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Summary

Susan Riley works as an Arts Integration Specialist, Speaker and Author, based out of Maryland. She focuses on teacher and administrator professional development in the areas of arts integration, Common Core Standards, 21st Century learning skills and technology. She believes passionately in the power of teacher growth and the development of excellent leaders and this is the foundation for her vast array of work.

Recognized nationally as a high-impact and cutting-edge educator, Susan brings a wealth of practical experience and innovative strategies to any event. With her unique background in the Arts, Education Administration, Common Core, STEM and business experience, Susan is a popular speaker on a variety of topics that are the forefront of the educational landscape.

Work History

EducationCloset

United States

Dec 2011 - Present

Founder and Curator

Arts Integration specialist, speaker, and author. EducationCloset.com is recognized as one of the leading resources for Arts Integration and STEM practices.

The Vision Board, LLC

United States

Jan 2013 - Present

President

The Vision Board, LLC is a consulting firm that specializes in connecting educators and leaders with leading experts in Curriculum Design, 21st century Technology Integration, Arts Integration, and Leadership Training for Administrators.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools

United States

Jun 2012 - Present

Curriculum Innovation and Resource Development Specialist

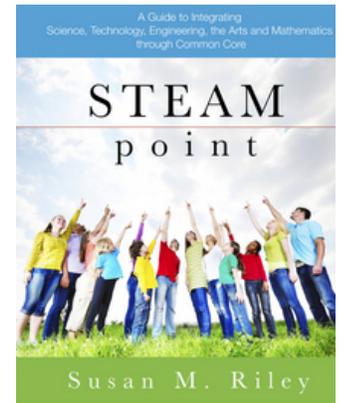
In this role, Susan is dedicated to innovating curriculum development and implementation through integration at all levels and in all areas. She has helped to design the upcoming Integrated Curriculum Writing Academy, as well as consulting on developing an Online Curriculum Management System for teachers to use to inform and guide instruction. Susan is also charged with helping to lead professional development for all staff on SLOs, Common Core State Standards and working with Coordinators to provide them with the resources they need to understand and connect these initiatives to their current curriculum.

Jul 2011 - Jun 2012

Arts Integration Specialist

Published Works

STEAM Point



STEAM Point is a guide for teachers and administrators who are looking to leverage Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics to close the achievement gap for all students and authentically teach practices embedded within the Common Core State Standards.

Specifically included in this guide:

- Curriculum maps integrating Common Core English Language Arts and Math Standards, STEM practices and Fine Arts Standards, as well as Lesson Thread Ideas.
- Integrated Lesson Seeds
- Assessment strategies to measure student growth with integrity in performance-based tasks and processes, which are key to 21st century skills and STEAM practices.

This essential guide provides you with the tools you need to engage all learners and provide relevant and rigorous opportunities that your students will be excited about long after they leave your classroom.

As the first 12-month dedicated Arts Integration Specialist in Maryland Public Schools, Susan was excited to carve a new niche into curriculum design and implementation support within Anne Arundel County Public Schools. She provided direct coaching, mentoring and professional development for teachers across the county in Arts Integration strategies and frameworks.

Additionally, she helped to pioneer integrated lesson development in all areas K-5 and hosted two online courses for connecting Arts Integration to the Common Core Standards for county teachers and administrators.

Susan also worked closely with administrators within the county in creating authentic Arts Integrated schools and helped to coordinate data collection and analysis to monitor the positive effects of Arts Integration on student achievement. She helped to design schedules that allowed for collaborative planning and professional development days to correlate to county initiatives.

Howard County Public Schools/Thunder Hill Elementary

United States

Jul 2006 - Jul 2011

Music Teacher and Administrative Intern

As the administration intern for Thunder Hill Elementary, Susan was charged with schedule creation, MSA testing co-coordinator, providing teacher professional development as well as acting as acting administrator with all of the daily duties when the current administrator was absent.

Additionally, she coordinated the Arts Integration program that garnered the Maryland State School of Excellence in the Arts (through the Kennedy Center) award in 2010. In this capacity, Susan researched and presented arts integration as a viable school improvement option in 2007. From there, she designed, coordinated and implemented the program with great success. It is now a school-wide program with wide county and community support. As the coordinator, the main responsibilities included:

- Teacher professional development of the program and strategies. Susan obtained a grant to support teachers with sub time, designed a professional book club, took teachers on field trips to other successful schools, and worked with finding them any other resources they requested.
- Developed a peer review system for program accountability.
- Designed curriculum maps that aligned the objectives in grade K-5 in math, reading, social studies and science with arts objectives that made natural connections.
- Analyzed the data each year to monitor student progress and program effectiveness.
- Developed a culture of respect and appreciation across content areas.

As a music teacher, she acted as the Related Arts Team Leader. In this role, Susan was able to advocate for the needs of her team, act as a conduit of information from the administrators and school teams by to her team members, and provide unique insights into students throughout the school. She was conscious to create a positive team experience using team building strategies to build a support unit for the related arts teachers.

Education

McDaniel College

United States

Sep 2006 - May 2009

Masters of Education, Education Administration and Supervision

Certified as an Administrator I in Maryland and as a K-12 Principal in Pennsylvania.

Westminster Choir College

United States

Aug 1999 - May 2003

Bachelor of Music, Music Education

Certified in Music Education Grades N-12.

Shake the Sketch: An Arts Integration Workbook



Throughout this workbook, you'll learn what Arts Integration is, how it's revolutionizing education and how to successfully implement it in your classroom, school or district using a proven process. We'll explore the research behind Arts Integration, how to make your vision of student success a reality, and how to help your whole school community become invested in each student's potential. Everything from writing lesson plans to providing professional development is covered, including sample lesson plans, templates and access to many supplemental media materials.

Sample Video

Common Core and Arts Integration



