

John Gary Pothast

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Education

- **M.Ed.** Educational Leadership, Northern Arizona University; Flagstaff, Arizona. May, 1999
- **B.A.A.** Secondary Education: English and Communications, University of Minnesota-Duluth. November, 1989
- Alaska Type B Administrative certificate: December, 2000

Administrative Experience

Director of Secondary Education & Student Activities, KPBSD, 2015-present

- Responsible for the supervision of secondary education, distance education, work force development, counselors and student activities in the KPBSD.
- Provide leadership to principals and building administrators, teachers and counselors in the above mentioned areas.

Principal, Redoubt Elementary School, KPBSD, 2005-2015

- Instructional leader for school of 400 students, 26 teachers and twenty support staff
- Responsible for all aspects of an elementary school including budget, academic and co-curricular programs and maintaining positive school and community climate. Providing leadership, direction and support to school in the areas of curriculum, instruction, assessment.
- Highlights include implementation of School-Wide PBIS, effectively implementing standards-based reporting system and development of effective Professional Learning Communities.

Principal, Skyview High School, KPBSD, 1999-2005

- Instructional leader for school of 600 students, forty teachers and twenty support staff
- Responsible for all aspects of a large, comprehensive high school, including budget, academic and co-curricular programs, and maintaining positive school and community climate. Providing leadership, direction and support to school in the areas of curriculum, instruction, assessment.
- Highlights include development and implementation of Aspirations Advocates Mentor Program, development of a ninth-grade team and development of After-The-Bell tutoring program.

Teaching Experience

English teacher, Cibola High School, 1993-1999 –Yuma, Arizona

- Taught eleventh grade English (American Literature), twelfth grade English (British Literature) and Advanced Placement English, Academic Decathlon, Speech/Debate.
- Developed curriculum for, and taught College Preparatory Literature class
- Freshmen girls volleyball coach
- As department chair (1997-1999), supervised 18 teachers, performed evaluations and maintained department budget.

English teacher, Arizona Western College, 1994-1996--Yuma, Arizona

- Taught English 101: Freshman Composition

Physical education teacher, St. John's School, 1992-1993-- Tumon Bay, Guam

- Taught physical education, grades 4-12, seventh grade word processing and eighth grade critical reading and writing course.
- Head Coaching duties: Varsity boys and girls volleyball, tennis and golf. Junior High Quiz Bowl

English teacher, Cibola High School, 1989-1992--Yuma, Arizona

- Taught tenth grade honors English, eleventh grade English (American Literature), twelfth grade English (British Literature).
- Developed curriculum for, and taught, Advanced Placement English, Academic Decathlon, and Speech/Debate. Head coach for Speech/Debate and Academic Decathlon.

Professional Involvement

- National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), 2005-2015
 - NAESP & NASSP Joint Teacher Evaluation Committee, 2013-2014
 - Federal Relations Conference/National Leaders Conference participant, 2011-2015
- Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals, 2005-2015
 - Positions held include President, President-Elect and Region Member At-Large
- Alaska Council of School Administrators Board of Directors, 2003-2015
 - Positions held include President and Board member
- National Association of Secondary School Administrators (NASSP), 1999-2005
- Alaska Association of Secondary School Administrators, 1999-2005
 - Positions held include President-Elect and Region Director
- Kenai Peninsula Administrator's Association 1999-2015
 - Positions held include President, Vice President/Secretary and Treasurer

Awards and Honors

- State of Alaska Principal of the Year Award (NASSP), 2004
- Service Award, Soldotna Rotary Club, 2003
- Alaska's Region III Principal of the Year, 2003
- ARCTIC Grant Recipient, 2002-2003
- State of Alaska Technology Leader of the Year Award, October, 2002

Community Involvement

- Tsalteshi Trails Association President, 2014-present
- Soldotna Rotary Club Member, 2000-2015
 - Positions held include Youth Activities Chair, Youth Exchange Counselor, Club President, and Interact Club Sponsor (Rotary Club for students)
- Church Council President, 2006-present

Related Experience

- Presenter at a variety of conferences at the national, state and local level, 2000-present
- Teacher Evaluation/Effective Instruction Committee, Kenai Peninsula School District, 2008-present
- Team-taught "The Principalship" class, University of Maine. July, 2001
- Language Arts Curriculum Adoption Committee, KPBSD, 2001-2002