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## QUALIFICATIONS

- National Board Certification in Adolescence and Young Adulthood English Language Arts
- T-5 Georgia Certification with Reading Endorsement and Teacher Support Specialist
- Michigan Professional Certification in secondary English (BA) and Reading (BT)
- Virginia Professional License in English
- National Writing Project Teacher Consultant

## RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

- August 2010-  
June 2014*      *Instructional Coach*  
Francis C. Hammond Middle School, Alexandria, VA
- Collaborated with administrators to conduct instructional rounds with effective feedback to determine instructional strengths and areas of improvement. In 2013-2014, completed 531 walkthroughs and 160 debrief sessions.
  - Effectively implemented tiered intervention system for reading. In 3 years, moved to 83% of students to Tier I (from 43% in initial year).
  - Worked closely with the Director of Professional Development to plan and coordinate professional development sessions and with Curriculum Specialists to facilitate curriculum roll-out
  - Facilitated Learning Teams of content area teachers to align instruction and assessment and analyze data
  - Implemented job-embedded staff development which included modeling, co-planning and co-teaching with teachers to improve student learning and teacher practice
  - Cultivated collaboration-site classrooms to be used to study and spread effective instructional practices
  - Facilitated 7<sup>th</sup> grade language arts curriculum writing team; Member of Secondary Literacy Guidelines Committee for district
  - Received training in Research for Better Teaching's *Skillful Teacher* and *Skillful Leader*
- March 2009 –  
August 2011*      *Co-Director, Oakland Writing Project's Summer Reading and Thinking Institute*  
Waterford, MI
- Interviewed teacher candidates
  - Planned, coordinated and facilitated two-week summer institute for k-12 teachers
  - Areas of emphasis: Critical Literacy, digital literacies (web 3.0) and visual thinking
- August 2005-  
June 2010*      *Literacy Specialist and Coach*  
Novi Middle and High Schools, Novi, MI
- Responsible for Instruction, Assessment, Leadership and Curriculum Development as it related to literacy in all content areas
  - Co-led onsite staff development program for all secondary teachers; worked closely with cohorts of 30 teachers each year in coaching cycle (observe-plan-model-teach-debrief)

- Received training in Richard Stiggins' Assessment FOR Learning and Richard DuFour's Professional Learning Communities, November 2005
- Member of School Achievement Team, North Central Accreditation Committee, District Technology Committee and District English Language Arts Curriculum Committee
- Member of Leadership Team for Literacy with Oakland Writing Project and Oakland Intermediate School District; Attended Columbia Teachers' College Summer Reading Institute

### **PRIOR TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

August 2003-  
June 2005      *English Teacher - Ninth, Tenth and Twelfth Grade Literature*  
Pacelli Catholic High School, Columbus, GA

August 2001-  
May 2003      *Adjunct Faculty*  
Learning Support Services; Remedial Reading and Remedial English/Writing,  
Georgia Military College, Martinez, GA

August 1998-  
June 2003      *English Teacher - Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Grade Literature*  
Academy of Richmond County Comprehensive High School, Augusta, GA

### **EDUCATION**

June 2000-  
January 2001      Cambridge College, Cambridge, Massachusetts      GPA: 3.9  
Master of Education

September 1993-  
June 1998      Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia      GPA: 3.2  
Bachelor of Science in Education  
Emphasis: Secondary English      Minor: Music

August 1989-  
June 1993      Academy of Richmond County Comprehensive High School, Augusta, Georgia  
College Preparatory Diploma

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- National Council for Teachers of English
- International Reading Association
- National Writing Project

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- National Board Certification in Adolescence and Young Adulthood English Language Arts (2003-2023)
- Teacher Consultant for National Writing Project (Southwest GA and Oakland MI sites)
- 2004 STAR Teacher selected by STAR student, Pacelli High School
- 2004 Teacher of the Year, Pacelli High School
- 2004 recipient of Golden Apple Award given by WRBL(CBS) and Muscogee County (GA) Educators Federal Credit Union
- 2002 Teacher of the Year, Richmond Academy