

Robert Cope

Lecturer

Educational Leadership and Counseling

College of Education

Degrees Earned

Ed.D. Educational Leadership, Sam Houston State University, 2002

M.Ed., Special Education, Sam Houston State University, 1998

B.A., Botany, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1979

Professional Licensure and Certifications

Instructional Leadership Development Trainer

Texas Certifications

Administration: Superintendent (EC-12)

Principal (EC-12)

Supervisor (EC-12)

Professional: Educational Diagnostician (EC-12)

Teaching: Elementary Earth Science (1-8)

Elementary Self-Contained (1-8)

Generic Special Education (EC-12)

Peer-Review Publications

Cope, R. (2006, Fall). Some suggestions for difficult students in the adjunct's classroom. *The Advantage* 2(1).

Cope, R. & Cordeau, M. (2000). Students at risk: Children with disabilities (Indicator #11). In *A further analysis of trends in educational equity of girls and women*. Huntsville, Texas: Sam Houston State University, Center for Research and Doctoral Studies in Educational Leadership.

Research Monographs and Technical Reports

Cope, R. & Cummings, J. (2002). Evaluation of the Waterford Early Reading Program for Madisonville Consolidated Independent School District. In *Research Compendium: The Waterford Early Reading Program 2001-2002*. Sandy, UT: The Waterford Institute.

Funded External Grants

2001 Texas Ninth Grade Initiative Grant. This grant awarded funds to increase academic achievement of at-risk ninth-graders.

Peer-Review Presentations/Posters

Presentation for the faculty of the Educational Leadership and Counseling Department, Sam Houston State University; "*Response-to-Intervention*." 8 November 2006.

ESC VI Fall Administrators' Conference: *Madisonville CISD's Parent Center: Successes and Challenges*. Huntsville, TX. 1 November 2006.

Fifth Annual University-Wide Graduate Research Exchange Speaker: "Steps in the Construction of a Survey Instrument." Sam Houston State University, 17 April 2002.

ESC VI Fall Administrators' Conference: *The Newest Leaders of Learning: The Campus-Based Instructional Specialist Concept*. College Station, Texas, 25 October 2001.

Fourth International Education Week Panel Participant and Presenter: Puebla, Mexico, 11-16 June, 2001.

Fourth Annual University-Wide Graduate Research Exchange Speaker: "Provision of Related Services in Rural Districts." Sam Houston State University, 18 April 2001.

American Educational Research Association Special Interest Group, Research on Women and Education, 26th Annual Conference Roundtable Discussion Participant: "Gender Equity in Education." San Antonio, Texas, 13 October 2000.

Work or Professional Experiences

2007-present Assistant Superintendent, Madisonville CISD, Madisonville, TX. Responsible for the duties of Director listed below and the daily operations of the district.

2002-present Adjunct Faculty. Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling and Department of Language, Literacy, and Special Populations, Sam Houston State University, 2002 to present. Courses taught to date in on-line, ITV, and face-to-face formats:

Special Programs and Special Populations (ASE 586)

Federal, State, and Local School Law (ASE 572)

Practicum in School Administration (ASE 662)

Instructional Leadership I (ASE 668)

Instructional Leadership II (ASE 694)

Introduction to Special Education (SPD 231)

Education of Students with Disabilities (SPD 535)

Seminar in Learning Disabilities (SPD 567)

Workshop in Education (SPD 587)

2002-2007 Director, Madisonville CISD, Madisonville, TX. Responsible for programming and daily operations of the district's Federal and Special programs, including Special Education, Federal Programs, Bilingual Education, 504 Services, Dyslexia Services, Career and Technology Education, Migrant Education, Pregnancy Related Services, and Homebound Education. Other duties include serving as District Testing Coordinator, Homeless Education Liaison, Title IX Hearing Officer, MCISD Parent Center Staff Supervisor, and district Staff Development Coordinator.

2001 Doctoral Research Fellow. Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling, Sam Houston State University. Assisted professors in various tasks; created on-line journal, *Research in Educational Leadership: Electronic Journal of the Center for Research and Doctoral Studies in Educational Leadership* under professorial direction.

- 2001-2002 Instructional Facilitator, Madisonville CISD, Madisonville, TX. Responsible for curriculum coordination at the High School and Junior High level.
- 2000-2001 Educational Diagnostician, Madisonville CISD, Madisonville, TX. Responsible for the assessment of students referred for Special Education eligibility. Duties included conducting Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings, teacher training and consultation. Assignment included grades 4, 5, 9-12, all-level bilingual, and all-level students with low-incidence disabilities.
- 1998-2000 Educational Diagnostician, Bryan ISD, Bryan TX. Responsible for the assessment of students referred for Special Education eligibility. Duties included conducting Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings, teacher training and consultation. Assignment included three middle schools, with a caseload of 750 students in grades 6-8.
- 1997 Protocol Grader. Department of Psychology, Sam Houston State University. Graded protocols and provided guidance to students who administered Wechsler Intelligence Scales as part of their training in psychometrics.
- 1996-1998 Inclusion Facilitator, Bryan ISD, Bryan TX. Implemented and facilitated an Inclusion grant program at Crockett Elementary for grades K-5 (students with low-incidence disabilities educated in general education classrooms); coordinated school's Special Education program. Served as Special Education department head and Support Staff grade level chair.
- 1995-1996 Resource and Lifeskills Teacher, Bryan ISD, Bryan TX. Taught students with disabilities in grades K-5 at Crockett Elementary.
- 1988-1995 Craft Instructor, Red Wolf Pottery, Bryan TX. Manufactured custom stoneware pottery, and conducted classes for adults and children at Red Wolf Pottery. During this time was also employed as Visiting Artist, presenting hands-on art workshops for the Arts Council of the Brazos Valley, and Craft Instructor, teaching pottery techniques to adults for the Craft Center of Texas A&M University.
- 1984-1986 Peace Corps Volunteer, Benin, West Africa. Instructed villagers and farmers in techniques of reforestation, and in construction and maintenance of tree seedling nurseries; established tree nurseries and plantings in sub-Saharan villages.

Honors and Awards

- 2003 Recipient, Jack Staggs Dissertation Award, Sam Houston State University.
- 2002 Recipient, Research Award, Fifth Annual University-Wide Research Exchange, Sam Houston State University.
- 2001 Recipient, Max Schlotter Award for Outstanding Student in Educational Administration, Sam Houston State University.