

Tacoma School District is the proud recipient of a grant provided by the RAIKES Foundation to support students and families in the transition from 5th to 6th grade in the Mason/Truman region. The RAIKES Foundation is dedicated to the belief that regular participation in high quality programs leads to better personal, social and academic outcomes and higher self-esteem. <http://raikesfoundation.org/>

The focus of the grant for the 2011-12 school year will include:

- Implementation of the **AVID** program in 5th and 6th grades [LINK TO OVERVIEW OF AVID](#)
- Strong collaboration between teachers in the Mason/Truman regions
- Increased communication with families about successful transition to middle school

Contact Information (This will include school info, + 6th grade counselor name/phone #)

Article: *Putting Middle Grades Students on the Graduation Path: A Policy and Practice Brief*