

Debra Oatman Cochran

Summary: Thirty six years of successful teaching in a Title I school specializing in thematic lessons and individualized support for students while supervising 30+ teachers, facilitating planning, implementation, and evaluation of lessons.

Education:

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| 1988 | Masters of Science Mid-Management | Texas A&I University |
| 1981 | Bachelor of Science Education | Texas A&M University |
| | <i>Provisional Elementary-General</i> | |
| | <i>Provisional Kindergarten</i> | |
| | <i>Provisional Elementary-Psychology</i> | |

Qualifications:

Title I Interventionist and Kindergarten Teacher
Judson ISD, Hopkins Elementary, 1989-present

- Facilitated the planning of lessons with student teacher(s) while collaborating with peers to ensure lessons incorporate strategies that increase student performance
- Coaching teachers in collaboration to create SMART goals including self and students to meet learning goals
- Prepared teachers and students to meet individual objectives for special needs students in compliance with state regulations
- Coordinated with UTSA, TSU, and TAMUK as a cooperating teacher for 25+ student teachers modeling and implementing the Gradual Release of Responsibility of Learning
- Served as a mentor teacher for 15+ first year teachers facilitating the planning and implementation of lessons in the classroom
- Evaluated lessons for student teachers and first year teachers utilizing the 360° Walkthrough approach with pre-and post-conferences
- Presented Balanced Literacy components to teachers in order to integrate reading in all curriculum areas
- Data consistently showed 90% kindergarten students met or exceeded grade level expectations using DRA and IStation scores
- RTI students achieved gains of 10+ points on IStation using the Gradual Release model
- Implemented a home-school reading program which increased parental involvement
- Collaborated with staff and community on the Site-Based Committee
- Collaborated with Hopkins Social Studies Coordinator to integrate the City of Kirby's 50th Anniversary into the kindergarten curriculum

Other Experience:***Kindergarten Teacher***

East Central ISD, Pecan Valley Elementary, 1987-1988

First Grade Teacher

Killeen ISD, East Ward Elementary, 1985-1987

Kindergarten Teacher

East Central ISD, John Glenn Elementary, 1983-1985

Conference Presentations:

- Developed and presented Balanced Literacy workshops for JISD 2003-present
- Developed and presented literacy workshops for Region XX, 2001-2008
- Presented Investigations Mathematics for SAISD, 2005

Leadership Roles:

- Site-Based Committee representative for multiple years 1990- present
- Grade level Chairperson in East Central ISD and Judson ISD
- Chairperson of the Fire Safety Committee coordinating multiple community partnerships including presentations, contests, and competitions
- Member of the Hopkins Language Arts, Morale, and Social Studies Committees

Awards:

2007 Nominee: Trinity Prize for Excellence

2006 Who's Who in American Education

2006 Outstanding Attitude Award

1998 Hopkins Elementary Distinguished Educator

1992 Judson I.S.D. Superintendent's Recognition Coffee

1991 Judson I.S.D. Co-Employee of the Month

1987 East Central I.S.D. August Most Valuable Member

Educational Associations:

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

National Education Association

Judson Education Association

Kindergarten Teachers of Texas

International Reading Association

References:

Terry Combs, Judson ISD Principal, 210 661 4184, 210 213 4646

Donna Parker, RtI Facilitator, Judson ISD, 210 213 2688

Martin Silverman, Judson ISD Principal, 210 416 4146

Julie Ashton Riedel, TAMUSA and CAST STEM adjunct, 210 413 9132

Alma Niera, Vice Principal, (former mentee), JISD, 956 324 0312