

# SARAH WALLACE

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## INTRODUCTION

A dedicated and passionate educator with over 14 years of experience in preschool through fifth grade, committed to fostering an inclusive and engaging learning environment. Throughout my career, I have consistently strived to create a classroom atmosphere that encourages critical thinking, sparks creativity, and instills a lifelong love for learning.

My teaching philosophy revolves around student-centered instruction, differentiated learning, and the seamless integration of technology. I am dedicated to instructing through various modalities to accommodate multiple intelligences, creating a dynamic and inclusive classroom where students share my passion for learning.

Committed to continuous professional development, I am currently pursuing my doctorate in educational leadership to further enhance my skills. As a leader in education, I am driven to contribute my expertise to inspire and empower both students and colleagues, fostering an environment where everyone can reach their full potential.

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## EDUCATION

CURRENT	University of the Cumberlands <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Doctor of Educational Leadership</li></ul>
2014-2015	Asbury University <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Master's in Educational Leadership</li></ul>
2010-2012	Asbury University <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ACHIEVE Program for Elementary Education Certification</li></ul>
2006-2010	University of Kentucky <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bachelor's of Science in Family Sciences, Emphasis in Communication Disorders</li></ul>

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## EXPERIENCE

2011- PRESENT	Anderson County Schools: Robert B. Turner Elementary <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5th Grade Social Studies and Writing (7 years)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ 2 years of virtual instruction integration</li></ul></li><li>• 3rd Grade Self-Contained (2 years)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ 1 year of virtual instruction integration</li></ul></li><li>• 1st Grade Self-Contained (3 years)</li><li>• Specials Technology Teacher (1 year)</li></ul>
2010-2011	Lexington Christian Academy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preschool afterschool director, teaching assistant, substitute teacher (Preschool through 8th Grade), and cafeteria monitor</li></ul>
2007-2010	University of Kentucky Student Center Assistant Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supervised all building activities, orchestrated setup for venue operations, provided guidance to fellow student workers, and offered assistance to campus visitors and students seeking relevant university information.</li></ul>

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## LEADERSHIP

- Teacher ambassador with the GoTeachKY initiative for the Kentucky Department of Education
- Selected as the elementary school teacher representative for Anderson County School District for the Deeper Learning Committee
- Academic Team Head Coach (13 years)
- Lead on-demand writing professional development for elementary teachers
- Multiple years as grade-level team leader
- Site-Based Decision-Making Council member
- Mentor to new teachers, college and high school students
- National Education Review- collaborated with educators from across the United States to align standards to standardized test questions for Pearson in Washington, D.C.

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Deeper Learning Education Conference in San Diego, California (2024)
- Model Schools National Conference in Orlando, Florida (2022, 2023)
  - Presenting at the MSC conference in 2024
- Model Schools National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia (2015)
- Sylvia Abell Writing Trainings
- Kentucky Association for Academic Competition (13 years)
- Google Teacher Certifications (Level I and Level II)
- KAGAN Cooperative Strategies
- Laying the Foundations
- Kentucky Historical Society teacher workshops
- Kentucky Farm Bureau teacher workshops
- Kentucky Society for Technology in Education Conference
- University of Kentucky student development conferences in New York City and Nashville

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**COMMUNITY**

- Hosted open house school night during COVID school shutdowns at my local church to meet and greet parents
- Daughters of the Revolution
- Writing annual Veteran's Day letters for local community members
- Attended Prisoner of War flag ceremonies
- Shop with a Cop mentor
- Fundraising for community programs
- Operation Christmas Child volunteer
- Children's church volunteer
- Hosted police officers, Native American heritage members, and community members in my classroom for historical reenactments and presentations
- Hosted and organized community members for Career Day
- Work with local businesses for donations to enhance classroom experiences

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**AWARDS**

- Top 9 for the 2025 Kentucky Teacher of the Year (2024)
  - Top 3 elementary & recipient of the Teacher Achievement Award
- Nominee for Gilder Lehrman National History Teacher of the Year Award (2024)
- Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Tradition of Excellence Award (2024)
- Robert B. Turner Elementary Teacher of the Year (2023)
- Selected as the only teacher representative on the Deeper Learning Committee (2023)
- Selected to be on Model Schools leadership team (2015-Present)
- Asbury University's Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- Nominated by colleagues for teacher of the year (multiple years)

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**PERSONAL**

- Married to Dennis, a middle school teacher in our community
- Two sons, Walter (7) and Jasper (4)
- Interests/hobbies: camping, riding side-by-sides, traveling, reading, cooking
- Teach a variety of fitness classes to the community at Ignite Fitness Club
- Serve as a day-of wedding coordinator for local brides
- Active member and volunteer at Ninevah Christian Church

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5th Grade Social Studies Teacher  
Robert B. Turner Elementary



## Philosophy of Education

As an educator, my mission is to be a leader, a lifelong learner, and an intentional teacher facilitating invested learning. I believe in the power of education to transform lives and empower students to reach their fullest potential.

## Core Beliefs:

- **Leadership:** Culture is the key to a successful school. To achieve the highest morale and culture you can, there must be strong, encouraging mentors and role models in every building. Having leaders is crucial for growing professionally, collaborating, and retaining teachers. As an advocate for continuous professional development, I am enthusiastic about continuing my own education as I work on my doctorate in educational leadership. As a leader in education, I work to continuously contribute my skills and expertise to teaching multiple audiences to inspire and empower both students and my colleagues to reach their full potential.
- **Lifelong Learning:** The most outstanding teachers are the greatest students. I am committed to continuously improving as an educator. I seek ways to grow professionally, refine my teaching practices, ask for guidance on improvement from leaders, attend professional learning sessions, and have started my doctorate in education to advance even further. I will never stop learning.
- **Intentional:** Teachers should have a strong sense of urgency to be successful. Every minute we have with our students matters, whether we teach them content or lifelong lessons. In our classrooms, students should be engaged while exploring more profound levels of learning using rigorous and relevant material. I want to create a supportive and challenging learning environment that equips students with the skills, knowledge, and passion necessary for a lifetime of learning and success. With over 13 years of experience in preschool through fifth grade, I have consistently strived to create a classroom atmosphere that promotes critical thinking, creativity, and a lifelong love for learning. My teaching philosophy centers on student-centered instruction, differentiated learning, integrating technology, instructing through different modalities for multiple intelligences and creating a strongly engaged classroom where students are just as passionate about learning as I am.

In conclusion, my teaching philosophy centers on the fact that every teacher, staff, parent, community member, and student has a vital role in education. It is critical to have a good climate and culture. After establishing a positive culture, teachers and leaders should have high, achievable expectations, including a sense of urgency. Education is a collaborative journey, and I am dedicated to being a guide, mentor, and lifelong learner alongside my students.

*Sarah Wallace*