



Dr. Paterson's Bio....

I want to introduce myself and tell you a little bit about my past and experiences. I graduated from LaSalle College High School in Wyndmoor, PA, and then attended La Salle University. After I graduated, I taught fifth - eighth grade science at St. James Elementary School in Elkins Park and enrolled in Holy Family University's Elementary Teacher Certification Program.

After graduating, I spent eight years teaching in the Cinnaminson School District at Cinnaminson Middle School and Eleanor Rush Intermediate School. At Cinnaminson, I taught fifth grade and was also the coordinator for their 5th Grade Recognition Night and outdoor camp excursion. In addition to teaching, I was also the head rowing coach for La Salle University from 1999 - 2001.

In 2001 I went on to enroll in Temple University's Doctoral Program for educational leadership and policy study and in August of 2006 I defended my dissertation. My thesis topic pertained to how third grade teachers in a middle socioeconomic school district meet the needs for students at risk for special education evaluation.

After graduating from Temple, I was hired as the Program Supervisor for the Tabernacle School District. I worked in that role from 2007 - 2009. On July 21, 2009 I was appointed the Principal of Tabernacle Elementary School.

Since the late Summer of 2007 I have been very fortunate to observe the many wonderful things in the Tabernacle community. From the terrific parents, the wonderful teaching staff, to the best kids in the “whole wide world”...Tabernacle has been a home away from home. There are many rich traditions in this community and school and I am excited to see them continue and hopefully over the years serving in the role of principal, I will be able to add to these traditions.

In addition to being the principal of Tabernacle Elementary School I am also a college professor at Temple University and Holy Family University. Some of my interests outside of work include playing with my son, reading biographies about famous people in history, oil painting, running, and cheering on my Philly sports teams!

Educational Background

2007 Doctor of Education Degree (Ed.D.),
Department of Educational Administration, Temple University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Major: Educational Administration and Policy Study

1998 Masters of Education Degree (M.Ed.)
Department of Education, Holy Family University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Major: Elementary Education

1996 Bachelor of Arts Degree (B.A.),
School of Arts and Sciences, La Salle University,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Major: American History

Certifications

New Jersey Standard Principal Certificate
New Jersey Standard Elementary School Teacher Certificate
New Jersey Standard Supervisor Certificate
New Jersey School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility