

Yvonne Atkins

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Education/Certification

Masters in Reading	University of Texas at Tyler Tyler, TX
Masters in Science	Community Mental Health, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
Bachelor of Arts In Education	Elementary Education, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
Principal Certification	Lamar University
Teacher Certification	K-8, Texas
LLD Certification	K-8, Texas
Reading Recovery Certification	First Grade, Texas
PDAS Trained	
ESL Certification	K-12

Administrative and Leadership Experience

Instructional Coach

A.T. Stewart Middle School

Tyler Independent School District

Tyler, TX, 2011-2015

- Monitor instruction in the classroom for all areas of instruction (2011); 2012-2015 (monitor instruction in ELAR/SS classes)
- Facilitate Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Data reports for ELAR and Social Studies
- Organize tutorials and help teachers determine strategies
- Meet with grade level/subject area teachers to clarify the curriculum, sequence and develop lesson goals, objectives, and teaching strategies
- Review assessment data
- Demonstrate lessons and meet with teachers to discuss practices and compare planned instruction
- Assist teachers in applying and identifying research based instructional strategies

- Work with teachers through grade levels and/or content areas to implement curriculum
- Visit classrooms and demonstrate lessons
- Engage teachers in professional development to improve instruction
- Meet with district level staff and campus administrators on curriculum, instruction, and staff development plans
- Assist project-based learning classes with planning and implementation of projects
- Assist the ACE (after school program) site coordinator in implementing the curriculum for the exploratory classes
- Send recorded messages to parents in reference to school activities

Reading Intervention Teacher/Project Based Learning Facilitator

A.T. Stewart Middle School

Tyler Independent School District

Tyler, TX, 2010-2011

- Student Council Advisor for the school's student council
- Expanded the student recognition ceremony to include 110% Award and the Principal's Award (student with the highest average)
- Provide guidance for the six-grade team (Project Based Learning)
- Intervention Team Chair
- CPOC committee member
- Coordinate activities for teacher appreciation
- Plan and presented in-services for new teachers, word walls and lesson plans
- Leadership team member

Coordinator of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (Pilot)

Boulter Middle School

Tyler Independent School District

Tyler, TX, 2004-2010

- Evaluated all the teachers in the program using the districts evaluation instrument
- Responsible for disciplinary actions for all students enrolled in the program using the district's guide lines
- Planned and developed units to be taught in accordance with IBO
- Planned and coordinated field trip experiences
- Planned IBO trainings for the teachers, made sure registration was complete and that they were enrolled in the correct training for their area
- Facilitator for the seventh-grade team, facilitated the weekly grade level meetings providing feedback to the principal
- Student recognition coordinator, responsible for assemblies, the volleyball and basketball bash and the end of the school year trip
- Teacher appreciation coordinator, coordinated lunches, special treats and awards

- Fundraising coordinator, ordered and sold t-shirts, special student dress days and food sales
- AVID site team member
- Part of the team that developed the section on active learning for the TIPS training, taught the information to teachers during summer trainings
- Trained teachers in question strategies at the beginning of the year in-service
- Mentored new teachers to the campus

Trainer of Trainers, Literacy Facilitator
Clarkston Elementary
Tyler Independent School District
Tyler, TX,

- Trained second grade teachers in the state's reading strategies for No Child Left Behind.
- Trained and monitored teachers in balanced literacy (shared reading, read alouds, reading and writer's workshop)

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Professor
University of Texas at Tyler
Tyler, TX 75799
August 2019-Present

- Teach online, hybrid, and face to face classes as needed.
- READ 3323, READ 3320
- Grader as needed

Retired Tyler ISD May 31, 2019

ELAR Grades 6 and 7
Three Lakes Middle School
Tyler, TX 75703 2015 -2019

- Create lessons for 6 and 7 graders (following the Standards
- Founder and organizer for Gator Aid (Funds for teachers)
- Birthday Celebrations for teachers
- Decorator for special occasions

Reading Intervention Teacher (6-8)
Project Based Learning Facilitator (6)
A.T. Stewart Middle School, Tyler, TX, 2010-2012

