

## **Rethinking Coaches**

**How can extending the role of coaches in schools improve the overall learning landscape?**

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**Daniel Diamond**  
**Nevada Virtual Academy**

Nevada State Public Charter School  
1,400 students  
Grades K-8

2015-16 school year is the 3rd year of “Coach” implementation

Last school year we grew 18 points on the state’s performance framework

We were the 12th highest academically growing school in the state  
(6 schools above us had an “n” size of less than 50)

7th grade Math proficiency increased by 12 points

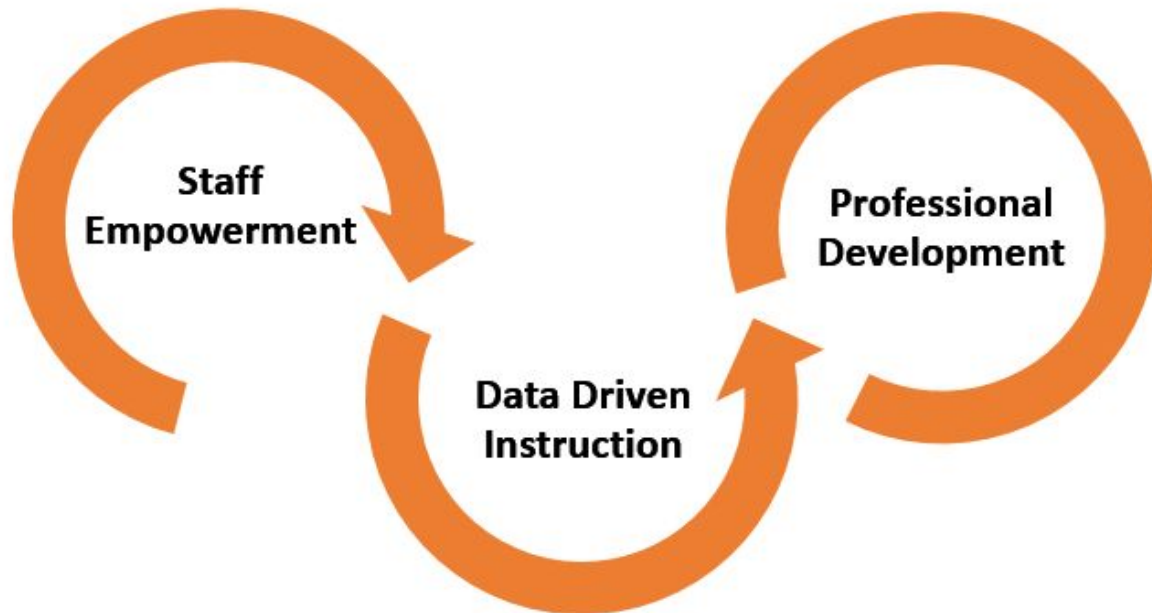
ELL, IEP and FRL students continue to perform above state averages

We attribute much of our success to the coaching initiative!

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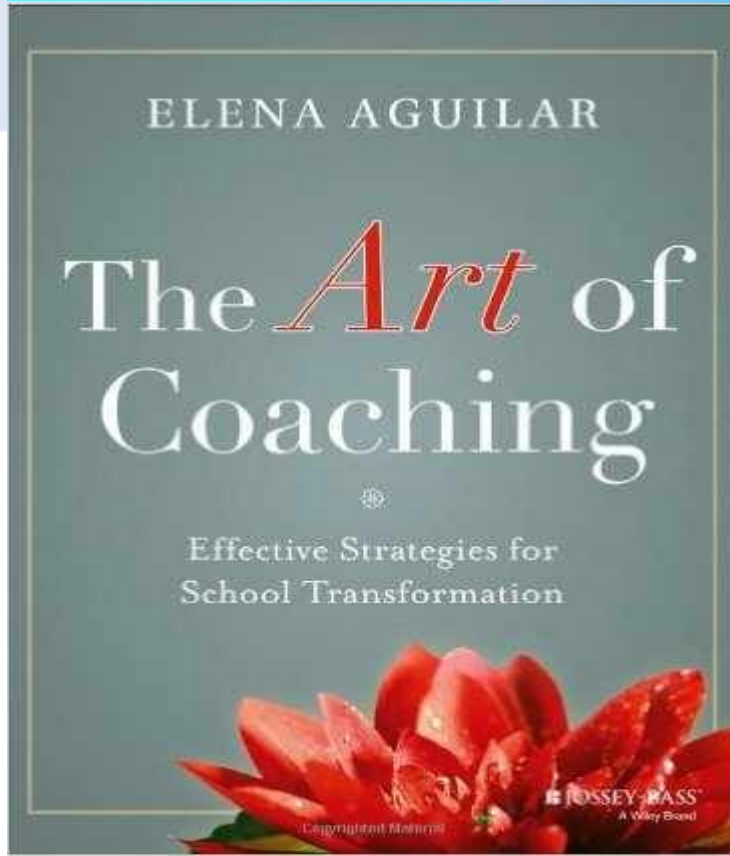
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Mike Kuhrt  
Superintendent  
Wichita Falls ISD



