



Emily Bird

Ed.M. in Language and Literacy, Literacy Coaching

Specialty Areas:

- Instructional coaching. Empowering teachers as adult learners to achieve goals that improve student outcomes.
- Partnering with teachers and teacher teams to reflect on classroom observation data and assessment data to determine next steps.
- Implementing classroom practices grounded in the science of reading.
- Grading and assessment practices that are equitable and drive student learning.
- Planning and leading school-embedded professional development that is focused and aligned to schoolwide goals.
- Using protocols and effective agendas to promote strengths-based discussions about instruction and student work that identify areas for growth and recognize and celebrate effective practices.
- Collaborating with teacher teams and school leadership teams to achieve goals.
- Middle leadership roles (instructional coaches, deans, department chairs) that effectively support all students, build teacher capacity, foster innovation, and advance the school towards its goals.

Experience:

- High school administrator
- Instructional coach
- High school English teacher

Philosophy of Consulting

Nothing is more energizing to me than the buzz of students in a joyful, goal oriented, and rigorous classroom environment. As a coach, I partner with teachers to set meaningful goals for their practice and facilitate reflection and action steps based on classroom observations and data.

Facts

In my free time, I love to bike and run around the lakes, creeks, and rivers of Minneapolis with my family.

My first teaching job was in a small town in Mississippi, and my work with students there inspired my interest in literacy.

I have experience working in public and private schools and had the opportunity to be a founding teacher at an independent high school in Atlanta. All of these work roles have been formative in my work as a teacher and coach.