

## **Sandra Sue Strahan**

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**National Board for Professional Teaching Certified Teacher  
November 1998-Renewed Oct. 2007**

### EDUCATION

Master of Education, State University of New York at Geneseo, June 1982  
Major: Early Childhood Education  
Supporting Areas: Reading, Children's Literature/Library Science

BS in Education, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, June 1971  
Major: Elementary Education

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**First Grade Teacher**, Central Elementary, Haywood County Schools, 2006-present

**Second Grade Teacher**, Central Elementary, Haywood County Schools, 2004-2006

**First Grade Teacher**, Pilot Elementary School, Guilford County Schools, 1996-2004

**First Grade Teacher**, Millis Road Elementary School, Guilford County Schools, 1993-96

**First Grade Teacher**, Shadybrook Elementary School, High Point City Schools, 1990-93

**First Grade Teacher**, Shadybrook Elementary Demonstration School, High Point City Schools, 1988-90

**First Grade Teacher**, Brentwood Elementary Demonstration School, High Point City Schools, 1987-88

**First Grade Teacher**, Northwood Elementary School, High Point City Schools, 1984-87

**Second Grade Teacher**, Livonia Central School, Livonia, New York, 1982-84

**First-Fourth Grades Teacher**, Chapter I Reading and Math, Livonia Central School, Livonia, New York, 1980-82

**Fifth-Eighth Grade Chapter I Reading Teacher**, Livonia Central School,

Livonia, New York, 1979-80

**Third and Fourth Grades Teacher**, Harold Schnell Elementary School,  
West Carrollton, Ohio, 1971-79

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Facilitator for NCCAT –Helping National Board Candidates-February 2005,  
October 2005, March 2006, October 2006, March 2007, March 2008, May  
2008

Facilitator for Western Carolina University-Helping National Board Candidates

October 2004-February 2005, October 2005-February 2006, October 2006-  
February 2007, October 2007- March 2008, October 2008-March 2009

Trainer, NBPTS Early Childhood Generalist, Examining a Child's Literacy  
Development- train assessors to score portfolio 2000-2008

Room Leader/Trainer, NBPTS Early Childhood Generalist, Examining a Child's  
Literacy Development, trained assessors, and scored this entry, June 1999

First Grade Level Chairman, Pilot Elementary 2001-2002

Mentor for Guilford County for National Board Candidates 2001-2002

Mentor for National Board Candidates 2002- present

Invited Participant, Conference for Outstanding Educators, Raleigh 2002

Mentor teacher, 1992-present

### WORKING WITH STUDENT TEACHERS

Cooperating Teacher for Western Carolina University, Central Elementary 2004-  
2005, 2005-2006, 2007-2008, 2008-2009

Cooperating Teacher for Ragsdale Student Cadet, Pilot Elementary 2003

Cooperating Teacher for UNCG, Pilot Elementary 1998-2002

Cooperating Teacher, High Point University, High Point City Schools, 1988-92

Cooperating Teacher for Wake Forest University. 1987-88

## RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Clinical Faculty for Western Carolina University, Seminar Instructor for Student Teachers 2008-2009

Clinical Faculty for Western Carolina University, EDRD 303-70 Literature for Children and Youth, Fall and Spring Semester 2006-07, Fall 2007, Spring 2008

Adjunct Faculty for Western Carolina University, Jamaica, West Indies, Summer 2005 and 2006- ELMG 415: Elementary/Middle Grades Communication Skills, BK 315 Literacy and Numeracy Summer 2008

National Board Facilitator for Haywood County Schools, 2004-present

Leadership Team, Central Elementary, Sept. 2004-2006

Coordinator for Western Carolina University Interns 2004-Present

Coordinator for "The Teaching and Learning Circle", Central Elementary, 2005-present

