

JENNIFER THAXTON

EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
M.S. in Library and Information Studies, April, 2008

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
B.S. in English Education, April, 1996

CERTIFICATION

Florida Department of Education Teaching Certificate number 759479
Educational Media Specialist PreK-12
Middle Grades Integrated 5-9
English 6-12
Reading Endorsement K-12
Gifted Endorsement K-12
ESOL Endorsement K-12
Early Adolescence/ Generalist – National Board of Professional Teaching Standards, 2005-2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2008 – present **Riversprings Middle School, Crawfordville, FL**
Librarian/ Media Specialist

- Plan the library program according to student and school needs,
- Select resources and library books and materials based on student and teacher needs and recommendations,
- Cultivate an inviting library atmosphere that fosters respect and a love of reading and learning,
- Maintain library procedures,
- Collaborate with teachers in designing units and lessons,
- Assist students and teachers in the use of technology,
- Actively participate in school and professional communities,
- Continuously strive to sustain the library as the heart of the school,
- Maintain all teaching responsibilities

2000 – present **Riversprings Middle School, Crawfordville, FL**
6th, 7th, 8th grade Reading, Language Arts

- Design multi-tiered lessons according to course requirements for all students, including those with special learning needs,
- Maintain a positive learning environment where students feel safe and respected,
- Utilize technology effectively and innovatively to maximize student learning and streamline administrative tasks,
- Monitor and provide feedback to students,
- Communicate student progress according to district policy,
- Participate fully in school learning community

1998 – 2000 **Wakulla Middle School, Crawfordville, FL**
8th grade Reading, Language Arts

1997 – 1998 **Griffin High School, Griffin, GA**
9th grade English and English Honors

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- Civics Seal of Excellence
- WCSD Library Media PLC
- POD Library Media training (co-presenter)
- STEM training
- Teengagement training, trainer
- Edgenuity training
- Renaissance Place/ AR360 training
- Vertical Teaming, ELA
- WCSD Media Specialist DCT
- ESOL endorsement
- AVID Summer Institute
- Mentor Teacher, trainer
- Performance Matters, trainer
- LIFE Program
- Web World Wonders training

HONORS AND LEADERSHIP

- Teacher of the Year, Riversprings Middle School **2001, 2017**
- Teacher of the Month, Wakulla County Schools **2001, 2012**
- School Improvement Committee Chair **2016-present**
- Lead Teacher/ Teacher Coach **2015-present**
- Professional Development Council liaison **2015-2018**
- District Advisory Council **2019-present**
- AVID Leadership Council **2015-present**
- FAME (Florida Association of Media Educators) **2013-2015**
- Florida Interim Assessment Item Bank and Test Platform, item writer **2012**
- Trainer, Wakulla School District Mentor Teacher Program **2009-2014**
- Reading Leadership Team **2008-present**
- Assistant Testing Coordinator, Riversprings Middle School **2008-2014**
- FCAT Writing Rangefinder Committee Member **2007-09, 2019 -22**
- Co-coordinator of Survival Training & New Teacher Orientation **2005-2010**
- Mentor & Assessor, Wakulla School District Alternative Certification Program **2005-2013, 2023**
- Drama Club Sponsor, Riversprings Middle School **2000-2007**