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COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED

Purdue University <i>December 1999</i>	Gifted/Talented Endorsement
Illinois State University, M.S.Ed. <i>August 1984</i>	Reading Specialist K-12
Illinois State University, B.S.Ed. <i>May 1978</i>	Elementary Education K-6; Language Arts K-9

TEACHING EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Ball State University <i>August 2015 – present</i>	Muncie, Indiana <i>Lecturer: Educational Psychology Department</i> <i>Gifted/Talented License Courses</i>
Zionsville Community Schools <i>August 1996 – June 2015</i>	Zionsville, Indiana <i>Grade 8 Language Arts</i> <i>Grade 6 High Ability Humanities and Math</i>
Kyrene School District <i>August 1992 – May 1994</i>	Tempe, Arizona <i>Grade 1, full inclusion</i>
Evergreen Park District 124 <i>August 1979 – June 1989</i>	Evergreen Park, Illinois <i>Grades 3-4, looping classroom</i> <i>Grades 7/8, Language Arts</i> <i>Grade 2, full inclusion</i>
Mendota Community Schools <i>August 1978 – May 1979</i>	Mendota, Illinois <i>Grade 4, ESL-inclusion classroom</i>

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Indiana Association for the Gifted (IAG)
President and Conference Chair

National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC)
National conference presenter; curriculum writing award winner

Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education
International travel advisory panel

American Middle Level Educators Association (AMLE)
National conference presenter

National Education Association; Indiana Education Association
Local building representative

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Indiana Life License
K-12; Language Arts Departmentalized 5-12; Reading Specialist Endorsement;
Kindergarten Endorsement; Gifted/Talented Endorsement

Indiana Department of Education

High ability curriculum project author - directors: Dr. Joyce VanTassel-Baska and Dr. Ginny Burney
Standards Advisory Committee member
Teacher presenter at statewide professional development sessions on curriculum for gifted/talented students

Zionsville Community School Corporation

Humanities Department Chairperson – Zionsville Middle School

Presenter – High Ability Curriculum

Building Leader - District Literacy Initiative

Committee Member

School improvement

Teacher evaluation

Student handbook

Superintendent's roundtable discussion forum

Language Arts and Math – curriculum writing & articulation

Future Problem Solving Program (FPSP)

Coach, state evaluator, advisory board member, and mentor

Professional Enrichment Group

Local “think tank” that meets monthly to discuss books, articles, and research on a wide array of educational topics

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

National Association for Gifted Children – Curriculum Studies Award 2017

Honor Through the Ages

Indiana Association for the Gifted - awarded Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted 2012

Indiana Department of Education – named a top ten finalist Teacher of the Year 2009

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

National Association for Gifted Children

Shining a Light on Multimedia Projects for Gifted Learners; Treasures in the Core Standards

Indiana Association for the Gifted

Integrated Humanities Classroom; Multi-media Projects with Purpose

Various statewide curriculum seminars

Association for Middle Level Education

Student-Led Conferencing in the Digital Age

Indiana Middle Level Educators Association

Grade 5-8 middle school configurations; Interdisciplinary Learning

Zionsville Community School Corporation

Rigor in curriculum standards; student-led conferences; parent communication; and teacher accountability; technology integration; 4-level grammar; 6+1 writing; math problem-solving; differentiation in the high ability classroom

RECENT INITIATIVES

Indiana High Ability Curriculum – unit writing and standards alignment

Indiana Association for the Gifted – Conference Chair – 2017

BSU course standards realignment CAEP and Indiana Teaching Standards

Keynote address – NUMATS Awards Ceremony – 2017