Mentor Teacher, Central Elementary, Sept. 2004-2009

School Communication Committee Chairman, Pilot Elementary 2003-2004

SSST Member representing first grade, Pilot Elementary 1998-2000, 2002-2004

Southern Association Curriculum Committee, Pilot Elementary School, 1998-99

School Leadership Team Chairman, Pilot Elementary School, 1997-99

School Technology Committee, Pilot Elementary School, 1996-99

School Association Visiting Team Alamance County Schools, Oct. 1998

Teacher Assistance Team, Pilot Elementary School, 1996-98

Grade Level Chairman, Pilot Elementary School, 1996-97

Mentor Teacher, Pilot Elementary School, 1996-1997

Teacher Assistance Team, Millis Road Elementary School, 1993-1996

Southern Association Staff Development Chairman, 1994-1998

Heritage Day Committee Chairman, 1994-96

Cultural Diversity Chairman, 1994-95

Zoo Concepts Curriculum Development Project, UNCG/ North Carolina Zoo, 1991-93

Shadybrook Staff Development Chairman, 1992-93

Senate Bill II. Planning Committee, 1990

PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES:

“Getting Ready for Renewal,” National Board Renewal Workshop, NCAE, June 2009

“National Board Renewal”, NCCAT, May 2008

“A+ Schools Invite Students to Learn through Multiple Intelligences”, International Alliance for Invitational Education, Asheville, North Carolina, Sept. 2006

“Teaching to Diversity” Western Carolina University, Aug. 2005

“Mindful Learning, Using Multiple Intelligences to Integrate the Curriculum” International Alliance for Invitational Education, Greensboro, North Carolina, Nov. 2001

“Poppin’ With Ideas” International Alliance for Invitational Education, Greensboro, North Carolina, Nov. 1995

“Tapping Our Talents” International Alliance for Invitational Education, Charleston, South Carolina, Nov. 1994

“Hats Off to Integration” North Carolina State Mathematics Conference, Nov. 1990

“What is Integration?” University of North Carolina Greensboro, May 1990

“Ladybugs Integration” Greensboro City Schools, April 1990

“Water Integration” Greensboro City Schools, April 1990

“How to Develop an Integrated Plan” University of North Carolina Greensboro, March 1990

“Popcorn Integration” University of North Carolina Greensboro, Nov. 1989

“Integration Multiplies Learning” North Carolina State Mathematics Conference, Oct.

1989

“Developing and Integrated Lesson” Davidson County Schools, Oct. 1988

“Teaching the Election” Davidson County Schools, Sept. 1989

“What is a Demonstration School?” Shadybrook Elementary School, July 1988

“Putting It All Together” North Carolina State Social Studies Conference, Feb. 1988

HONORS, RECOGNITIONS, AND GRANTS:

**\*\*National Board Certified Teacher, Nov. 1998 Early Childhood Generalist, Renewed Certification Oct. 2007**

SUTEP Grant “We All Have a Story” 2006

Blue Ridge Paper Grant “Math Manipulatives”, 2007

Blue Ridge Paper Grant, “Learning is Zoorific” 2004

Pilot Elementary Teacher of the Year Nominee, 1999, 2001

High Point Arts Council Cultural Arts Grant, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1996

High Point Junior League Grants, 1985-93, 1995

Teacher Enrichment Fund, 1994

Shadybrook PTA Teacher of the Year, 1991-92

SAC Visitation Team for Stanly County Schools, 1992

High Point Math Teacher of the Year, 1989-90

NCCAT Alumni, 1989

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Honor Society

International Alliance of Invitational Education

North Carolina Association of Educators

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES:

John Sanderson, Principal, Central Elementary (456-2405)

Ruth McCreary, Western Carolina University, email [rmccreary@wcu.edu](mailto:rmccreary@wcu.edu)

Mary Kay Cooley, NCCAT, email [cooley@nccat.org](mailto:cooley@nccat.org)

Carol Douglas, Haywood County Schools (456-2400)

Ms. Edith Martin, Principal, Pilot Elementary School (316-5820)

Ms. Margaret Dodson, High Point University (841-9000)

Ms. Peggy Johnson, Retired Principal, Guilford County Schools (883-7007)