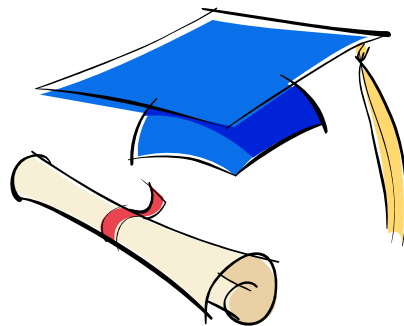


## **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)**

Revised 2011

Bedford County Public Schools is offering tuition assistance through Title II, Part A – Teacher Quality Grant funds and through limited local funds to teachers and administrators. A maximum benefit of \$1,000.00 per applicant, per school year, is available to those teachers and administrators who currently work in the division, and who wish to enhance their existing licenses. Tuition assistance is also available for paraprofessionals completing college coursework to obtain NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND “highly qualified” status. This benefit is offered in addition to college credit courses and/or workshops that are sponsored in the division, free of charge to participants.

For teachers and administrators, the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) may be used to support coursework leading to recertification and/or additional endorsements within the applicant’s chosen field. TAP funds may also be used to offset tuition expenses for coursework leading to another unrelated endorsement (e.g. adding administrative endorsement to teaching license). Paraprofessionals may use this tuition assistance to support their coursework to acquire an Associate’s degree or a Bachelor’s degree in a teaching field.



To apply for TAP funds, interested individuals should have the course approved by the school principal and submit a signed TAP application form (accessible through the BCPS website) to the Instruction office. A response to the request for tuition assistance will be returned to the applicant. The funds will be reimbursed after documentation of payment and course completion (i.e. receipt, passing grade, etc.) is submitted to the Instruction office. TAP funds are limited and the program is subject to available monies and stipulations of the Title II, Part A Grant and the availability of local funding.

