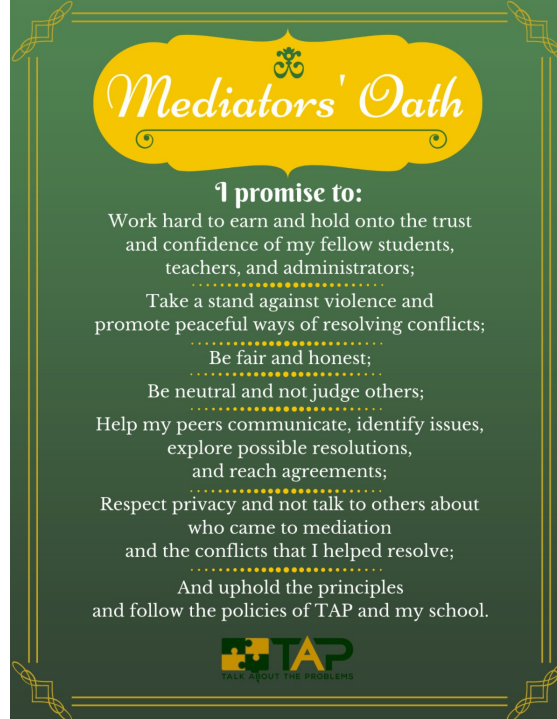
SPOTLIGHT ON THE MEDIATORS' OATH

Each year, new mediators raise their right hands and swear to uphold the Mediators' Oath in front of an audience of their family, peers, school and district staff, and community members.

The commitments outlined in the oath demonstrate that being a mediator is so much more than what happens in the mediation room. It's about being a trustworthy and honest person who others can count on, using critical thinking skills to reach realistic solutions, and exhibiting empathy for everyone in your school

community.

We are so proud of all of our mediators and are excited to welcome this year's newly trained students into the program!



LOG YOUR MEDIATIONS

Google Form Makes Logging Easier



Mediators and Site Coordinators, click the link below to access a Google Form to quickly and easily log your mediations.

Middle Schools: A Site Coordinator logs the mediation, and mediators may but are not required to.

High Schools: A Site Coordinator logs the mediation as well as at least one mediator.

[Click here to fill out the form.](#)

For more details on how to use this form, view our handy guide [here](#).

STRATEGY OF THE MONTH

Confidentiality: What's said in TAP stays in TAP

One of the cornerstones of TAP (and mediation in general) is **confidentiality**. Maintaining disputants' privacy helps them open up and speak honestly about their conflict. When they know they can trust mediators not to gossip, they are more comfortable coming back to TAP if they have another issue.

Here are some steps you can use if someone asks you to share what was said during a mediation:

1. Acknowledge their interest.
2. Talk about the process.
3. Talk about your responsibilities.
4. Explain the consequences.

Example: "I understand that you want to know more, but in every mediation everyone in the room agrees to confidentiality. As a mediator, I have to keep what was said private. If I break that rule, I won't be able to be a mediator any more."



If an adult asks for information about a mediation, let them know that the Site Coordinator may be able to answer their questions without breaking confidentiality.

PRACTICE ROLEPLAY

Mateo:

Sandra is lying to everyone for attention! She's pretending to be dating Jeff, but really I've been dating Jeff for months and just haven't told anyone because we wanted to keep it private. I'm so sick of hearing her make up stuff about him giving her presents or taking her out. That's my life, not hers!

Sandra:

I didn't know Mateo and Jeff were together. It was a misunderstanding at first, but everyone was so happy for me that I couldn't bear to go back to being a nobody without a boyfriend. Honestly, I don't think this is hurting anyone.

Impact Statement for Mateo:

Impact Statement for Sandra:

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