

# Karen A. McDavid

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## OBJECTIVE

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Seeking employment as an elementary education teacher.

## SUMMARY

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A highly motivated, creative, and resourceful educator with a Specialist Degree in Elementary Education and Georgia Master Teacher Certification. Committed to the highest levels of professional and personal growth with a passion for helping students grow and rise to new heights. Dedicated to building social and academic growth for all students through inspiring hands-on lessons that capture students' attention and curiosity. Superior interpersonal and communication skills that foster meaningful relationships with students, staff, and parents.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Dimon Magnet Academy, 480 Dogwood Drive, Columbus, Georgia 31907**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, August 2011 – Present*

Familiar with grade level content, curriculum, and methods of instruction. Adept at creating appropriate, engaging lessons targeting the needs and interests of students while meeting state and district guidelines. Skilled in analyzing student data and formulating action plans that address areas of weakness and bolster strengths. Proficient in teaching whole group as well as invitational groups to address targeted skills based on needs assessment. Experienced in balancing district, school, and classroom initiatives that support continued growth of students. Continued support of a balanced literacy program that includes Reading and Writing Workshop and incorporates technology. Able to teach communication and problem solving skills in a positive, friendly environment. Skilled in working collaboratively with others to provide a rich, productive learning environment for students.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Magnet Teacher, August 2002 – 2011*

Implemented and developed a rigorous curriculum that met the academic, intellectual, and social needs of accelerated students. Supported a balanced literacy program through the implementation of Reading and Writing Workshop. Integrated technology through the development of units that included computer literacy skills. Applied a multiple-intelligence approach to curriculum design that made lessons interesting and interactive while supporting an element of research. Fostered a sense of curiosity and a deeper understanding of varied subjects by using integrated, thematic units in the areas of Math, Reading, Science, and Social Studies. Encouraged curiosity and wonder in the areas of Math and Science by creating lessons that fostered exploratory investigations. Designed magnet projects and was an active participant in Dimon's annual Magnet Open House and Math/Science Day.

### **Flournoy Development Company, 900 Brookstone Centre Parkway, Columbus, Georgia 31904**

*Financial Analyst, June 2000 – January 2002*

Maintained budgets, coded invoices, generated financial reports, computed bonuses, requested replacement reserves from escrow accounts, generated graphic representations for financial reports. Executed computer training, budget training, tax credit compliance audits, and assisted as technical support for computer analysis.

*Administrative Assistant, December 1999 – June 2000*

Responsible for budget maintenance, coding invoices, preparing contracts and agreements, maintenance of Certificates of Insurance and the Permanent File system, maintenance and distribution of various reports and assisting the Executive Vice President and four Project Managers in an administrative capacity.

### **Cott Beverages USA, Inc., 5650 Whitesville Road, Suite 201, Columbus, Georgia 31904**

*Purchasing Analyst, September 1996 – April 1999*

Prepared statistical reports involving actual sales data and shipment purchases by vendor. Tracked inventory, maintained national forecasting for all major commodities and supplier claims, maintained relations between suppliers and national field personnel and assisted the Vice-President of Purchasing in daily administrative functions.

## CORNERSTONE LITERACY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Cornerstone Progress Monitoring Review Team Member, Dimon Elementary, February 2011
- Cornerstone Progress Monitoring Review Team Member, Key Elementary, January 2011
- Open Model Classroom, Dimon Magnet Academy, August 2009 – Present
- Literacy Action Team, Dimon Magnet Academy, August 2009 – Present
- Implementation of the Reading and Writing Workshop model, August 2004 – Present
- Published Work (Thesis) “The Effects of Comprehension Strategy Instruction on the Reading Achievement of Second Grade Students”.

## EDUCATION

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### **Troy State University, Phenix City, Alabama**

*Degree: Education Specialist, Elementary Education, July 2006 – May 2008*

*Degree: Master of Science in Education, Elementary Education, July 2004 – May 2006*

*Degree: Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education, July 1999 – May 2002*

*Summa Cum Laude graduate, Member of Kappa Delta Pi, Presidential Scholarship recipient.*

### **Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Phenix City, Alabama**

*Degree: Associate in Arts, January 1997 – June 1999*

Graduated with highest honors, Member of Phi Theta Kappa, Most Outstanding Student Social Sciences 1999

### **George C. Wallace Community College, Selma, Alabama**

*Degree: Associate in Applied Science, Office Administration, August 1992 – June 1994*

*Degree: Associate in Applied Science, Accounting, August 1992 – June 1994*

Graduated with highest honors, Member of Phi Theta Kappa, Most Outstanding Student 1994, Who's Who in American Community Colleges 1993

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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Teacher of the Year, Dimon Magnet Academy, 2012

Georgia Master Teacher, 2006 - Present

Lead Teacher Support Specialist & Mentor Teacher, Dimon Magnet Academy, 2008 – Present

Troy State Cooperating Teacher, 2005 – Present

MCS D Best Practices Workshop Instructor, 2007 - Present

MCS D New Teacher Orientation Instructor, 2007 – Present

Working on the Work Team Member, Dimon Magnet Academy, 2005 – Present

Cornerstone Model Classroom, Dimon Magnet Academy, 2009 – Present

Cornerstone Literacy Action Team, 2009 – Present

Technology Team, 2010 - 2011

## CONTINUED EDUCATION

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### **Career Development**

*Cornerstone Specialized Training with Ellin Keene, Eagle Ridge, 2011-2012*

*Guided Math Training with Laney Sammons, Muscogee County School District, 2011*

*Using Cornerstone Strategies, MCS D Best Practices Workshop, 2009*

*Writer's Workshop: 6-Trait Writing, MCS D Best Practices Workshop, 2009*

*Co-Teaching: Help for All Students! Georgia Learning Resources System, January 2008*

*Process Standards Open the Door, Columbus Regional Mathematics Collaborative, 2008*

*NASA Connections: Integrating Space Education in the Science Classroom, NASA, 2008*

*GPS: Curriculum Maps and Unit Design, Muscogee County School District, Summer 2008*

*Reader's Workshop in the Elementary Classroom, MCS D Best Practices Workshop, 2008*

*Brain Based Math Strategies, Kathy Robinson, 2007*

*Motivating Students, Charles Beaman, 2007*

*W.O.W. (Working on the Work) Conference, Schlechty Center, Dallas, Texas, 2007*

*Annual Second Grade Teachers Conference, Staff Development for Educators, 2003 - 2007*

*Building Bridges & Digging Deeper Phase II, Columbus Regional Mathematics Collaborative, 2007*

*Singapore Math Training, Bob Hogan, 2006*

*Data Driven Instruction, Staff Development for Educators, 2006*

*National Renaissance Conference, San Antonio, Texas, 2005*

*Hands On, Minds On Science, William Burd, 2005*

*Meeting Standards/Improving Test Scores, Dimon Magnet In-House Staff Development, 2004*

*Differentiated Instruction, Jim Grant & Lynda Rice, 2004*

*A Framework for Understanding Poverty, Ruby Payne, 2004*