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Kathy Powers earned her Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Elementary Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she began her career in 1993 teaching first grade. Powers holds a Master of Science in Reading Education from the University of Central Arkansas at Conway and her National Board Certification in Literacy.

Powers has 20 years of teaching experience in first, fourth, fifth and sixth grades and in almost every subject. She is currently a fifth and sixth grade reading and language arts teacher at Carl Stuart Middle School in Conway, AR. She also teaches college students at UCA, where she educates future teachers about integrated instruction using Common Core curriculum and modifying instruction for special needs learners.

Powers is the 2011 Arkansas Teacher of the Year.

In January of 2012, she was selected as one of 35 teachers from across the nation to travel to China as a National Teacher of Excellence. In August of 2012, Powers was named a National America Achieves fellow and will be traveling to talk with national education policy makers over the course of the next several years.

Powers has authored articles in education journals, presented at several conferences including the International Reading Association conference and has been awarded multiple educational grants.

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” – William Butler Yeats

Powers is an enthusiastic teacher who is totally dedicated to meeting the educational and emotional needs of all students. Although dedicated to the

science of performance assessment practices and data analysis, she believes that teaching is also an intuitive art. She works to bring out each child's potential and ignite a passion for learning. Through a love of teaching, Powers hopes to motivate and inspire students to do their very best.

Powers is available to speak, conduct workshops, and/or serve on committees around the following topics:

- Common Core
- Content area literacy
- Formative assessments
- Integrated instruction
- Parental involvement
- Standards-based instruction
- Student engagement
- Classroom management