

CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **EDUCATION**

M.A. in Theatre Administration, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

B.A. in Theatre, English and Secondary Education, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington

A.A. Theatre and Humanities, Olympic College, Bremerton, Washington

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

West Sound Academy	IB Language & Literature, IB Theatre, Art History, ELL	2013-2025
George School	IB Art, English, Journalism, ELL, Religion,	2006-2013
Lawrence High School	Theatre and English Instructor 9-12	2004-05
Olympic High School	Theatre and English Instructor 10-12	1997-2002
Olympic College	Theatre and Communications Instructor	1989-95
Sehome High School	Theatre and Speech Instructor 9-12	1984-1986

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

West Sound Academy	IB Coordinator	2023-present
West Sound Academy	CAS Coordinator	2023-present

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## **ADVISOR & SUPERVISOR**

West Sound Academy	Advisor	2013-2024
West Sound Academy	Extended Essay Supervisor	2013-present
George School Student	Advisor	2007-2013

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## **DRAMA DIRECTOR**

West Sound Academy (Thespian Troupe)	Drama Coach and Sponsor	2014-present)
Central Kitsap High School (Thespian Troupe)	Drama Coach and Sponsor	2013-14
Lawrence High School (Thespian Troupe)	Drama Coach and Sponsor	2004-05
Olympic High School (Thespian Troupe)	Drama Coach and Sponsor	1997-2002
Olympic College	Director of Theatre Program	1990-1996
Seattle Children's Theater Summer Program (teacher)	Director	Summer 1995
Sehome High School	Drama Coach	1984-86

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## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

### **Washington State Continuing Teacher Certification K-12**

Endorsement in English & Theatre

Issued: June 1983

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Teacher Certification – Secondary

Endorsement Language Arts 7-12

Issued: November 1987

### **Pennsylvania Teacher Certification**

Level I Certification in English 7-12

Issued: February 2006

### **New Jersey Standard Certificate**

Teacher of Theatre

Issued: March 2005

Teacher of English 7-12

Issued: February 2008

## **COMMITTEE WORK**

### **WEST SOUND ACADEMY**

Curriculum Mapping	2017-present
Accreditation Renewal Team for AdvancedEd and IB	2017-18
Fall Gathering Committee	2014-present

### **GEORGE SCHOOL**

Junior/Senior Peer Leadership Coordinator	2007-2013
QCore Team	2007-2008
Peer Leadership	2006-2008
Foundational Skills Committee	2008-2013
Essentials of a Friends Community Curriculum Team	2007-2013

### **OLYMPIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Fine and Performing Arts Curriculum Committee	1997-2002
Writing Across the Curriculum Team	1997-2002
Problem Based Learning Project	2000-2002

### **OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION – WASHINGTON STATE**

Member Theatre Endorsement Advisory Committee	1987
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### **SEHOME HIGH SCHOOL**

Interdisciplinary Arts Course – Curriculum Design Team	1984-86
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## **CONTINUING EDUCATION/TRAINING**

### **ISTA**

IB Theatre Continuing Education	
Solo Project, Director's Notebook, Research Presentation, and Collaborative Theatre Project Assessments	
	Virtual 2020 - present

### **NIBA**

IB Language and Literature - IB for All Workshop	2017	NIBA Conference Beaverton, OR
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### **IBO**

IB Theatre Cat 2 (new curriculum)	2024	Poulsbo, Washington
IB Theatre Cat 3 (registered)	2022	Vancouver, British Columbia
IB Language and Literature CAT 2	2014	Albuquerque, New Mexico
IB Theatre CAT 2	2015	Atlanta, Georgia

### **Columbia University**

Columbia Scholastic Press Association Summer Institute	2008-2012	Columbia University, New York, NY
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## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

International Schools Theatre Association - Individual Member.  
2020-present

Washington State Thespian Association, Past - Board Member

Educational Theatre Association - Association Member	2010-present
- National Adjudicator for Screening of Festival Main stage Plays	

Theatre Communications Group - member	2006-present
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Bucks County Montessori Charter School, past member Board of Trustees

Bucks County Performing Arts Center – past Board member  
(previously known as the Lower Makefield Performing Arts Society)

Washington Alliance for Theatre Education – past Board Member  
- past Vice President

Washington State Education Association, past member	1984-2002
Central Kitsap Education Association, past member	1997-2002
Kitsap Children's Visual and Performing Arts Board, past President	1990-1995

**PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

**HOW THE WEST SOUND ACADEMY PANDEMIC THEATRE COMPANY WAS BORN**

**WEST SOUND ACADEMY STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE OF THE ONLINE CLASSROOM**

**SOLVING THE IB PUZZLE - BY LEAPING IN THE DARK**

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**AWARDS and HONORS**

**Recipient of**

**REGINALD AND ESTHER PRICE TEACHING CHAIR FOR YOUNG FACULTY stipend 2007 and 2008**

**MIRANDA FUND stipend**

**2007 and 2008**

For outstanding teaching and dedication to students.  
George School, Newtown, PA

**ROTARY TEACHER OF THE MONTH May 1997**

For Promoting Communications in our Schools  
East Bremerton Rotary, Bremerton, WA

**PROFESSIONAL THEATRE PROGRAM FELLOWSHIP 1983-84**

Professional Theatre Program  
University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI

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**REFERENCES**

Karen Mattick, Senior Teacher  
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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL THEATRE CV AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST