

# LORI BUTLER

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

→ A performance driven, consistent, enthusiastic, and *highly talented educator* with accomplished experience in the advancement and development of professional organizations by contributing technical expertise, and executing leadership to increase productivity

→ Experienced in all facets of teaching and educational administration; praised for leadership and ability to work collaboratively with all shareholders including faculty, staff, students, parents, and the overall community

- *Devout K-12 educator, administrator, and professional*; experience utilizing pedagogical expertise to serve through its educational entities
- Superior Customer Service; ability to establish and maintain positive relationships with stakeholders
- Effective problem-solver and decision maker; ability to motivate and encourage others to contribute to a team effort; effective oral and written communication skills; exceptionally autonomous, persistent and competitive
- Excellent interpersonal and negotiating skills; adaptable to new concepts and responsibilities
- Proficient in handling diverse tasks simultaneously; detail-oriented, efficient, organized professional with working knowledge of varied systems; possess strong analytical and problem-solving skills
- Commitment to furthering the success of the team members, as well as delivering quality individual performance in a high-pressure environment
- Microsoft Office

## EDUCATION

**MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.Ed.), EDUCATION LEADERSHIP** 2007  
PARK UNIVERSITY, PARKVILLE, MISSOURI

**BACHELOR OF ARTS, (B.A.), ELEMENTARY EDUCATION** 1998

**BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS, (B.L.A.)** 1998  
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

## EMPLOYMENT

→ **Overall educational experience:**

- Manage and evaluate instructional programs, extracurricular activities, and discipline systems to ensure a safe and orderly climate, building maintenance, program evaluation, personnel management, office operations, and emergency procedures; ensure compliance with all laws, board policies, and civil regulations.
- Supervise the instructional programs of the school, evaluating lesson plans and observing classes (teaching) on a regular basis to encourage the use of a variety of instructional strategies and materials consistent with research on brain-based learning and child growth and development.

**Director, District Relations**  
Skyrocket, Inc.

July 2019-Present

- Maintain and foster positive relations with chartering district officials, school boards, and community-based organizations; responsible for charter school renewals and increasing enrollment at current and future school sites.

- Facilitate the charter renewal and material revision processes.

**Director, District Relations**  
Pathways Management Group

June 2018- July 2019

- Maintain and foster positive relations with chartering district officials, school boards, and community-based organizations; responsible for charter school renewals and increasing enrollment at current and future school sites.
- Collaborate with Charter Development Team to strategically plan for growth and implementation of new programs.

**Director, Charter Development (National)**  
Pathways Management Group

September 2016-June 2018

- Responsible for attaining multi-state charters and contracts to ensure strategic growth of schools that provide comprehensive, alternative personalized learning and experiential programs to include credit deficient student populations.
- Set strategic direction and build long-term partnerships with constituent groups including charter authorizers, school districts, state and local officials, attorneys, and consultants to gain support for the specific educational needs.

**Principal**  
Charter Schools USA

September 2013-August 2016

- Supervised the instructional programs of the school; identified goals, monitored progress, and course corrected to meet established benchmarks; facilitated PLCs in science increasing scores by 6% in one academic year.
- Launched 3rd-8th grade tutoring program to improve academic achievement in English language arts, literacy, and math.

**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE**

**Florida Charter School Alliance**  
*Vice President of School Services*

- Created relationships with key stakeholders in the Florida charter school sector to foster collaboration critical to successful, sustainable charter school growth.
- Launched frameworks to make comprehensive, technical assistance services available and affordable to charter school members.
- Developed new school development protocols to support founding groups through the start-up process.

**Missouri Charter Public School Association**  
*Director of Educational Services*

- Developed a Special Education network to improve the academic performance of students with disabilities by increasing the capacity of all member schools.
- Established and managed an assessment consortium with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to streamline assessment practices across member schools.
- Managed partnerships with various service providers to create a marketplace of school related services for member schools.

**Pathway Academy Charter School, Kansas City, MO**  
*Principal*

- Galvanized community support to establish a new charter school to serve a large at-risk population within the city.

- Provided leadership and strategic direction in successful rebranding and opening of new, urban K-8 charter school serving 450 students and 35 employees.
- Implemented effective instructional strategies to positively impact academic and social/emotional development of urban youth.

**University Academy Charter School, Kansas City, MO**

Principal

- Increased student performance on statewide assessment as evidenced by meeting Annual Yearly Progress targets in English language arts and math.
- Launched annual parent events to increase K-5 parental involvement by 25%.
- Designed and led the implementation of the inaugural elementary summer school program serving 600 students, K-5.

**University Academy Charter School, Kansas City, MO**

Director of Curriculum & Instruction

- Facilitated the development, evaluation, implementation, and revision of K-5 curriculum based on state standards.
- Upheld fidelity to research-based instructional practices and guided daily instruction toward new levels of academic rigor.

**Kansas City Public Schools, Kansas City, MO**

Reading Coach, K-3

- **Led the implementation of scientifically based reading instruction for K-3 classroom teachers.**
- **Coached career teachers based on their pedagogical needs and the literacy needs of the students.**

Classroom Teacher

- **Served as demonstration classroom for balanced literacy Readers' and Writers' Workshop scaffolded instruction frameworks.**
- **Awarded education grants from the Marion Ewing Kauffman Foundation to fund innovative teaching practices to reach 21<sup>st</sup> century learners.**