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## Education

2003-04      *Oklahoma City Community College*      Oklahoma City, OK  
6 hours NSF Intermediate Math Initiative

1995-2000      *Oklahoma State University*      Stillwater, OK  
15 hours in Curriculum & Instruction

1991-95      *Oklahoma City University*      Oklahoma City, OK  
Master of Elementary Education      Honors Graduate

1987-91      *Oklahoma City University*      Oklahoma City, OK  
Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education      Cum Laude Graduate

## Professional Experience

2005-present      *Taft Middle School*      Oklahoma City, OK  
✦ Eighth Grade Algebra & Pre-Algebra

2004-05      *John Ross Elementary*      Edmond, OK  
✦ Fifth Grade

1993-2004      *Wheeler Community Learning Center*      Oklahoma City, OK  
✦ Sixth & Seventh Grade Math and Science  
✦ Fifth Grade  
✦ K-5 Reading/Writing Workshop  
✦ Curriculum & Technology Coordinator  
✦ First Grade

## Professional Awards

2009 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year  
2008 Ratheon Math Hero Award  
2008 Oklahoma City Public Schools Teacher of the Year  
2008 Taft Middle School Teacher of the Year  
2007 Presidential Awardee for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching  
2006 Who's Who Among American Teachers  
2005 Wheeler Community Learning Center Teacher of the Year  
2002 Oklahoma City OEA Excellent Educator

## Professional Activities

Director, Oklahoma Teachers Improving Mathematics in Middle Schools (OTIMMS)  
2008-Present, Leadership Facilitator, 2006-present

Trainer, Oklahoma Middle School Math Professional Development Institute (PDI)  
2005-Present

Facilitator, Improving Mathematical Pedagogy and Content Knowledge of Teachers (IMPACKT) Summer, 2007

Teacher Consultant, Oklahoma State University Writing Project, 1995-Present

**Professional  
Activities, cont**

Facilitator, Oklahoma Schools Attuned, 2003-Present

Trainer, *I Can Do It!* National Education Association Classroom Management Program  
2006-Present

Teacher Mentor, *Adventure Engineering*, University of Oklahoma, 2004

Author, *Preparing to PASS: 5th Grade Math and Preparing to PASS: 5th Grade Science* (Curriculum activities and assessment based on Oklahoma state standards).

Member, Test Item Review Committee for the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Master Teacher (Math & Science), Oklahoma State Department of Education

National Science Advisory Board Member, Pearson Publishing

Fellow, Cal Hobson Technology Teachers of Tomorrow Program

Member, National Education Association, Okla. Education Association, OEA-OKC

Member, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Teacher Facilitator at the local, state, and national level of more than 320 presentations (1995-present) on topics including Continuous Improvement, improving student engagement, alternative assessment, student portfolios, integrating technology, student-led conferences, curriculum integration, multicultural education, classroom management, parental involvement, writing across the curriculum, strategies for reaching English language learners, developing algebraic thinking, and National Board Certification.

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**Professional  
Certifications**

National Board Certified Middle Childhood Generalist

Mild/Moderate Disabilities, Oklahoma State Department of Education

Intermediate Mathematics, Oklahoma State Department of Education

Elementary Education, Oklahoma State Department of Education

Early Childhood Education, Oklahoma State Department of Education

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**Civic  
Involvement**

Key Communicator, Oklahoma City Public Schools K.I.D.S. Committee

Volunteer Mentor, Oklahoma City Public Schools National Board Candidacy Program

Member, Jean G. Gumerson Endowment Scholarship Steering Committee, Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation

Volunteer, Oklahoma City Metro Library Friends