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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 Gifted/Talented License Courses</i>
Zionsville Community Schools <i>August 1996 – June 2015</i>	Zionsville, Indiana <i>Grade 8 Language Arts 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 Grades 7/8, Language Arts 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)  
*Past President and Conference Chair*

Florida Association for the Gifted (FLAG)  
*State conference presenter; education committee*

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

*Cultivating Self-Efficacy in the Writing Classroom; Shining a Light on Multimedia Projects for Gifted Learners*

Indiana Association for the Gifted

*Defensible Student Assessment With Rubrics; 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*

## **RECENT INITIATIVES**

Indiana High Ability Curriculum – unit writing and standards alignment

Indiana Association for the Gifted – Conference Committee 2021

BSU course standards realignment CAEP and Indiana Teaching Standards

Contributing speaker – NUMATS Awards Ceremony – Burriss Lab School