

DEBORAH K. (VAN BRUNT) HOWARD

CurriculumVite

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Associates of Art Degree
Laredo Community College, Laredo, Texas

Major: Education
1988

Bachelor of Science Degree
Cum Laude
Texas A & M International University, Laredo, Texas

Major: Elementary Education
Specialization: Reading
May 1991

Graduate Studies:
University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
Leade

Major: Education
Concentration: Educational
Leadership
December 2008

Principal Certification Grades (EC-12)
Elementary Education Certification Grades (1-8)
Elementary Reading Certification Grades (1-8)
TEA Field Supervisor Observation Trainer
PDAS Certified
Crisis Prevention Intervention Certification
TAP Certified

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Texas A & M University SanAntonio
Teaching Specialist

8/2019- Present

Clinical teaching field supervisors work closely with TAMUSA faculty and partner schools' mentor teachers to supervise, mentor, coach, and support, teacher candidates/interns who are completing clinical teaching/internship in public school classrooms.

Western Governors University
Clinical Supervisor

1/2016 – 12/2019

Advises, observes and assess each student teacher during their teaching demonstration period. Provide guidance, support and education to teacher candidate. Act as the facilitator between the Supervising Teacher, Host Administrator and the Student Teacher.

Somerset Elementary – Somerset ISD
Somerset, Texas

7/2014 – 6/2018

Principal (Grades 1st - 4th)

Manage and direct all aspects of educational programs and activities for the school facilities consisting of approximately 700 students. Supervise, train, and mentor 70 staff members and evaluate all teachers. Manage business, building maintenance, behavioral / disciplinary problems, parent / teacher relations, staffing schedules, and various daily activities. Lead Campus Based Decision Making meetings; conduct campus needs surveys to develop the campus improvement plan. Provide professional development based on campus needs. Facilitate and coordinate STAAR assessments. Ensure the academic learning process is held to the highest standard for all students.

Losoya Intermediate – Southside ISD
San Antonio, Texas

7/2013 – 6/2014

Principal (Grades 5th - 6th)

Manage and direct all aspects of educational programs and activities for the school facilities consisting of approximately 800 students. Supervise, train, and mentor 65 staff members and

evaluate all teachers. Manage business, building maintenance, behavioral / disciplinary problems, parent / teacher relations, staffing schedules, and various daily activities. Implement Cscope curriculum by providing support and resources. Lead Campus Based Decision Making meetings; conduct campus needs surveys to develop the campus improvement plan. Provide professional development based on campus needs. Facilitate and coordinate STAAR assessments. Ensure the academic learning process is held to the highest standard for all students.

N. E. Woolls Intermediate – Hondo ISD
Hondo, Texas
Principal(Grades 3rd - 5th)

3/2011 – 7/2013

Manage and direct all aspects of educational programs and activities for the school facilities consisting of approximately 500 students. Supervise, train, and mentor 54 staff members and evaluate all teachers. Manage business, building maintenance, behavioral / disciplinary problems, parent / teacher relations, staffing schedules, and various daily activities. Implement Cscope curriculum by providing support and resources. Lead Campus Based Decision Making meetings; conduct campus needs surveys to develop the campus improvement plan. Provide professional development based on campus needs. Facilitate and coordinate STAAR assessments. Ensure the academic learning process is held to the highest standard for all students.

Meyer Elementary – Hondo ISD
Hondo, Texas

7/2009 – 3/2011

Assistant Principal(Grades Prek - 2nd)

Assist the Principal in the overall administrations of instructional programs and campus level operations. Manage the student discipline system that results in a positive student behavior and fewer discipline referrals. Observe employee performance, record observations, and conduct evaluation conferences for professional and non-teaching staff. Assist principal in developing and using TPRI to maintain records to track progress on campus performance objectives and academic excellence indicators. Conduct safety inspections and safety drill practices. Distribute, order, and maintain textbook and supplemental resources.

Somerset ISD Summer School Academy
Somerset, Texas
Principal (Grades Prek - 12th)

6/2009 – 7/2009

Primary responsibility is to coordinate and oversee the summer school program at the Pre Kinder thru 8th grade levels. Determine staffing needs for SSI for 3rd, 5th, and 8th grades, prepare and administer TAKS testing, plan and conduct professional development and staff meetings. Promote high expectations of academic standards for both staff and students to ensure student success.

Barrera Veterans Elementary - Somerset ISD
Somerset, Texas

8/2003 – 7/2009

Instructional Interventionist (2006 – 2009)

Facilitate effective teaching practices by providing instructional support including data analysis, classroom management techniques, effective planning, delivery of instruction, and staff development. Provide math intervention to struggling students to ensure mastery of Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills (TEKS).

Accomplished the state rating of a Recognized campus by making significant gains on Texas Assessment of Knowledge & Skills (TAKS) and garnered Gold Performance Acknowledgements in Reading/ELA, Mathematics and Commended Writing.

Zaffirini Elementary – United ISD
Laredo, Texas

8/1998 – 5/2003

Physical Education Teacher (Grades Kdg. - 5th)

Instruct students to engage in physical activity and fitness to improve their health and develop an enthusiasm and importance for physical education.

Trautmann Elementary – United ISD

8/1991 – 8/1998

Laredo, Texas

Teacher – 4th grade (1996 – 1998)

Teacher – 6th grade (1995 – 1996)

Teacher – 2nd grade (1991 – 1995)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TEA Field Supervisor Observation Training

NIET TAP (The System for Teacher and Student Advancement)

Skyward

STAAR Assessment and Coordination

Star Enterprise/Accelerated Reader

Eduphoria/Aware

IStation

Think Through Math

Six Traits of Writing

Parent-Teacher Communication

Differentiated Instruction

Individualized Education Plans

Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS)

Guided Reading

Data Driven Instruction

Review 360

Technology Integration

CScope Curriculum

TEA TxBess Mentor

TEA TxPEP

PDAS

WebCCAT

Response to Intervention (RTI)

Telpas Training

SSI Training

STAAR Accountability Training

Break Through Coaching

GT Administration Training

Lead 4Ward

Crucial Conversations

Get Better Faster

360 Leaders

The Speed of Trust

The 5 Levels of Leadership

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA)

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

Site Base Decision Making Committee

District-wide Education Improvement Council

Writing Fair Committee Member

Leadership Team Member

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

District Teacher of the Month

Nominated for the Spurs Teacher of the Year

Somerset ISD Education Foundation (SISDEF) grant award to fund

Barrera Bulldog Reading Book Club