

# *Ruth A. Johnson*

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## **PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS**

**Professional Learning Communities**

**Formative Assessment**

**Professional Development**

**Leadership**

## **EDUCATION**

**Texas A & M University – Commerce, Commerce, Texas**

Doctoral of Education, Major: Supervision, Curriculum & Instruction, June 2006 - August 2015

Dissertation Topic: *The Effects of A Protocol-Guided Professional Learning Community Model of Professional Development and Teachers' Use of Classroom Formative Assessment*

**Texas A & M University – Commerce, Commerce, Texas**

Master of Elementary Education, May 2005

Research Topic: *The Effects of Timely, Corrective, and Specific to the Criterion Feedback on Sixth Grade Reading Students*

**Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas**

Bachelor of Arts, Major: English; Minor: Education, May 1989

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

TTESS & PDAS Appraiser

Principal Certification

Elementary 1-6

English Secondary (6-12)

History Secondary (6-12)

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Adjunct Faculty Texas A&M – Commerce, 2015 – Present

- EDCI 535.51B: Leadership & Supervision in Schools, Fall 2015
- EDCI 595.31B: Research Literature and Techniques, Fall 2016
- EDCI 597.51B: Effective Feedback and Formative Assessment, Fall 2017

Principal, Howard Dobbs Elementary, Rockwall, Texas, June 2013 - Present

Assistant Principal, Dorris Jones Elementary, Rockwall, Texas, August 2011 - June 2013

Assistant Principal, Howard Dobbs Elementary School, Rockwall, Texas, August 2009 - July 2011

Instructional Technology Specialist, Ouida Springer Elementary, Rockwall, Texas, August 2006 - July 2009

Reading/Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher, Grade 6, Grace Hartman Elementary, Rockwall, Texas, August 2003 - June 2006

Reading/Social Studies Teacher, Grade 6, Nebbie Williams Elementary, Rockwall, Texas, August 1999 - June 2003

English Teacher, Grades 6 & 7, Williams Middle School, Rockwall, Texas, August 1994 - June 1999

Reading/Social Studies Teacher, Grade 6, Thompson Middle School, Quinlan, Texas August 1991 - June 1994

Computer Teacher/Fifth Grade Teacher, St. John Neumann Elementary School, Lubbock, Texas, September 1990 - May 1991

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association  
Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development  
Delta Kappa Gamma  
Learning Forward

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

RISD Students Serving Others Steering Committee, 2011 - Present  
Howard Dobbs Elementary School Design Team, 2009 - 2011  
Quida Springer Elementary Design Team, 2007 - 2009  
Rockwall Independent School District Educational Improvement Committee, 2005 - 2006  
Rockwall Independent School District Website Committee, 2004 - Present  
Chairperson for Rockwall Independent School District Reading TEKS/TAAS Alignment Committee, Grade 6, 1999 – 2003

### **EDUCATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

For REAL (Rockwall Educational Administrative Leadership), 2014 - 2015  
Coaching for Quality Academy, 2008 - 2009  
Aspiring Administrators Academy, 2007 - 2008  
Cohort of Rockwall Educator's Master Program, May 2005 (First graduating class)  
Technology Specialist Institute Year I and II (Region X) 1999 - 2001

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Campus Principal, Howard Dobbs Elementary School, Rockwall, Texas 2013 – Present

- Instructional leader serving 580 students and 62 faculty and staff
- Professional learning designer assessing campus areas of strength and weakness and providing resources to reinforce and build capacity

RISD Diversity Committee, 2012 – 2013

Campus Safety Coordinator, Howard Dobbs Elementary School, Rockwall, Texas 2009 - 2011

Campus Discipline Officer, Howard Dobbs Elementary, Rockwall, Texas, 2009 - 2011

Organized school-wide presidential election, November 2008, November 2004, November 2000

Broadcast Team Leader Facilitator, Fall 2008-Spring 2009

Principal Internship, Hartman Elementary School, Fall, 2005. Activities and responsibilities included:

- New Teacher/New to Hartman Mentor Program
- Constitution Day Celebration, September 2005. Designed activities for K-6 teachers, created and mobilized school-wide assembly inviting members of the military, parents, community, and media

Technology Team Leader, Grace Hartman Elementary School, Rockwall, Texas, 2005 - 2006

Teacher Tech, Grace Hartman Elementary School, Rockwall, Texas, 2005 - 2006

Language Arts Team Leader, Grace Hartman Elementary School, Rockwall, Texas 2004 - 2005

Sixth Grade Team Leader, Nebbie Williams Elementary School, Rockwall, Texas 2000 - 2002

Peer Mediation Team Leader and Trainer, Nebbie Williams Elementary School, Rockwall, Texas 1999 - 2003

Campus Technology Specialist, Nebbie Williams Elementary School, Rockwall, Texas 2001 - 2003

English Department Chairperson, Williams Middle School, Rockwall, Texas, 1997 - 1999

## PRESENTATIONS

### State/Regional Level

Dickerson, P. L., Hill, K., Johnson, R., & Thacker, T. (December 2010) Hybrid Coaching Model. Session presented at the Learning Forward Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dickerson, P. L., Twedell, T., & Johnson, R. (October, 2009) *WOW: Powerful Design Process for Learners of All Ages*. Session presented at the TEPSA Fall Conference, Fort Worth, Texas.

