

Alexis H. Boyden, M.Ed.

SUMMARY

An educational leader with 20+ years experience that provides school leadership, coaching, staff development, program development and student advocacy to schools. I believe in the power of family-school partnerships and professional collaboration to meet student needs.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Inclusion | Co-Teaching | Leadership | Facilitation | Special Education
Program Development | Communication | Training | Coaching | Teaching

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2019–Present | [Creative Advocacy Solutions for Education](#),
Grand Rapids, MI

Owner / Education Consultant

- Provides support, guidance and help navigating the world of special education for families and schools.
- Collaborate with schools, families and educators enabling them to appropriately meet the needs of all students in the classroom.
- Coach teachers and administrators on collaborative teaching, inclusive practices and specially designed instruction as contractor at Antioch CCSD 34 in Illinois for [Joyful Inclusion](#).
- Collaborate and contract with advocacy agencies on educational policy, eg. Preschool Inclusion, Dyslexia legislation, ending Seclusion and Restraint.

August 2021–Present | Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI

Clinical Instructor, Adjunct Faculty

- Courses taught: EDF 115—Introduction to Education: An exploration in schooling, EDF 650 — Classroom Management, EDF 485—The Context of Educational Issues, EDF 671: Education Policy & Practice, EDI 685—Graduate Field Experience,
- Collaborate with colleagues on course curriculum and assessments.
- Design meaningful instruction that models high leverage teaching practices.
- Teach both in-person, hybrid and asynchronous courses.

August 2013–June 2014 | Ypsilanti Community Schools, Ypsilanti, MI

Assistant Principal

- Conducted teacher evaluations and supported professional learning plans.
- Managed student discipline using Restorative Practices.
- Created course numbering system and course selection guide for the district, as well as drafted district graduation requirements.
- Created master schedule that included co-teaching as a service delivery model.
- Supervised special education department, Response-to-Intervention process, and Restorative Practices center.

April 2006–July 2013 | Ann Arbor Public Schools, Ann Arbor, MI

Teacher Consultant / Department Chair

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EDUCATION

Administrator Certificate Program
Eastern Michigan University
2012

Master of Education
DePaul University
2001

Bachelor in Communications
Oakland University
1994

TRAINING

Courageous Conversations About Race
Critical Friends Group Coach
Meeting Mechanics (START)
Restorative Practices
Adverse Childhood Experiences

CERTIFICATION

Michigan Basic K-12 Administrator
Certificate (#SA0000000805934),
exp. June 2027

Michigan Professional Education
Teacher Certificate (#PF0003227),
exp. June 2030

Secondary (6-12) with endorsements
in History (CC), Journalism (BC) and
Learning Disabilities K-12 (SM).

MEMBERSHIP

Association of Supervision,
Curriculum and Design (& ISTE)
Council for Exceptional Children
Council for Parents, Advocates &
Attorneys
Michigan Parent Advocate & Attorney
Coalition
Michigan Social Emotional Learning
Alliance

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE *continued*

as Dept. Chair at Skyline High School:

- Created and led a 25-person, collaborative support services department focused on inclusion and the co-teaching model.
- Led a variety of initiatives and projects that aligned to the school vision and helped create sustainable and successful programs, such as NCA Accreditation, School Improvement Plan, Achievement Team (Rtl), and PBIS.
- Co-taught U.S. History and Geometry classes.
- Responsible for oversight of 10-12 paraprofessionals.
- Member of Equity & Anti-Racism team that led school-wide training using Courageous Conversations About Race model.
- Led various professional development sessions and workshops in the school and district.
- Managed caseload of 15 students.

as Teacher Consultant at Stone Alternative High School (NKA Pathways to Success):

- Brought the school's special education department into compliance with state and federal laws, as well as district policy.
- Educated staff on making classroom accommodations, co-teaching, and working with students with special needs.
- Sat on the school's Equity & Anti-Racism team.
- Taught resource English and Academic Support, co-taught Government and English.
- Managed caseload of 25-35 students.

September 2005–March 2006 | Ann Arbor Academy, Ann Arbor, MI

Teacher

- Taught Social Studies for 7th and 8th graders at a school for students with disabilities and twice exceptional children.

September 2001–June 2005 | Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, IL

Special Education Teacher

- Co-taught U.S. History, Modern World History, and School Newspaper classes at Amundsen High School.
- Led staff development on co-teaching.
- Managed caseload of 15-20 students.
- Sat on program development committees that crafted an inclusion grant for the school in response to the Corey H. case and the development of the school-wide student advisory program.

COMMUNITY WORK

October 2018—present | Kent Medical Foundation, Grand Rapids, MI

Board Member

2023-present | American Medical Association Alliance

Events Committee

- Event chair for virtual leadership conference, Confluence 2025 — Heart & Hustle: Wellness & Leadership Summit.

January 2015—April 2023 | Kent County Medical Society Alliance, Grand Rapids, MI

Board Member (President, Communications Chair, Recording Secretary)

- Facilitated rebranding and revisioning for the organization.
- Maintained social media presence for the organization.
- Chaired committee that created a public health forum for parents on opioid awareness in collaboration with Families Against Narcotics ([see YouTube education series here](#)).

2023—2025, 2018—2020 | Kent County Medical Society Alliance Foundation, Grand Rapids, MI

Board Member (President 2018-20).

- As president, policies were redrawn for grant requests to include criteria related to the county priority health needs.

March 2021—June 2021 | Michigan Department of Education, Lansing, MI

[Preschool Inclusion Collective Action Plan](#) Work Group Member

August 2018—March 2020 | Baxter Community Center, Grand Rapids, MI | **Donor Development Committee Member**

September 2015—June 2019 | East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation, East Grand Rapids, MI | **Board Member**