

# DERRICK HOPKINS

## EDUCATOR

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### CERTIFICATION

#### STATE OF NEW YORK

Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and  
Grades 1-6, 7-8 English, 7-8 Math  
Permanent

Certificate Number: 1740248

Control Number: 9240061

Control Number: 1658840221

Control Number: 1658761221

### EDUCATION

#### A.A. HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Clinton Community College

Plattsburgh, NY

May 1998

#### B. S. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

SUNY Plattsburgh

Plattsburgh, NY

May 2000

#### M.S. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

SUNY Plattsburgh

Plattsburgh, NY

December 2004

### PROFILE

- Energetic teacher who excels in student engagement, curriculum development & implementation, technology integration, assessment development, and interpretation of texts through character development, building background knowledge, and analysis.
- Strong instructional leader with twenty-five years of experience in the classroom from prekindergarten through collegiate levels excelling in reading, writing, math, science, and theatre.
- Passionate theatre arts advocate and educator by providing professional opportunities through directing & producing shows, creating coursework, and organizing local and Broadway theatre experiences for students in acting, singing, dancing, and tech.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### SECONDARY TEACHER | AuSable Valley Central School

September 2021 – 2025 | Clintonville, NY

- Secondary Education: 8 Math, 11 English, 9-12 Theater
- AIS: 7 Math, 8 Math, 8 English, 11 English
- NWEA Administrator
- Prepped special education students and students at risk for the English 11 Regents exam
- Provided academic and classroom support in the areas of English and Math to students at risk
- Implemented a rigorous 8<sup>th</sup> grade math curriculum
- Trained teachers, organized NWEA test sessions, operated test sessions for the middle-high school, and generated reports for teachers and administration
- Position eliminated due to budget cuts

#### ELEMENTARY TEACHER | Willsboro Central School

September 2001 - 2021 | Willsboro, NY

- General Education: 2, 4, 5, 6
- AIS: 1 ELA, 4-6 ELA, 4-6 Math, 4-6 Science
- Theatre: 7-12 Theatre, 9-12 Intro to Acting (College Credit), 9-12 Plays and Production (College Credit)
- Other: P-6 General Music, 4-6 Woodwinds, 7 Science
- Established the Willsboro Academy: a departmentalized system of learning and looping for grades 4-6
- Spiraled learning in 4-6 science: curriculum aligned with the 7-8 grade levels and topics on the science 8 exam
- Adapted State ELA modules and written ELA modules to correct errors and to further engage the learner
- Fletcher Allen Experience: students worked with medical professionals at the Fletcher Allen's medical training facility
- Advisor: Drama Club, High School Play, Elementary Drama Club, Senior Play, Freshman Class

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### AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

RETURN TO AUSCHWITZ: The SURVIVAL OF VLADIMIR MUNK  
AVCS Presentation 2022

BROADWAY STUDENT SUMMIT  
Broadway Teaching Group  
2014, 2015, 2017 (*Hamilton*)

ADK THEATRE STUDENT SUMMIT  
Willsboro Central School  
2014

HEART OF THE ARTS AWARD  
Section I, NYSPHSAA  
2014

FLETCHER ALLEN EXPERIENCE  
Willsboro Central School  
2013

CHANCELLOR'S AWARD  
Clinton Community College  
1998

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Actors' Equity Association  
2006 – Present

NYSUT  
2001 – Present

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

- Classroom Management
- Creative Lesson Planning
- Curriculum Development
- Data Collection and Analysis
- ELA Common Core Standards
- NYS Assessments
- Parent-Teacher Communication
- Student Assessment
- Technology Integration
- Whole Class / Small Group Instruction

### EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

ELA COACH & FACILITATOR | CVES  
January 2014 – June 2014 | Plattsburgh, NY

- Trained with the NYS Education Department on the Grades 3-9 ELA Modules
- Provided professional development to teachers in seven districts
- Targeted, researched, and reported on district specific ELA goals and needs to teachers, principals, and superintendents
- Trained educators on the state assessments to effectively score exams
- Developed, designed, and organized state materials into workbooks that were more conducive to classroom instruction

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR | SUNY Plattsburgh  
Fall 2008 – Spring 2010 | Plattsburgh, NY

- THE106: Introduction to Acting
- Skills: improvisation, monologues, scene work, character development, acting techniques, critical evaluation of an actor in performance; public speaking requirement

SCIENCE TEACHER | St. John's Academy  
September 2000 – June 2001 | Plattsburgh, NY

- General Education: 6-8 science, 6 math
- Advisor: Drama Club
- Learned curriculum in a subject area and grade level outside of certification; developed general and lab experiences for students including participating in the local science fair; eighth grade students won first place

### OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

PRESIDENT & FOUNDER, Artistry Community Theatre  
January 2017 - Present | Keeseville, NY

- Founded ACT by creating the mission statement, writing bylaws, completing IRS paperwork, goal setting, fundraising, company promotion through paper, web, and radio, and built company website
- Preside over monthly meetings, track individual and corporate donations, and develop a cohesive and exciting theatre season

CERTIFIED FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT, Clinton Co.  
January 2018 - 2025 | Plattsburgh, NY

- Completed coursework, paperwork, home study, and other evaluations in becoming a foster and adoptive parent for Clinton County and the State of New York
- Coursework focused on the needs of a child in care and strategies to help a child adjust and thrive in the foster care setting
- Home closed after the adoption of second child

FOUNDER, Keeseville Hometown Heroes Banner Program  
July 2016 – December 2017 | Keeseville, NY

- Established protocols and procedures for honoring veterans in the Towns of AuSable and Chesterfield
- Serves as chairperson for the application selection committee
- Program extended to Towns of Black Brook, Jay, Peru, and Plattsburgh

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Google Classroom
- Grant Writer
- iMovie
- i-Pad Administrator
- i-Ready Administrator
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Microsoft Word
- Photographer & Digital Editor
- Playbill Designer
- Proficient in Apple Products
- Website Builder

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

EAT, PLAY GROW, GO!  
Child Care Coordinating Council of the  
North Country  
April 14, 2018  
Benefits of Breastfeeding, Infant and  
Toddler Development, Making Sensory  
Toys

10 STEPS TO MINIMIZE CHALLENGING  
BEHAVIORS IN YOUNG CHILDREN  
Child Care Coordinating Council of the  
North Country  
March 12, 2018  
Managing challenging behaviors by  
understanding difficult behaviors and  
why they happen

4 ELA RANGEFINDING  
NYS Education Department  
August 2013

3-8 ELA STANDARD SETTING  
NYS Education Department  
July 2013

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES



STEPHEN BROADWELL  
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## PERSONAL REFERENCES



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