- Integrated a variety of decoding strategies and developed a test taking toolkit for struggling readers
- Track student progress in class using progress monitoring tools and evaluate reading fluency with daily to weekly fluency checks.
- Maintain teacher support by communicating progress made/not made by students in intervention

Reading Recovery Teacher (1st Grade)
T.J. Austin Elementary School, Tyler, TX, 1999-2004

- Incorporated strategies to help problem readers begin reading on grade level
- Designed writing strategies using sight words to help develop reading and writing skills
- Incorporated shared reading and read alouds to develop fluency
- Monitored progress using tools provided by the district
- Designed a reading recovery t-shirt

Elementary School Teacher (Special education (K-5), 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades)
Clarkston Elementary School, Tyler, TX, 1988-1999

- Integrated a variety of instructional strategies to generate an interest in the materials
- Monitored progress and evaluated testing data to help facilitate growth
- Developed a variety of behavior strategies to help maintain a positive classroom environment
- Required rigor within the lessons to maintain high standards in learning
- Developed a Math Cafeteria where students took actual orders, added the bill and gave the correct change

Middle School Language Arts Special Education Teacher (6-8)
Boulter Middle School, Tyler, TX, 1981-1988

- Developed a curriculum to instruct the students
- Evaluated and tracked progress of each student
- Maintained communication with the parents and the diagnostician
- Published a classroom poetry book

Counselor

Wiley College, Marshall, TX, 1980-1981

- Developed a brochure advertising our services
- Maintained an inviting atmosphere for students to come and share their thoughts and concerns
- Presented an anger management training for another counseling group

Professional Development

Gifted and Talented, University of Texas @ Tyler 2017

AVID, Dallas, TX 2012

CSCOPE, San Antonio, TX 2012

CSCOPE, San Antonio, TX 2011

Corrective Reading Decoding, Tyler ISD, Tyler, TX 2010

RTI Progress Monitoring: Middle School Reading, Tyler ISD, Tyler, TX, 2010

Project Based Learning Academy, University of Texas @ Tyler, Tyler, TX, 2010

Leadership Academy, Tyler ISD, Tyler, TX, 2009

Professional Learning Communities at Work, Las Vegas, NV 2008

Presentations

Atkins, Y (2013-2014) Created “STAAR Gazers” Booklet informing parents about STAAR and how to help their student(s).

Atkins, Y (2012) Mastering the TEKS for ELAR trainer (TISD ELAR teachers grade 7)

Atkins, Y (2011) Mastering the TEKS for ELAR trainer (TISD ELAR teachers grade 6)

Atkins, Y (2012-2014) Developed Orientation program for fifth graders entering Stewart

Atkins, Y. (2010, November). Word Walls, Presentation for all teachers at Stewart Middle School, Tyler, TX.

Atkins, Y. (2009, September). The Lesson Cycle, Presentation for new teachers at Stewart Middle School, Tyler, TX.

Atkins, Y. (2009, October). Writing Lesson Plans, Presentation for teachers at Stewart Middle School, Tyler, TX.

Atkins, Y. (2009, August) Check for Understanding, Presentation for teachers at Boulter Middle School, Tyler, TX.

Atkins, Y. (2009, June) Active Learning, Presentation for all teachers Tyler ISD, Tyler, TX
Texas Reading Academy, various cities throughout Texas, 1991-1993

Awards

Teacher of the Month (May), Three Lakes Middle School, 2018
Campus Teacher of the Year, Clarkston Elementary School, 1994
Women in Leadership, Texas College, Tyler, TX, 1998
Teacher of the Month, T. J. Austin Elementary School, Tyler, TX, September 2002, September 2004, January 2006
Campus Teacher of the Year, T.J. Austin Elementary School, Tyler, TX, 2005
Tyler Independent School District Teacher of the Month, March 2007

Professional Affiliations

Tyler Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE) Present
National Society of Leadership and Success, 2017
ATPE, 2004
National Teachers Association, 1980-2004

Community

Tyler Independent School District Board of Trustees 2020-Present

References

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