



Kathryn O'Connell

HEAD OF SCHOOL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

With 25 years of experience in education, including 22 years of classroom teaching and 20 years in leadership roles, I leverage strategic vision and systems thinking to deliver leadership for effective school growth and student development. Through incorporating innovative initiatives I promote community engagement amongst diverse populations. My student-centered and mission focused leadership is recognized by my community. I am both knowledgeable and approachable, as I lead the advancement of challenging and rigorous school goals. I possess keen communication and interpersonal skills that facilitate strong relationships with students, parents and colleagues, and engender an educational environment that is conducive to motivation, equity and continuous improvement.

CONTACT DETAILS

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CORE COMPETENCIES

- Experience as an effective International Elementary School Principal
- Led TGTIS through successful IB authorization
- Drove continuous learning planning, development and training
- Adept at strategic planning and change management
- Operationalizing Mission, Vision and Values
- Supporting school-wide technology integration
- Interpersonal, leadership and communication skills

CAREER HISTORY

Head of School/Principal

The Giving Tree International School | Cambodia | July 2018 - present

- Drive strategic development and growth in a multifaceted role
- Lead a range of operational, educational and administrative functions,
- Oversee an academically inclusive and culturally diverse environment

IBPYP Grade 2 Teacher and Leader

Northbridge International School | Cambodia | July 2016 - July 2018

- Co-led Nord Anglia Professional Development by successfully increasing teacher engagement on the Nord Anglia University
- Co-led the Well-being Committee and Global Campus team

IBPYP Early & Primary Years Teacher and Leader

Prem Tinsulanonda International School | Thailand | July 2009 - July 2016

- Led a period of transformation by steering the Early Years team through a review of best practices
- Co-constructed inquiry-based, transdisciplinary, concept-driven teaching with 3-year-olds, Grade 2 and Grade 3 students

PRIOR CAREER HISTORY

Grade 1 Elementary Teacher

Wilmette District 39 | USA | July 2004 - July 2009

IBPYP EC3 Primary Teacher

International School of Tanganyika | Tanzania | July 2002 - July 2004

Grade 1 Primary Teacher

International School of Tianjin | China | July 1999 - July 2002

7th Grade Science Teacher

Chicago Public Schools | USA | July 1998 - July 1999

Grade 1 and Grade 3 Elementary Teacher

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools | USA | July 1996 - July 1998

ACADEMIC PROFILE

Certificate in School Management & Leadership

Harvard Business School / Current

MA Curriculum and Teaching

Michigan State University | July 2007

BA Elementary Education

Michigan State University | May 1995

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Global Online Academy - Rethinking the Roles of Students & Teachers, 2019
- Leadership for the 21st Century, 2018
- GSE2x: Leaders of Learning, 2018
- GSE3x: Introduction to Data Wise: A Collaborative Process to Improve Learning & Teaching, 2017
- Nord Anglia Middle Leadership, 2017
- MYP: Authentic Units, 2016
- Certified Flat Class Global Educator, 2015

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Google Apps for Education: Drive, Docs, Classroom, Hangouts, Slides, Photos
- Student Information Systems: Managebac, Alma, SeeSaw, Toddle
- Technology Integration Research: Conducted as part of the Nord Anglia University's Middle Leaders Program
- Global Projects Contributor: Global Campus, International Dot Day, Building Bridges to Tomorrow, Global Read-Aloud

WORKSHOP LEADER

International Baccalaureate

Primary Years Programme, 2012 - Present

- Upskilled in Cross-programme workshops
 - Learning Diversity
 - SEN
- Led over 15 different IB Workshops

Compass Education

Steering Committee, 2009 - Present

- Educator Empowerment
 - Content development and delivery
 - EARCOS Presenter

OTHER WORK

- Consultant: Sustainability and Change Management, AtKisson Group, 2014
- Online Coach: Teaching for Understanding, Harvard Graduate School of Education's WIDE World, 2010

REFERENCES

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OTHER INTERESTS

- Teaching Yoga
- Reading
- Traveling
- Language Learning: Spanish, Chinese, Kiswahili, Thai and Khmer



WORKED IN & CONSULTED
30 SCHOOLS
12 COUNTRIES
4 CONTINENTS



25 YEARS
EXPERIENCE



6 GRADE LEVELS
(12 MONTHS TO 12 YEARS)
AS A PYP COORDINATOR,
PRINCIPAL & HEAD OF SCHOOL