

# Kim Deskin, MEd

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## Highlights of Experience

- over 30 years professional experience in the field of education
- secondary teaching English certificate awarded in four states (TX valid)
  - qualified experience in public, private, and online education
    - curriculum published locally and nationally
    - history of working with children, adolescents, adults
  - knowledge of Common Core educational requirements
    - familiar with local schools and districts
    - organized, assertive, strong communicator

## Relevant Work History

**Yellow Wood Academy, Mercer Island** **November 2017 – August 2025**

Teacher. Worked one-to-one with students, primarily high school English.  
English Language Art Department Lead. Supported a team of ten teachers, with curriculum development and student-specific concerns.

**Brightmont Academy, Redmond** **August 2016 – September 2017**

Teacher. Taught English Language Arts with this one-to-one operation.  
Master Teacher. Oversaw administration of campus instruction, managing fifteen teachers, communicating with parents, and providing updates of student progress to campus director.

**Educational Testing Service and Pearson Education** **December 2015 – present**

ELPAC, CAT, Texas STAAR, SAT scorer. Read and score standardized essays.

**Apex Learning, Seattle** **August 2000 – October 2015**

ALVS Manager of Instruction. Supervised 60+ teachers working with online students in an accredited online high school. Position eliminated following effective implementation.

ALVS online teacher. Served as a full-time teacher of AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, and AP Psychology. Managed an average course load of 180 online students, communicating with schools, processing submitted tests and essays, advising on application of rhetorical, literary, and psychology concepts.

**City University of Seattle, Teacher Certification Program** **July 2001 – August 2011**

Supervised teacher candidates. Duties included coordinating meetings with teacher candidates and cooperating school teachers; observed planned lessons; advising on methods in classroom delivery and discipline.

Taught courses, including “An Introduction Creative Arts” and “Human Growth and Development”; Middle School endorsement in Humanities; and various professional development offerings.

**The Tutoring Club, Kirkland** **July 2002 – September 2005**

Site coordinator; tutor. Duties included managing the schedule, students, and tutors for after-school supplementary education. Testing of students, evaluating levels, placing with appropriate tutor, working with families, school contacts, and students directly.

**Fairfax Psychiatric Hospital, Kirkland**

**January 1995 – April 1999**

Adolescent Program Teacher. Classroom and one-on-one instruction for students receiving in-patient treatment. Coordinated subject matter specifics and met special needs. Also served as English coordinator, revamping the entire 6-12 curriculum.

Education Manager. Supervised four teachers in the department; communicated with schools regarding the status and progress of students; maintained professional records; charted behavioral issues of students. Also, worked with students (elem & adol) 3 hrs per day.

**Cypress Creek High School, Houston**

**June 1987 – July 1994**

Teacher. English classroom teacher, grades 9, 10, 11; regular, remedial, and honors levels. Also selected to coordinate a student leadership class offering; to teach a special GED prep class; and to participate in, then lead, a new teacher mentoring program.

### Curriculum Development, Publication, and Presentation

**Art of Belonging Conference**  
2023, 2024, 2025

presented Easy (and Fun) Drama Games to educators  
invested in building community with migrant school groups  
throughout Washington State

**Holy Spirit Lutheran Church**  
2008-2021

volunteered with the junior high school program and  
teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School; support local curriculum,  
develop resources, and adapt according to specific need

**Apex Learning**  
2000-2008

contracted to contribute to American Literature content,  
revise AP Language content; monitored and authored  
courses of professional development

**Tutoring Club, Inc.**  
2005

authored *Write Now* curriculum, 3-10 grade writing  
enrichment for national use in the tutoring chain

**Book Report**  
July 2002

authored article, “**Virtual Education, a Virtual Reality**”

**QUEST Program,  
City University**  
2002-2007

generated, and monitored, four enrichment courses for  
teachers of English (inc., Shakespeare, Curriculum Design)  
*program now defunct*

**Book-It All Over**  
2000-2002

wrote content for Study Guides geared toward school aged  
audiences

**Seattle Repertory Theatre**  
1998-2000

wrote content for Study Guides and Curriculum Handouts  
pairing theatre offerings with classroom application;  
contributed to workshop for teachers

**National Council of  
Teachers of English**  
April 1999

annual conference presentation, “**Short Stories in Special  
Circumstances**”

### Education

**Masters of Education**, emphasis, Curriculum and Instruction, City University, Seattle

**Bachelors of Arts**, major Secondary Education, minor English, University of St. Thomas, Houston