

Mark S. Strauss

Home:

Work:

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Educational Qualifications:

Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership
Nova Southeastern University, Davie, Florida, 2001

Master of Education, Educational Leadership
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, 1994

Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education / Mathematics concentration
Buffalo State College, Buffalo, New York, 1988

State of Florida Certification:

Validity Period: July 2006 – June 2011

Educational Leadership
Elementary Education
ESOL Endorsement

Employment History:

12 / 2002 – Present

Principal

Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

** Recognized as Broward County ACCLAIM Principal of the Year, 2007*

** Recognized as finalist for State of Florida Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership, 2007*

Worked to maintain and increase high levels of student achievement, maintained a high quality magnet program in a high visibility school, facilitated professional learning communities, enhanced leadership opportunities for staff members, created and implemented staff development modules, improved school climate, hired a highly qualified professional staff, fostered a positive relationship between the school and the business / parent community stakeholders, coordinated facility improvement and a safe-secure school environment, managed and maintained a large budget and internal accounts with revenue from varied sources, assisted District with the replication of the Montessori magnet program, worked with the area to hire quality assistant principals at various school sites, served as a mentor principal, served as lead zone facilitator for Fort Lauderdale Innovation Zone Schools, served as principal representative to area advisory group, served on Zone Reform Council, served on various District level committees.

- 9 / 1996 – 12 / 2002 **Assistant Principal**
Flamingo Elementary School
Davie, Florida
Recognized as Broward County ACCLAIM Assistant Principal of the Year 2001, worked to improve student achievement through the implementation of varied curriculum innovations, improved student behavior through revised disciplinary procedures including incentive programs, wrote and oversaw implementation of School Improvement Plans, created master schedules of activities for the school, served as LEAD Coach for aspiring educational leaders, created and coordinated innovative programs with business partners, participated in various District committees.
- 8 / 1996 – 9 / 1996 **Behavior Specialist**
Annabel C. Perry Elementary School
Miramar, Florida
Created and implemented a school-wide behavior plan, assisted teachers with behavioral and academic interventions for students, assisted in the hiring of qualified professional staff.
- 11 / 1995 – 8 / 1996 **Goals 2000 Grant Facilitator**
Dillard Innovation Zone Schools
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Served as liaison from the District to the League of Professional Schools, created staff development modules, developed and implemented summer learning institutes for teachers, fostered an environment of change for high-need school population, managed a large grant and its budgetary requirements, worked with various District departments to facilitate programs.
- 8 / 1989 – 2 / 1996 **Teacher**
West Hollywood Elementary School
Hollywood, Florida
Oversaw various curriculum innovations, coordinated implementation of new school-wide reading program, facilitated various staff development initiatives, mentored new educators, served as an advisor to various student organizations.

Related Professional Experiences:

- 2007 - Present Adjunct Professor and Mentor, Educational Leadership Internship Pilot, Florida Atlantic University, Davie, Florida
- 2007 Adjunct Professor, Educational Leadership, Barry University, Miami, Florida
- 1995-1998 Adjunct Professor, Education, Florida Atlantic University, Davie, Florida
- 1992-1994 Adjunct Instructor, City College, Ft Lauderdale, Florida
- 1991-1992 Interim Director (Part Time), Temple Bat Yam School, Ft Lauderdale, Florida
- 1989-1993 Teacher (Part Time), Temple Bat Yam School, Ft Lauderdale, Florida
- 1990-1992 ESOL Teacher (Part Time), Ft Lauderdale Adult Center, Ft Lauderdale, Florida

Professional and Community Affiliations:

Chairperson, Community Affairs Advisory Board, City of Wilton Manors
Regional Chapter-Member Liaison, Phi Delta Kappa International
Board Member, Phi Delta Kappa, Broward Chapter
Member, National Association of Elementary School Principals
Member, Florida Association of School Administrators
Member, Broward Principals and Assistants Association
Member, Broward Association of Elementary School Principals
Member, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
Past Member, Florida Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
Past Member, National Reading Association
Past Member, National Council Teachers of English
Past Member, American Federation of Teachers
Past Member, Florida Education Association
Past Member, Kappa Delta Phi

Awards and Recognitions:

Finalist, State of Florida Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership, 2007
Broward County ACCLAIM Principal of the Year, 2007
Principal Mark Strauss Day, 2007, in cities of Fort Lauderdale and Wilton Manors
Phi Delta Kappa International, Young Leader Award, 2006
Manchester Who's Who, 2006
Five Star School Award, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006
National Association of Elementary School Principals, Student Council Award, 2004-2005
Phi Delta Kappa International, Constitutional Convention Representative, 2002
Broward County ACCLAIM Assistant Principal of the Year, 2001
Partnership of the Year Award, 1999-2000

Other Community Involvement:

Chairperson, Wilton Manors Community Affairs Advisory Board
Assistant Treasurer, Stonewall Library and Archives
Past Member, Wilton Manors Code Enforcement Board

References:

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