

QUALIFICATIONS

Culturally Proficient

K-8 Principal with 25 years of administration experience in elementary, middle school and central administration, and international teaching experience seeks administrative position.

Career Progression

International Schools, Rural and Urban Teacher, Principal, Interim Superintendent, Central Administration, University Instructor, Educational Consultant, Keynote Speaker and Grant Writer.

Areas of Strength

IB Certified, Financial Management, New School Construction, Interpersonal Communication Skills, Curriculum Alignment and Staff Development, Internationally Minded Thinker.

Personal

Traveled extensively to all parts of the world including Bolivia, China, Malaysia, S. Korea, Ecuador, Peru, Indonesia, Mexico, Spain, Canada and U.S. Have an appreciation and respect for all cultures.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Principal Pre-K-5, Seoul International School Seongnam, South Korea (2009 – present)

- *Supervise the coordination, planning and assessment of the elementary school curriculum activities and oversees the implementation of the school programs, policies and procedures.*
- *Developed a school-wide teacher evaluation system based on best practices.*
- *Monitor curriculum development, articulation and assessment and staff development.*
- *Provide instructional guidance and support based on best practices.*

Principal K-8, Songdo International School Songdo, South Korea (2008 – 2009)

- *Collaborated with a team of School Planners from Harvard, International School Service and the South Korean government to establish a 150 million dollar, K-12 world-class International school with a sustainable LEED design and state of the art integrated technologies.*
- *Established and managed a school start up Due Diligence chart in order to maintain opening schedule.*
- *Acquired furniture, playground equipment, and instructional materials for the new school.*
- *Developed the Mission, Values and Beliefs for the new school's start up.*
- *Worked with local Korean and US Architects, Construction Project Managers, and City Developers in the building of the new school.*
- *Presented the schools vision and construction progress to various groups in and around South Korea.*

Principal, Davidson Elementary Tucson Unified School District, Tucson, AZ (2003 – 2008)

- *Implemented four school-wide programs to 425 students which brought Davidson from an *Underperforming* status to a *Performing* status for four consecutive years.*
- *Wrote and coordinated several State and Federal Grants worth over \$2M dollars.*
- *Supervised, monitored and approved expenditures for Title 1, Reading First, and AZ School improvement.*
- *Coordinated and supervised the design and construction of Arizona's First Leadership in Environmental Energy Design (LEED) certified award winning school.*
- *Established a comprehensive school-wide attendance program that raised attendance from 78% to 97% and was locally and nationally recognized.*

Solutions Team, Arizona Department of Education, Phoenix, AZ (2005 – 2008)

- *Trained to conduct evidence-based inquiry using the Arizona State Standards for School Improvement and the state's accountability system.*
- *Worked with administration, staff, parents and community members at *Underperforming* schools to conduct an evidence-based inquiry of all programs and make improvements.*

Principal, Keeling Elementary Amphitheater School District, Tucson, AZ (1993 – 2003)

- Implemented three school-wide programs to 550 students which improved standardized test scores by 30% in reading and math.
- Coordinated and supervised new school construction.
- Achieved the district's best climate survey results at a school where 94% of its students are on Federal Aid, 68% are second language learners with three self-contained Exceptional Ed Programs.
- Supervised, monitored, and approved expenditures of a \$2.7M site budget.
- Coordinated and supervised a multi-task volunteer neighborhood program that repaired 55 homes for the elderly.

K-8 Principal, Coronado Amphitheater School District, Tucson, AZ (1991 – 1993)

- Supervised, monitored and approved expenditures of a \$3.9M budget for 1,400 students and 100 certified and classified staff members.
- Worked with staff and students to achieve 20% improvement in test scores.

Principal, Jefferson Park Elementary Tucson Unified School District, Tucson, AZ (1987 – 1991)

- Implemented policies on Desegregation and Title 1 programs.
- Developed training programs for low-income families.

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Interim Superintendent, Altar Valley School District, Three Points, AZ (1990)

- Planned and supervised new building construction of a preschool building and a library.
- Coordinated and assisted the School Board with the hiring of a new Superintendent.

University Instructor, University of Phoenix, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

- University of Phoenix, Educational Leadership Tucson, AZ (1996 – 1997).
- University of Arizona, Math and Social Studies, Tucson, AZ (1985 – 1986)

Ombudsman, Tucson Unified School District, Tucson, AZ (1987)

- Liaison between school district and community for second largest school district in the state of Arizona.
- Interpreted district policy, state statutes and laws relating to employees and staff relations.

Curriculum Consultant, Tucson Unified School District, Tucson, AZ (1987)

- Coordinated Elementary Language Arts curriculum alignment in a district of 56,000 students.
- Planned and implemented special projects throughout the district and the community.

Elementary K-8 Teacher

- Zimmerman K-6 One-Room School; *Mt. Lemmon, AZ* (1980 – 1984).
- Taos Valley School; *Taos, NM* (1979 – 1980).
- Sasabe K-8 Two-Room School; *Sasabe, AZ* (1975 – 1978).

International Teacher, S.A. International School, Santa Cruz, Bolivia

- Santa Cruz International School (3rd grade), *Bolivia, SA* (1978 – 1979).

EDUCATION

Doctoral Studies, Educational Leadership, University of Arizona (2000 – 2005)

Masters of Education, Educational Administration, University of Arizona (1985 – 1986)

Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education, University of Arizona (1975)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Arizona State Teacher of the Year, Arizona Department of Education

Distinguished Educator Award, University of Arizona

NASA Teacher in Space, Arizona Finalist

President's Forum "Excellence in Education," Albuquerque, New Mexico

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AFFILIATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

University of Arizona Alumni Council, *Board Member*
Educational Enrichment Foundation, *Board Member*
Opening Minds Through the Arts OMA, *Board Member*
Fulbright Scholarship Selection Committee Member, *University of Arizona*
Teacher of the Year Selection Committee Member, *Arizona State Department of Education*
Math Committee Chair, *Amphitheater School District*
New School Committee Member, *Amphitheater School District*
National Board Certification Committee; Chair, *Amphitheater School District*
Budget Oversight Committee, *Amphitheater School District*
Developing School-wide Programs, Presenter for *State Department of Education*
Leadership Academy Faculty, Presenter for *State Department of Education*
International Reading Association Conference; Presenter for *New Orleans, Louisiana*
Prescription Learning Lab *Regional Workshop*, Keynote Speaker
Arizona Principals' Academy, Guest Speaker for *State Department of Education*
Honors Convocations, Guest Speaker for *University of Arizona*
University of Arizona *Elementary Ed Conference*, Guest Speaker
Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development, Member and Workshop Presenter
Co-author of Special Education Research Project, Virginia State Dept. of Education
Co-author of Mining Minerals and Me, Science Kit, Holt Publishing Company

EDUCATIONAL REFERENCES

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