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Steve is a TN K-5 certified teacher, journalist, author, public school advocate and wrangler of hounds.

And he's pretty passionate about all those things.

“All children, given equal access to quality public education, can learn. I am a teacher, mentor, writer, and communications professional with over 30 years of progressive experience. I am particularly passionate about the way children learn; public education; and appropriate uses of technology. I work hard to prepare students for a literate and rich future as lifelong learners. I learn from my students every single day.”

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TEACHER

For years, have supported teachers and taught in public school classrooms.

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JOURNALIST

Daily newspaper reporter/columnist; covered the education, crime and courts beats.

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AUTHOR

Author of *Deadly Turbulence* for McFarland Publishing, 2014. Working on second book.



Regular Classroom Teaching

MNPS: 2 | 2022-23;
K | 2021-22; also, California: 5th grade; 6th grade math/science.



Intern Teaching

2nd grade, Burns Park ES, Ann Arbor, MI | Univ. of Mich.



Guest Teaching

Metro Nashville Public Schools; also Ann Arbor, MI & Brentwood, CA.

Education Experience

1. Regular Classroom Teaching

- **2nd Grade Teacher—Chadwell Elementary; K Teacher—Ruby Major and Hickman schools, Nashville, TN.**

Second grade classes with 24-27 students; kindergarten classes with 14-19 students; taught *Wit and Wisdom* literacy program; taught numeracy skills, as well as the usual social skills; worked with counselor to identify and obtain services for students with specific needs; maintained orderly classroom; taught procedures and had a great deal of fun beginning these students' learning journeys.

- **Fifth Grade Elementary; Sixth Grade Math / Science Teacher, Pittsburg Unified School District, CA.**

At *Central Junior High* (now Rancho Medanos JHS) in Pittsburg, I was a classroom teacher responsible for math and science instruction for 65 sixth grade students. I set up new warmup exercises emphasizing algebra and order of operations in math and bringing more interest and excitement to science instruction.

At *Heights Elementary School*, was the classroom teacher of record responsible for regular, self-contained classroom instruction for 29 fifth grade ESL students. Was specially trained in the *Open Court* reading curriculum; taught writing as a special unit; emphasized similar math concepts as I taught them to sixth graders; and taught earthquake safety and internet safety and privacy.

2. Intern Teaching

- **U. of MI/Burns Park Elementary School, Ann Arbor, MI.**

Intern teaching for a full school year in a second grade class with 22 students. Taught all subjects. Intensive work in balanced literacy, including guided reading, writing workshop and word study, as well as math, science and social studies. Pioneered two technological, cross-curriculum, education projects, one for second grade, one for fourth grade.

3. Guest and Substitute Teaching

- **Metro Nashville Public Schools, TN | Brentwood Union School District, CA | Ann Arbor Public Schools, MI | 2003-06.**

Guest (substitute) teaching. Coverage areas include AI/EMI/EI/ Autism special education; media centers and computer labs; secondary English and social studies; art and physical

education; and Montessori and general elementary.

4. Public School Information Officer

- **Director of Public Information and Communications; Duncan Public Schools, Duncan, OK.**

Manager of cable television station operations; videography; student mentoring and coaching of K12 students, particularly special needs students and journalism classes; guest teaching; internal employee communications; public relations, advertising, and media relations; newsletter writing, editing, layout and distribution; community communications liaison.

5. Book Author

- **Published author, 2014.**

Researched, wrote, published *Deadly Turbulence: The Air Safety Lessons of Braniff Flight 250 and Other Airliners, 1959–1966*. McFarland: 2014. Highlighted the role of Dr. Ted Fujita, Mr. Tornado, in modern commercial aviation safety. Made keynote presentation at 50th anniversary commemoration of crash in Falls City, NE.

6. Internal Communications

- **Internal Communications Mgr.; Field Support Specialist, NorthPoint Communications; San Francisco, CA.**

Complete internal communications management for an international DSL provider. Managing editor for large corporate intranet site. Customer service to diverse audiences.. Management of 60 web developers. Management of new employee orientation and training/mentoring staff; training technology; equipment logistics; and event and facilities management.

7 Independent Communications Consultant

- **Various Locations**

Student mentoring and proctoring; communications consulting/ writing/editing and intra/internet project management for a wide variety of corporate, private, start-up and non-profit firms.

8. Newspaper Reporter/Editor/Columnist

- **Education and Crime/Courts/Police beats; *The Duncan Banner*, Duncan, OK — 1988-1990.**

News reporting, editing, writing, graphics production; manager/ editor of students and stringers; news photography; mentoring/ coaching/tutoring of student journalists.