Johnson, R. & Kelly, C. G. (February 2009). *Going for the Green*. Session presented at the Texas Computer Educator's Association State Conference in Austin, Texas.

Johnson, R. (May 2008). *Web 2.0: Connection, Creation, and Collaboration*. (Session presented at the Bill Martin, Jr. Symposium, Texas A&M – Commerce, Commerce, Texas.

Engle, A. & Johnson, R. (February 2007). *Everybody Has A Story to Tell: Digital Storytelling*. Session presented at the Texas Computer Educator's Association State Conference in Austin, Texas.

Engle, A. & Johnson, R. (May 2007). *Digital Storytelling*. Session presented at the Bill Martin, Jr. Symposium, Texas A&M – Commerce, Commerce, Texas.

### Campus/District Level

Greene, C., Johnson, R., Orr, K., & Saenz, D. (August 2008). *Video Broadcasting with Kids*. Session presented to teachers as a part of Rockwall Independent School District's Summer Staff Development offerings, Rockwall, Texas.

Copeland, M. F., Firley, D., Johnson, R., & Yarbrough, K. (August 2008). *WOW for Dummies*. Presented to Ouida Springer Elementary Staff, Rockwall, Texas.

Johnson, R. (Fall 2006). *Feedback*. Presented to Dr. Martha Foote's Action Research Class, Texas A&M-Commerce, Rockwall, Texas.

Johnson, R. (February 2006). *Kilgo Techniques for Disaggregating TAKS Data (Based upon presentation by Margaret Kilgo)*. Presented to Grace Hartman Staff, Rockwall, Texas.

Johnson, R. (August 2005) Teacher Code of Ethics. Presented to Staff of Grace Hartman Elementary School, Rockwall, Texas.

Fisher, D. & Johnson, R. (October 2005). *A Day in the Life of A Teacher*. Presented to Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees, Rockwall, Texas.

Baldwin, S. & Johnson, R. (November 2003) Higher Order Literacy (Based upon presentation by Keith Polette). Presented to Nebbie Williams Elementary Staff, Rockwall, Texas.

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

Leader.org Grant: Funds implementation of **The Leader In Me**—a whole-school transformation process based on Stephen R. Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* (Spring 2015)  
\$2,500 Best Buy Te@ch Award (2006 and 2007)  
\$15,000 Best Buy Regional Te@ch Award (2006 and 2007)  
Rockwall Education Foundation Grant "School of Rock" (Spring 2009)  
Rockwall Education Foundation Grant "A Journey to Conserving the Rain Forest" (Fall 2008)  
Rockwall Education Foundation Grant "Bigger Understanding, Brighter Future..." (Fall 2008)  
Rockwall Education Foundation Grant "Hear Ye, Hear Ye" (Fall 2008)  
Rockwall Education Foundation Grant: "GPS Goes To School" (Fall 2007)  
Rockwall Education Foundation Grant: "Learning the Shuffle...the Dance of the Future" (Spring 2007)  
Rockwall Education Foundation Grant: "Let's Go On Vacation!" (Spring 2006)

### HONORS/PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Harvard Graduate School of Education, Improving Schools: The Art of Leadership Participant (Selected by Raise Your Hand Texas) June 2016  
Campus Teacher of the Year Nominee, Spring 2005, 2006, and 2008  
Disney Teacher of the Year Nominee, Spring 2005

### DOCTORAL CLASS TOPICS

Teacher Education  
Research on Literacy and the Effects of the Visual and Communicative Arts  
Research Tools I, II, and III  
Action Research for Teachers  
Process Writing in the Elementary Schools  
Research in Reading Seminar  
Curriculum Instruction and Design  
Professional Writing  
Assessment and Evaluation  
Professional Learning Communities

**VOLUNTEER/CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

Lambda Upsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma 2007-Present  
President of the Lambda Upsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma 2014 – 2016  
Others before Self Mentoring 2009-Present  
R.I.S.D. Job Fair, 2003-Present  
2006 Bond Election Steering Committee