The initial year for instructional coaches on WFISD elementary campuses.

16 Math Coaches

16 ELAR Coaches

2 Early Childhood Specialists as coaches of coaches

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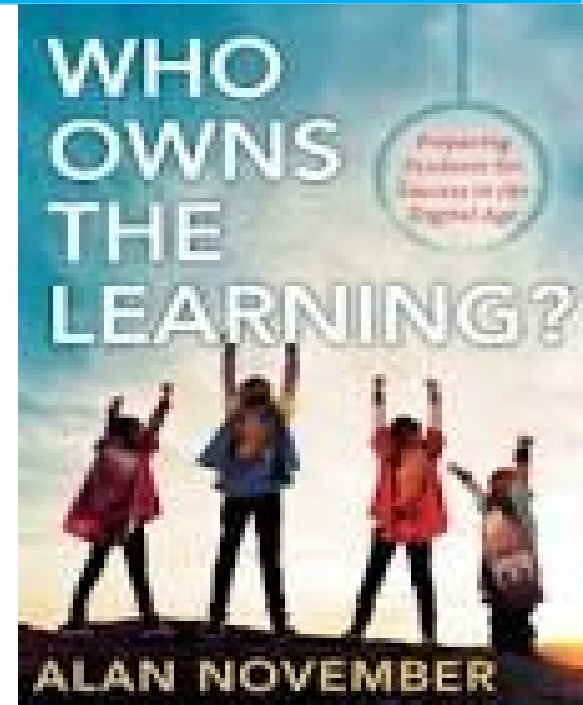
1st year Digital Pilot-42 classrooms

Make learning visible

Publish for a worldwide audience

Develop tech support requirements

Develop curricular support requirements





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Google Qualified Trainers-Drive  
(docs, slides, forms, share drive)

Eduphoria-Aware, Forethought

*Plickers*

WFISD adopted resources

*Fundamental 5*

*Socrative*

*Snipping Tool*

*Screencastomatic*

*Today's Meet*

*Padlet*

*Screenlink*

*superteachertools.com*

*airplay*

*Animoto*

*Kahoot*

*Zamzar*

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Good afternoon, Mr. Kuhrt-

Hope all is well. I just wanted to take a few moments to tell you what a blessing our instructional coaches have not only been to me, but the entire staff at Jefferson. Amy Simmons and Carmen Hill go above and beyond daily to ensure that we are giving our kiddos the very best in instructional practices. Earlier this week they provided an “Open House” of instructional materials that they created for numerous activities to use during RtI/intervention time. They have catalogued all of these resources and now have a wonderful library filled with so many amazing materials for teachers to check out and use. As a first year elementary teacher, I cannot stress how valuable these ladies are to me. I am not sure how the instructional coaches are set up on other campuses, but I can assure you that Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Hill truly serve and make the teachers here at Jefferson BETTER educators. Too often educators are not recognized, and I wanted to shine the light on these two amazing women.

*Thank you, and have a blessed day-*

*Julie Yandell*

*5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Reading*

*Jefferson Elementary*