

BARBARA TURNER, Ed.S.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Magnet Programs, Richland School District Two, Columbia, SC (2018-present)

Coordinates the offering of high-quality learning opportunities and experiences through the district's 39 magnet programs; assists with program design, implementation and sustainability; works with school administrators to ensure magnet programs meet specific educational goals and outcomes; provides training and resources to lead teachers so magnet students are provided with challenging coursework to nurture their unique interests; coordinates the district magnet fair, school choice application, and selection process; assists parents in navigating the magnet application process; works closely with the Office of Communications to ensure sufficient marketing and promotion of magnet programs; supports lead teachers with magnet policy and procedure development and updates; provides support to schools to receive national merit and certification recognition from Magnet Schools of America.

Education Associate II, South Carolina Department of Education, Columbia, SC (2015-2018)

Supported agency implementation of school choice; developed, designed, and provided technical assistance, professional development, promotional, and written documents related to magnet programs; coordinated the presentation of webinars for magnet program resources; maintained an online statewide database of magnet program offerings; served as an agency resource to stakeholders on school choice and innovation data; attended meetings and conferences at the local, state, and national levels to network and collaborate with stakeholders; and participated on teams across divisional lines for meetings/special projects to enhance the goals and objectives of public education.

MSAP Grant Coordinator, Lexington-Richland Five School District, Irmo, SC (2013-2015)

Administered the Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) grant for Spring Hill High School; managed the magnet implementation plan and budget of a three-year grant for \$1.8 million; coordinated partnerships and mentors for five magnet academies; lead the school's recruitment initiatives, including magnet fairs and marketing events; developed, produced, and disseminated marketing materials; marketed the school to prospective students, parents, and business partners; handled all procurement, purchasing, and fiscal reporting in adherence to federal and district guidelines; supervised academic deans to ensure magnet theme implementation into the school curriculum; submitted monthly programmatic and fiscal reports to project director; and maintained detailed documentation of MSAP activities and implementation.

School Counselor, Richland County School District One, Columbia, SC (2012-2013)

Provided a comprehensive developmental guidance program which facilitated academic, social, and career support to students; evaluated student data and test results; conducted classroom guidance activities on various topics; provided individual and group counseling to students in grades 6-8; collaborated and communicated effectively with parents, administration, and students to discuss the needs of the students; conducted parent conferences, student intervention team, and 504 meetings; served as Advanced Academic Placement testing coordinator and facilitated PASS testing; created schedules for students to fit individual needs; and maintained accurate and confidential student records.

Education Associate II, South Carolina Department of Education, Columbia, SC (2008-2012) International and Teacher Recruitment Programs

Assisted with the increase in the number of teacher candidates through traditional and alternate routes; planned and organized recruitment trips to various career expos, colleges and universities to promote the state and identify highly-qualified candidates; coordinated teacher exchange partnerships with constituents from China, India, France, and Spain; developed a teacher evaluation system for international teachers; managed orientation and professional development workshops for international teachers; collected and

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evaluated ADEPT data to determine the effectiveness of international teachers; supervised the Troops to Teachers and Military Initiatives Programs; monitored the conduct, performance, and welfare of 100 international teachers while in the exchange visitor program; completed annual report requirements for the U.S. Department of State; and represented the Deputy Superintendent of Education at assigned functions.

Teacher of the Year Program

Coordinated with district personnel to ensure teacher representation for each school district; provided orientation to district teachers of the year regarding the state teacher of the year application process; selected a diverse panel of judges from local businesses, higher education institutions and other educational entities; managed the application process and online scoring system; developed thought-provoking questions related to education for the interview process; hosted the state finalists and judges on interview day; coordinated a schedule with SCETV for classroom videotaping of the finalists; served as a liaison between the Department of Education and South Carolina Future Minds to provide the banquet for announcing the state teacher of the year.

Web Content Manager, South Carolina Department of Education, Columbia, SC (2006-2008)

Received content material from the division to analyze for compliance with web content policies, procedures, and guidelines; developed and edited content material to ensure appropriate style and tone for targeted web audiences; consulted with web content providers on web strategies, functionality, improvements, and innovations; managed Neogov database to track and screen agency applications for appropriate information and qualifications; developed a comparative market salary analysis to determine if the agency was competitive with neighboring states in compensating employees; and developed summer internship program for college students.

Teacher Certification Analyst, South Carolina Department of Education, Columbia, SC (2004-2006)

Responded to requests for initial teacher certification, course approvals, experience, pay upgrades, renewals, and endorsements; exercised discretion and independent judgment in determining the eligibility to become an educator in South Carolina; reviewed, evaluated, and interpreted academic records and documents relative to the ongoing certification process; participated in the interoffice certification review team and researched appeal requests in accordance with prescribed procedures, policies, State Board of Education regulations, and State statute.

English Teacher, Henry County Public Schools, Martinsville, VA (1999-2003)

Provided curriculum and instruction for at-risk youth; planned a program of study to meet the needs of individual students; maintained a record of student progress and sent home weekly progress reports; conducted parent-teacher conferences, statewide testing, and professional development seminars; developed school newsletter; coordinated special programs, projects, and events as required; and served on Division Advisory Committee to devise goals for the school district.

Education Reporter, Martinsville Bulletin, Martinsville, VA (1998-1999)

Developed story ideas for print media and the Internet; conducted interviews in person and over the phone; wrote news and feature articles; proofread news stories to ensure grammatical accuracy; and maintained effective working relationships with local officials.

EDUCATION and LICENSURE

University of South Carolina

Educational Specialist, May 2010

South Carolina Certification

Certificate #253029

Columbia College, Chicago

Bachelor of Arts, May 1996

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Institute for District Administrators, South Carolina Department of Education, 2019
- Spearheaded the South Carolina Department of Education's (SCDE) Transforming Public School Choice Conference, 2018
- Magnet Schools of America Conference Presenter: The Magnet Trifecta, Minneapolis, MN, 2017
- Established Statewide Magnet Schools Definition and Committee, 2017
- Magnet Schools of America's Legislative and Regulatory Policy Work Group, 2016
- Trained to evaluate administrators and teachers using The Effective Learning Environment (Eleot) for AdvancED, 2016
- National School Choice Leadership Award, 2015
- Global Career Development Facilitator Certification, 2013
- Rising Stars Leadership Development, South Carolina Department of Education, 2011
- Chinese Bridge to American Schools, China Delegation, 2010
- ADEPT Evaluator Training, South Carolina Department of Education, 2010
- Presbyterian College Education Sub-Comm. to Increase Chinese Language Programs in SC, 2010
- Implemented the South Carolina International Educator of the Year Award, 2010
- Established the SCDE's Committee to Increase the Math and Science Teaching Force, 2009
- Launched SCTeacherVillage.com, an online social and professional network for SC teachers, 2009
- University of South Carolina Guest Speaker, Education Professions, 2009-2012
- Diverse Pathways Project Committee, University of South Carolina, 2008-2009
- Facilitated and presented the Task Force on 21st Century Teaching and Learning for State Superintendent, Jim Rex, 2008
- SCASA Conference Featured Presenter: Recruiting Quality Educators, Myrtle Beach, SC, 2008
- SCDE's International Teacher Recruitment Advisory Board, 2008-2012