



Welcome to the Teacher Outreach Program!!!!

What is TOP?

The TOP program is closely associated with the teacher education program at Chipola College and is designed to mentor and support middle and high school students in our 5-county school district who are interested in a career in education. The program is administered by a director of TOP at Chipola, and each school is designated a Teacher Education Program student (TEP) who is assigned to coordinate activities for future teachers. The TOP director and student coordinator assists each school to establish a Future Educator's Club (FEC) where middle and high school students begin thinking about becoming educators and planning their careers.

Acronyms to know:

TOP – Teacher Outreach Program
 FEC – Future Educator's Club
 TEP – Teacher Education Program
 DOE – Department of Education
 PAEC – Panhandle Area Educational Consortium

What activities are done at the middle and high school FEC's?

Each club is student directed and the club members develop their own activities under the guidance of their school sponsor and TEP coordinator. Some of the activities that schools are doing are listed below:

- ✓ Discussing facets of teaching and education



TOP Program Coordinators from left to right: Brandy Blighton, Malone High School, Lori Holland, Cottondale High School, Nathan Day, Graceville High School, and Angie Henderson, Vernon High School.

Active School FEC Clubs:

Cottondale High School	Malone High School
Graceville High School	Marianna High School
Vernon High School	Holmes County High School

How to become a member: Contact your school to identify the school sponsor. If your school has not started their FEC and you are interested, ask the school administration to call Joan Lasseter at Chipola College: 850-718-2396.

- ✓ Becoming familiar with Sunshine State Standards, FEAPS, Tasks, and the Department of Education (DOE) website
- ✓ Teacher observations
- ✓ Designing club t-shirts
- ✓ Creating educational service projects
- ✓ Discovering learning styles
- ✓ Developing field trips to education sites such as the DOE and PAEC
- ✓ Planning to become teacher assistants in local schools

Along with the numerous educational activities planned at each school club site, students can receive guidance with scholarship applications, advisement on courses, and are mentored throughout their academic career. The high school students are auxiliary members of the Chipola College FEC and will participate in some of their activities such as workshops and field trips. The Chipola FEC plans to have a "High School FEC Day" where the auxiliary members are invited to tour the Chipola Teacher Education Department, attend the college FEC meeting and visit a college education class. Our purpose in creating the TOP program is to create a better prepared student who has the ability to take advantage of all learning opportunities along the way while gaining the support of experienced education students and education faculty.

Coming Soon: The FEC Workshop, Student of the Month, Chipola Faculty of the Month, What's Happening at Your School, What's Happening at Chipola.