

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC RECORD

M.Ed	1987 Arizona State University	Special Education: Gifted Emphasis
B.S.	1982 Northern Arizona University	Elementary Education/Special Education
Certification	2015 University of Phoenix	Educational Administration

CERTIFICATES and ENDORSEMENTS

National Board Certification – 2009 Renewal 2019	Middle Generalist
Elementary Education/Special Education Learning Disabilities	K-8
Gifted Education	K-12
Structured English Immersion	K-12
Administrative Certification – (2015)	K-12

CONSULTATIONS

Curriculum Mapping, Curriculum Implementation, Differentiation Strategies, School-wide Cluster Grouping Model, 21st Century Skill Implementation, Project Based Learning

- Within Arizona
 - Buckeye School District
 - Cave Creek USD
 - Grand Canyon University
 - Thunder Village Parent Nights
 - Kyrene School District
 - Humboldt School District
 - Litchfield School District
 - Madison USD
 - Maricopa School District
 - Peoria USD
 - Prescott USD
 - Saddle Mountain USD
 - Sahuarita School District
 - Sedona School District
 - Tempe USD
- Nationally
 - Natomas School District, California
 - Novato School District, California
 - Montrose USD, Colorado
 - Vail BOCES, Colorado
 - Santa Rosa School District, Florida
 - Harris County Schools, Georgia
 - Sioux City School District, Iowa
 - Groton-Dunstable Regional School District, Massachusetts
 - Freehold County Schools, New Jersey
 - The Franciscan School, North Carolina
 - Cleveland Heights School District, Ohio
 - Hilliard School District, Hilliard, Ohio
 - Laredo ISD, Texas
 - Durango USD, Texas
 - Tukwila School District, Washington

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CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT

- Development and Implementation of Gifted ELA Curriculum
 - SUSD PreK-12
 - PVUSD K-12
- Development and Implementation of Gifted Endorsement Cohort Curriculum for SUSD (3 Year Program)
- Development of Twice Exceptional programming – implementation 2022-2023
- Development Gifted Resource Site K-12 - PVUSD
- Development of Online Gifted Courses K-12 – PVUSD
- Development of Student Self Reflective Tool for Assessing 21st Century Skills
- IDL- Instructional Development Leader
- Project Based Learning Program Development
- Development and Presenter: Digital Literacy Academy
- Google Apps for Education and the Common Core
- Picture-It Math DVD Problem Solving Program Co-Creator
- IPI (Instructional Practices Inventory) Certified
- RTI Intervention Specialist/Student Success Team Member

PRESENTATIONS

- Arizona Association of Gifted and Talented (AAGT) Presenter
- National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Presenter
- National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Pre-Conference Presenter
- Flipped Webinar Series for National Association for Gifted Children
- Texas Association for Gifted and Talented (TAGT) Presenter
- International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Presenter
- Certified Trainer
 - William and Mary Curriculum
 - Write From the Beginning
 - Step Up to Writing
 - Six Trait + 1 Writing
 - Hands On Equations Trainer
 - Project Based Learning
 - Family Math Trainer/Coordinator
 - Junior Great Books
- Workshop Presenter:
 - Complexity and Rigor in Today's Classroom
 - Common Core Implementation: ELA and Mathematics
 - Growth Mindset: Power of Yet
 - Vocabulary Development

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- 4 Level Grammar: Michael Clay Thompson
- Differentiation Strategies: Tiered Lessons/Compacting/Study Guides/Extension Menus
- Critical/Creative Thinking
- Socratic Method and Questioning Strategies
- Data Driven Instruction
- Project Based Learning
- Caesar’s English – Latin/Greek Stems
- Engagement Strategies
- Formative/Summative Assessment

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- NAGC Professional Learning Network Chair (2021)
- Co-Author [A Teacher’s Guide to Flexible Grouping and Collaborative Learning](#) (2017)
- Co-Author [Differentiated Lessons for Every Learner: Standards-Based Activities and Extensions for Middle School](#) (2016)
- Published: *Educational Technology* article, Teacher Support Is Just a Click Away
- Published: *Illinois Association for Gifted Children Journal* article, Addressing and Assessing 21st Century Skills for High Ability Learners
- Published: *Understanding Our Gifted, Teacher Support in the Digital Age*
- Co-recipient of the NACG Professional Development Network Award (2013)
- Professional Learning Community Instructor/Coordinator
- A+ School of Excellence Program Lead Judge K-12 (2012-Present)
- NAGC Professional Development Network Awards Chair
- Javits-Frasier Program Scholar Mentor
- Mentor Teacher – Gifted/Special Education/Regular Education
- Cognitive Coaching
- IT Skills: Google Apps for Education, WebEx, iGoogle, Computational Thinking, Coding Is Common to the Core

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Position Held	Dates
Director of Gifted Services Paradise Valley Unified Schools Phoenix, Arizona	2022 - Present
Director of Gifted and Accelerated Learning Scottsdale Unified School District Scottsdale, Arizona	2019-2022
Gifted Education Consultants	2011 – Present
Arizona State University Adjunct Professor, Gifted Graduate Program	2011 – Present

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Gifted Program Mentor Paradise Valley Schools Phoenix, AZ	2012–2019
Gifted Specialist/Mentor/Differentiation Coach Paradise Valley Schools Phoenix, AZ	2005–2012
Twice Exceptional Teacher North Ranch Elementary Paradise Valley Unified School District, Phoenix, Arizona	2003–2005
Literacy Resource Coach/LA Curriculum Development K-8 Lead Teacher Springs Ranch Elementary Colorado Springs, Colorado	2002–2003
Southern Colorado University – Adjunct Professor Colorado Springs, Colorado	2002–2003
Teacher – 4 th Grade Rudy Elementary School District 11, Colorado Springs, Colorado	2002–2002
Teacher – 5 th Grade Team Leader Horizon Elementary Loudoun County Public Schools, Sterling, Virginia	1999–2001
Teacher – 5 th /6 th Grade	1998-1999
Moderate Needs K-8 Inclusion/Resource Mountainside Elementary/Ft. Carson HS – Literacy Learning Network Schools District 8, Fort Carson, Colorado	1996-1998
Twice Exceptional Program Teacher 6 th -12 th Grade LBJ Middle School/ and Cibola High School University of New Mexico Grant Project Albuquerque, New Mexico	1993-1995
Teacher – 5 th Grade Broadmoor Elementary Trotwood Madison Independent School District, Trotwood, Ohio	1991-1992
Teacher – 2 nd /5 th Grade Lead Teacher/Team Leader Woodridge Elementary Alamo Heights Independent School District, San Antonio, Texas	1987-1991
Self Contained Gifted Teacher 3 rd and 6 th Grades Crismon Elementary Mesa Public Schools, Mesa, Arizona	1983-1987
Media Specialist/ Kindergarten Curriculum Development	1982-1983

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Emerson Elementary/Faith North Elementary
Phoenix District 1, Phoenix, Arizona

AWARDS AND HONORS

NAGC Gifted Master's and Specialist Award
NACG Professional Development Network Award
AAGT Gifted Educator of the Year
Arizona Teacher of the Year: Top Ten Semifinalist
North Ranch Elementary Teacher of the Year: 2007, 2008
Trotwood Madison Teacher of the Year: 1992
Alamo District Council of Teachers of Mathematics: Exemplary Mathematics Teacher 1990

REFERENCES

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