

**CONSIDERATION OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE MISSOURI ADVISORY COUNCIL OF CERTIFICATION FOR EDUCATORS (MACCE)**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 161.092, RSMo

Consent  
Item

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**PRIORITY AREA**

Educator Recruitment & Retention

**SUMMARY**

A nomination has been received from the Missouri Teacher of the Year (TOY) for the ex-officio appointment to the Missouri Advisory Council of Certification for Educators (MACCE). The recommendation is as follows:

- Missouri Teacher of the Year (TOY) – Melissa Grandel

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education approve the appointment as presented.

## Melissa Grandel

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### EDUCATION

- ❖ Bachelor of Arts in English – Drury University – Springfield, MO; December 1995
  - Major: English
  - Minor: Spanish
  - Emphases: Education and Creative Writing
- ❖ Master's of Arts in Communication – Drury University – Springfield, MO; August 2004

### TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS

- ❖ Missouri: English, Grades 7-12
- ❖ Missouri: Spanish, Grades K-12
- ❖ Missouri: Speech and Theater, Grades 9-12

### TEACHING EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- ❖ 9-12 English Teacher, Fordland High School, August 1998 – Present
  - Teaching English II, Advanced Placement Language and Composition, English IV, Dual Credit Speech, Dual Credit Leadership, Yearbook/Journalism, and Spanish.
  - Sponsoring Beta Club, Student Council, and Foreign Language Club.
  - Coaching ACT preparation and Academic Team.
  - Advising students in college and scholarship applications and career planning.
- ❖ 6-8 Spanish Teacher, Mountain Grove Middle School, August 1995 – May 1998
  - Teaching Spanish, Career Planning, and Study Skills.

### FORDLAND R-III DISTRICT/SCHOOL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Professional Learning Community Leader – chosen and trained for the PLC leadership team, working to improve district-wide culture and climate. 2006 – Present.
- ❖ English Language Arts Department Chair – leading department meetings, making decisions that affect the department K-12, and overseeing curricular implementation. 2000 – Present.
- ❖ English Language Arts Curriculum Trainer – organizing and presenting professional development to the department in regard to curriculum, overseeing curriculum writing, compiling and outline K-12 vertical alignment of curriculum. 2014 – Present.
- ❖ Advanced Placement Team Leader – organizing and implementing Advanced Placement within the district, recruiting teachers and students for the program, compiling and reporting annual program data to the superintendent and board of education. 2012 – Present.
- ❖ Superintendent's Leadership Team Member – meeting with superintendent to discuss implementing district-wide changes, representing teachers in discussions regarding how changes will affect teaching

positions; including Salary Committee, Calendar Committee, School Safety Committee, and New Hire Interview Committee. 2014 – Present.

- ❖ Career Ladder Committee Chair – overseeing Career Ladder committee meetings, assisting teachers with Career Ladder plans, approving Career Ladder plans, and reporting to the superintendent and board of education in regard to Career Ladder plans. 2006 – Present.
- ❖ T.A.S.K. (Teachers for the Academic Success of Kids) Committee Chair – organizing and writing the program to assist teachers in acquiring responsibilities that promote the academic success of students in the district. 2018 – Present.
- ❖ ACT Testing Supervisor – preparing for and administering the ACT for national test dates, recruiting educators for testing positions. 2012 – Present.
- ❖ Principal's Leadership Team Member – meeting with the principal to discuss implementing building-wide changes, representing teachers in discussions regarding how changes will affect teaching positions. This position was chosen by a vote of my peers. 2014 – 2018.
- ❖ Professional Development Committee Member – meeting with the committee to discuss and approve district-wide and individual professional development opportunities, assisting in new teacher training. 2000 – 2015.
- ❖ New Teacher Training Director – as part of Professional Development Committee, chosen as the leader in organizing and implementing new teacher training and organizing district mentoring of new teachers. 2005 – 2015.

### **Awards and Other Recognition**

- ❖ Missouri Southwest Regional Teacher of the Year. 2020.
- ❖ Missouri English II End of Course Item Writer. 2019.
- ❖ Summit Conference Professional Development Presenter. 2013.
- ❖ Missouri English II End of Course Item Writer. First Cycle.
- ❖ National Beta Club Engineering Championship. 2018.
- ❖ National Beta Club Science Runner-Up. 2018.
- ❖ Missouri State Beta Club Science Championship. 2019.
- ❖ Missouri State Beta Club Engineering Championship. 2018.
- ❖ Missouri State Beta Club Science Championship. 2017.
- ❖ Missouri State Beta Club Robotics Championship. 2017.