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FORMAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Tennessee State University. Graduate Studies. M.Ed. (in progress 4.0. GPA)

David Lipscomb University. B.S. Elementary Education. (1986-1990)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent/Freelance Educational Consultant/Presenter. Mathematics. (2006-present)

Educational Consultant/Presenter – TN State Department of Education. (Math assessment) (2003-2005)

Meigs Magnet Middle School. Numeracy coach. (Fall semester 2011)

NASA Educational Liaison for MTSU's TMSTEC ERC with Marshall Space Flight Center. (Summer 2002 & 2003)

Meigs Magnet Middle School. Self-contained 5th & 6th grade teacher. (2003-present)

Jere Baxter Middle School. 6th grade teacher. (2000-2002)

YMCA of Middle Tennessee. School Site Director: Club MCM, a federally funded after school program. (2000-present)

PENCIL Foundation. Math Specialist: wrote and continue to implement a system wide math tutoring program. (2000-present)

Middle Tennessee State University's Eisenhower, ITQ, Math & Science Partnership- MSP grants. Math & Science Presenter:

assist in conducting math institutes in different districts for systemic change in standards based math teaching. (1998-present)

Nashville Public Television. National Teacher Training Institute Master Teacher: create curriculum and conduct professional development for teachers in math, science, and technology. (1994-2003)

Brick Church Middle School. 6th grade Schools For Thought math, science, and language arts teacher. (1991-2000)(2002-2003)

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Meigs Magnet School Teacher of the Year. (2010-2011)

Best Buy Teach Award & \$2,000 technology grant. (2008)

Presidential Award of Excellence in Math and Science Teaching - Tennessee, March 2001.

Metro-Nashville Middle School Teacher of the Year 2000 and finalist at state level.

NTTI Teacher of the Year. (1998)

MathLine Metro Middle School Award. (1998)

Disney Teacher of the Year national nominee. (1997-1998)

Peace Award, "May Peace Prevail in Our Country." (1996)

Brick Church Teacher of the Year. (1995-1996, 1998-1999, 2002-2003)

WSMV Channel 4 Terrific Teacher. (1995-96)

MNEA Distinguished Classroom Teacher. (1994-1995)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)

Tennessee Association of Middle Schools (TAMS)

National Educational Association (NEA)/Tennessee Educational Association (TEA)

PBS TeacherLine

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Technology Instructor (iPad) "Show Us Your App-titude" after-school club (2011-present)

- NFL Play 60 school committee (2011-present)

- After-school volunteer tutor (2003-present)
- Wrestling coach Meigs Magnet Middle School. (2003-present)
- Wrestling coach Brick Church Middle School. (2002-2003)
- Piloted writing/ mathematics series for Zanier-Bloser. (2001-2002)
- On-line teacher facilitator for PBS Teacher Line. (2002)
- Wrestling coach Jere Baxter Middle School. (2001-2002)
- Challenge Grant/ School's For Thought curriculum leader/ teacher trainer. (1998-2001)
- SFT/MLK Day Essay student contest winners. (1999-2000)
- Metro Math Manipulatives Committee member & teacher trainer. (1998-2002)
- WNPT (PBS-Nashville Public TV) curriculum series on-air contributor. (1998-99)
- Library Power grant math/science unit author. (1998)
- Assisted in system math curriculum revisions. (1998, 2001)
- Presenter, math problem solving for Terra Nova. (1998)
- "Club Write," WDCN (PBS) series, contributor. (1998)
- 4-H outdoor classroom grant. (1997-98)
- MIP/CCRP school system trainer. (1996-2001)
- National Arbor Day tree planting sponsor. (1996-2000)
- NSF Science Grant/STC kit faculty trainer and facilitator. (1996-2000)
- American Education Week chairperson. (1996-2000)
- St. Jude's Math A Thon sponsor. (1996-2000)
- Math system wide in-service presenter. (1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)
- NSTA National Science Convention. (1996)
- SACS 5-year study school committee. (1996, 2001)
- Write Way Summer Institute participant. (1996)
- Presenter, geometry workshops for school system. (1996)
- Junior Achievement participant. (1995-2000)
- Annual Academic Quiz Bowl sponsor. (1996-1997)
- Equity 2000 Saturday Academy teacher. (1996-2000)
- Red Cross school sponsor. (1995-2000)
- Space Camp multiple day field trip school sponsor. (1995-2001)
- PTO Executive Board membership chair. (1995-2000)
- Cumberland University substitute instructor. (1995-2002)
- AIMS system co-administrator for school. (1995-1999)
- Middle Tennessee Math Teachers presenter. (1996, 1997)
- Nat'l Co. of Teachers of Mathematics national presenter. (1998-2000)
- PBS MathLine member and presenter. (1995-2000)
- Hands-On Equations presenter. (1995, 1998)
- Author, "Aligning 4-H Curriculum to Metro." A curriculum guide for system. (1995)
- Peabody Geometry/Technology Institute. (1995)
- Equity 2000 Summer Math Institute. (1995)
- PBS National Teacher Training Institute national presenter. (1997)
- NTTI Master Teacher. (1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002)
- Local community Chili Supper/School Festival co-coordinator. (1994-2000)
- Spelling Bee co-advisor. (1994-1999)
- School Personnel Placement Committee. (1994-2000)
- State-wide workshop presenter in math and science. (1994-2002)
- Organizer, teacher of BCMS Summer Institute. (1994-2000)
- 4-H Recycling Program school sponsor. (1994-1997)
- Innovative Technology grant winner. (1994-95)
- Environmental Education grant from Davidson Co. Soil Conservation Office. (1994)
- Co-developed "After-School Hands-On Learning Institute." (1994)
- Cumberland Science Clean Air Week school coordinator. (1993-2000)
- "Earth O Rama," Earth Day project, sponsor. (1993-2000)
- School technology committee chairperson. (1993-2000)

- 4-H CLUB Advisory Board. Member, curriculum author, and consultant (1993-2002)
- 4-H county speech, poster, and demonstration contest student winners. (1993-2002)
- School Faculty Advisory Committee chairperson. (1993-1998, 1999-2000)
- National Jr. Beta Club co-sponsor for school. (1993-1996)
- Title 1 pairing teacher. (1993-1995)
- Cumberland Science Museum Out-Reach organizer (1993-95)
- Shared Leadership training with The Bellon Group. (1993-94)
- Addison Wesley science textbook pilot program. (1993-94)
- Summer Art Institute. (1993)
- Apple Classrooms Of Tomorrow Summer Institute. (1993)
- 100% PTO classroom membership. 10 years in a row. (1992-2002)
- 4-H school/ community contact representative. (1992-2002)
- School Science Link (school representative). (1992-2000)
- Sponsor, school newspaper staff. (1992-2000)
- Shared Leadership Committee member. (1992-2000)
- Sponsor, Student Council. (1992-2002)
- Volunteer after school/ weekend tutor. (1992-2000)
- School science fair co-sponsor. (1992-2000)
- 100% 4-H student participation. 11 years in a row. (1992-2002)
- International Reading Association. (1991-1996)
- TEA Representative Assembly Delegate (1991-1998)
- Local Association Building Representative (1992-1998)