

Makita Gillespie, Ed.D

Education

August 2011	Doctor of Education in Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction in Elementary Education with cognate in Reading Education, Texas A&M University at Commerce, Commerce, TX
May 2005	Principal Certification (EC-12), McNeil Foundation, Dallas, TX
December 2004	Specialist of Education, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS Texas Educator Certificate (EC-4/ ESL)
May 2003	Master of Education, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS
June 2003	Bachelor of Biblical Studies, Exodus School of the Bible, Cleveland, MS
December 2001	Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with Minors in English and Social Studies, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS

Certifications

Mississippi Teacher License, Elementary/Middle School/High School (K-8; 9-12), Valid until 2017
Texas Licensure in Elementary Education (EC-4), Valid until 2017
English as a Second Language (EC-4), Valid until 2017
Principal Licensure (EC-12), Valid until 2017

Employment

Adjunct Professor, Division of Education and Human Services, University of North Texas at Dallas, August 2009-Present
Mentor Liaison, Forney ISD, 2012-present
Dallas Christian College, 2012-present
Kindergarten Teacher, Forney ISD, 2011-2012
4th Grade Teacher, Forney ISD, 2008-2011
Instructor, McNeil Foundation, May 2005-Present
Lead Teacher 1st Grade, Garland ISD, 2006-2008
1st Grade Teacher, Terrell ISD, 2004-2006
Lead K-3 Teacher & Instructional Support Teacher, North Bolivar School District, 2002-2004

Recent Professional Development

- IPT K-6 English and Spanish, 2014
- STARR administration, 2014
- Blood borne Pathogens, 2013
- Bullying in Schools, 2013
- Child Abuse and Neglect, 2013
- FERPA, 2013
- I-Station, 2013

- Google Docs, 2013
- Moodle, 2013
- Special Education Overview, 2013
- Understanding Diabetes in Young Students, 2013
- Section 504, 2013
- Suicide Prevention in Students, 2013
- Sexual Harassment, 2013
- Simplifying Science Grades K-2, 2013
- Picture This! Elementary Social Studies, 2013
- PDAS, 2013
- Digital Media and Literacy, 2013
- Texas Educator Code of Conduct, 2013
- STARR training, 2012-2014
- Promethean, 2008-2014
- Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), 2008-2014
- Literacy Institute for 4-5 Grade, 2011
- Texas Treasures Reading and Math, 2011
- Promethean Board, 2011-2013
- Success Maker, 2006-2013
- Write Traits, 2009-2013
- TAKS Training, 2006
- TOP Training, 2006
- Dual Language Training, 2011
- Marzano, 2008-2011
- Alpha Smart, 2008-2010
- Full Option Science System (F.O.S.S.) Training, 2008
- Aspiring Administrators Training , 2007-2008
- Technology: Podcasting, United Streaming, CPS (E-instruction), 2006-2012
- Reading First, 2006-2010
- Reading Recovery, 2006-2008
- Texas Observation Protocols (TOP), 2006-2008
- Project Read Training, 2006-2008
- IOWA Basic Skills Training, 2006
- Love and Logic, 2004-2008
- Reading and Writing Academy, 2004-2006
- Reading First Training, 2004-2006
- Marcy Cook Math Training, 2004-2006
- Curriculum-21st Century, 2002-2003
- America's Choice, 2002
- Parent as Teacher, 2001-2002
- Curriculum: Success for All Program, 2001

Professional Presentations

- 2014, *The Impact on Poverty: How we can help all children succeed* at Forney ISD.
- 2013, *Daily Five: Fostering Literacy Independence* at Forney ISD.
- 2012, *The Impact of a Reggio-Inspired Professional Learning Community on Two-Immersion Teachers' Self Efficacy*, at Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers.
- 2009, *Marzano Strategies* at Forney ISD.
- 2006, *How Does Early Intervention Influence Low Performing First Graders?* at College Reading Association.
- 2006, *Potpourri of Interactive Literacy Strategies: Creating a Risk-Free Environment for Struggling Readers and Writers.* at College Reading Association.
- 2006, *At-risk First Graders and Early Reading Prevention* at NAEYC.

Professional Service and Development

- Instructor for the Educational Administration program under the auspices of Dr. Jesse Jai McNeil, The McNeil Foundation, 2006-2011
- Reviewer of CRA proposals, February/March 2006
- Attended the FOSS Training, September 2006
- Attended the 1st Grade Reading Academy, July 2005
- Training in Reading First, Terrell, TX, 2004
- Training in America's Choice, Duncan, MS, 2003
- Training in Success for All, Benoit, MS, 2002
- Lead Teacher for Grades K-3, Benoit, MS, 2002

Awards and Recognition

- Gamma Beta Pi
International Reading Association
Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society
Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society
Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities
Who's Who Among American Teachers
Site-Based Decision Making Committee Member
UIL Coach: Storytelling 2nd-3rd grades
National Honor Society (Doctorate Program)

Publications

- Gillespie, M. (2011). *The impact of a Reggio-Inspired professional learning community on two-way immersion teacher's self efficacy.*
- Gillespie, M. (2006, May). *Science common lessons for the school curriculum 1st grade department.* Terrell, TX: Terrell ISD.
- Donerson, M. (2001). Why wait? *The Delta Statesman*, 2, 4-5.
- Sweezer, L., & Gillespie, M. (1998). *What do I do now?* Vicksburg, MS: House of Peace Association.

Current Memberships

Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers

International Reading Association

National Reading Council

Dallas Association for the Education of Young Children

National Association for the Education of Young Children

Phi Delta Kappan, Inc.

Southern Early Childhood Association