

## Cheryl Dunkle



Cheryl Dunkle is a Professional Development Associate with The Leadership and Learning Center, located in Englewood, Colorado working with educators across the country in the areas of assessment, accountability, and standards implementation. She was a practicing elementary principal with Douglas County Schools from 1983-2001. Previous to that, she served as an elementary guidance counselor and a teacher of primary students for fourteen years. She retired from public education in July of 2001.

In addition to her leadership in public schools, Cheryl has taught for several colleges and universities both online and in face-to-face courses, and has coordinated a cohort teacher education program in the Denver metro area. Cheryl has a wealth of experience with professional development, including work as a district trainer of trainers in the areas of early childhood education, effective teaching strategies, group facilitation, Cognitive Coaching, student discipline, and techniques for success in working with parents. She has extensive knowledge in adult development and learning theory, as well as standards-based education and data-driven decision making. Her current area of study and interest is investigating elements of successful implementation of the Common Core State Standards for a book to be released in early 2012.

Recognitions for her work include: National Distinguished Principal, president of the Colorado Association of Elementary School Principals and recipient of their department service award, member of the coordinating council for the Colorado Association of School Executives, and selection as planning principal for a new elementary school in Douglas County. Cheryl gained invaluable knowledge and skills about teaching, learning, and leadership through each of these challenging and rewarding experiences.

Cheryl lives with her husband, Wayne, in Castle Rock, Colorado, close to her two adult children, Jason and Megan, both of whom are teachers. She enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren, as well as reading, writing, and gardening in her spare time.

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