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EDUCATION

University of Colorado, Denver -- M.A., Curriculum and Instruction, Elementary Emphasis, May 1995

State of Colorado Teacher Certification Program, conducted through The Stanley British Primary School and the University of Colorado, Denver. Elementary Teaching Certificate conferred June 1993

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island -- B.A., Education Studies and Public Policy, May 1992, Magna Cum Laude, elected to Phi Beta Kappa honor society

West Valley High School, Fairbanks, Alaska -- Graduated May 1988

CERTIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

State of Alaska, Type A teaching certificate

State of Colorado, Type A teaching certificate

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Middle Childhood Generalist certificate, 1999

Recipient of the *National Educator Award*, Milken Family Foundation, 2000

CAREER RELATED EXPERIENCE

Elementary Teacher, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, Fairbanks, Alaska, August 1995 – 2003. I taught Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade and 3rd grade at Weller Elementary School, Nordale Elementary School and Arctic Light Elementary School.

Assistant Professor/Adjunct Lecturer, University of Alaska Fairbanks, August 1999 – present. I have developed syllabi and taught ED 412: Integrated Language Arts and Social Studies Methods for Elementary Classrooms, ED 110: Becoming a Teacher in the 21st Century, ED 411: Language Arts Methods for Elementary Teachers, ED 467/469: Synthesizing the Standards for BAE Interns and ED 593: Strategies for Cooperating Teachers, and ED 201: Introduction to Education. I have also contributed to the development of the ETEP and BAE certification programs, and assisted in the preparation of the NCATE program report for Elementary Programs and the NCATE Institutional Report for the UAF School of Education. I have taught distance delivery and face to face courses.

Cooperating/Mentor Teacher, in conjunction with the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Education, 1997-2003.

Substitute Teacher, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, Fairbanks, Alaska, March - May 1994.

Intern Teacher, Stanley British Primary School, Denver, Colorado, August 1992 - June 1993. Taught full time in multi-age Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms and participated in weekly seminars on teacher education.

Teaching Assistant. Brown University, August 1991 - December 1991. Evaluated course work and supervised group activity for course taught by Professor Theodore Sizer entitled "Going to High School in America."

Student Teacher. Central Park East II Elementary School, New York City, February 1991 - May 1991. Student taught 20 hours/week in a 1st/2nd grade classroom in a public school in East Harlem.

ADDITIONAL
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ACTIVITIES

Completed contract work with Effie Kokrine Charter School to develop 40 place-based 7th-10th grade curriculum modules integrating Alaska's Grade Level Expectations, Alaska's Cultural Standards, and the materials and resources of the Alaska Native Knowledge Network (February 2006 – June 2007)

Trained facilitator/coach with the National School Reform Faculty (trained in August, 2005)

Published Getting Started With Standards: Implementing Alaska's Reading and Writing Performance Standards in the Elementary Grades, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, August 2001

Recipient, FNSBSD Title VI Staff Incentive Grants, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001:

Received approximately \$1000 each year for the following projects:

- Family interview project and quilt with 2nd grade (1996)
- Third grade literature circles (1997)
- Improving third grade writing through 6 trait instruction (2000)
- Reading comprehension in the first grade (2001)

Guest speaker or presenter for FNSBSD professional development, conferences and UAF courses on the following topics:

- Understanding by Design
- Standards-based curriculum development
- Looking at and Learning from Student Work
- Critical Friends' Groups/ the National School Reform Faculty
- Integrating Technology in Distance Delivery courses
- No Child Left Behind
- Praxis II test preparation
- Six traits of writing instruction
- Integrating Alaska's standards into the curriculum
- Performance standard assessment
- Community interview projects
- Moon journals
- Sense of place curriculum
- Alternative assessment
- Standards-based math instruction

REFERENCES

Dr. Ann Shortt, Superintendent, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, 520 Fifth Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701, work phone (907)452-2000

Dr. Theodore Sizer, Principal Emeritus, Parker Charter Essential School, P.O. Box 2129 Devens, Massachusetts, 01432, home phone (978)456-3027

Barbara Burch, Principal, Nordale Elementary School, 20 Eureka Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701, work phone (907)452-2696