

Deborah Poston

Education

Master of Education, *University of South Carolina*, 1994
Bachelor of Science, *Winthrop University*, 1985

Work History

Teacher, Windsor Elementary School **2006-present**

Responsible for teaching all students in grades K – 5 in a science lab setting using hands-on and inquiry based instruction. Work extensively with homeroom teachers to create a seamless instructional setting between the science lab and classroom instruction.

Teacher, Fairfield Primary School **2005-2006**

Responsible for teaching 3rd grade students who are identified as “at risk” on several different assessments. Work to develop instructional strategies that will increase these students chance of succeeding on grade level.

Teacher Specialist On Site (TSOS), Fairfield Primary School **2002-2005**

Responsible for nine 3rd grade teachers and 200 students at a low performing school. Work with teachers to analyze data from test scores and MAP computer work to determine best course of action and best teaching practices. Interact with teachers and students on a daily basis to prepare for state testing. Model best practices for teachers and provide support for changing teaching behaviors.

Teacher, Fairfield Primary School **1988-2002**

Responsible for teaching third grade students in a self-contained setting. Worked with a team teacher to develop units of study conducive to integrating all subject areas using the standards set by district and state guidelines. (Classroom experiences include mainstreaming emotionally disabled students, as well as “looping” with a class from second to third grade.)

Gifted and Talented Teacher and Director, Kelly Edwards Elem. **1987-1988**

Responsible for the planning and implementing of the SEA program for students qualifying for gifted and talented in grades 3 – 8. Duties included: testing, record keeping, lesson plans, field trip plans and fundraisers, and maintaining contact between regular classroom teacher for academic standards set for students in the program.

Teacher, Kelly Edwards Elementary School **1985 – 1987**

Responsible for teaching third grade students in a self-contained setting. Students were homogeneously grouped. Duties included: monitoring academic progress and working with Chapter 1 assistants for special help in small groups.

Professional Development/Awards

- National Board Certified 2009
- Teacher of the Year, 2009-10 Windsor Elementary School
- Member of the Leadership Team, Windsor Elementary School 2009-10
- Team Leader for the Intervention Department, Windsor Elementary School 2009-10
- Member of the Richland School District Two Teacher Forum, 2009-present
- Presenter, Richland School District Two Instructional Fair 2006, 2007
- Science Workshop Presenter, Richland School District Two In-services, 2006 – 2009
- Richland School District Two Science Leadership Committee, 2008 - present
- Grade level Chairperson and SACS school visit committee leader, 2005-06 previous grade chair 1991 - 1995
- ADEPT/STEP certified 2000 - present
- Teacher Mentor, 2005, 2000

- Served on grant writing team for READING FIRST grant received by FCSD, 2004
- Served on District Unit Mapping team helping to rewrite the ELA curriculum maps, 2003
- Co-authored ***Morning Jumpstarts*** published by Scholastic, Inc., 2001
- Presented PACT Parenting workshops, 2002 – present
- Graduate of Curriculum Leadership Institute, (I & II) offered through North Central Math and Science Hub, 1998

References

- Cathy Mitchell, professor, Newberry College 803 267-5207
- Karen Bryant, Science Specialist, Lexington School District #5
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- Eric Jeffcoat, principal, Windsor Elementary 803-736-8723

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