# Ryan Wlodek

# Ph.D. -Educational Leadership





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Aboutme



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Ryan Wlodek is a high school administrator and educator from Elgin, Illinois. Dr. Wlodek currently serves as an Academy Principal at East High School in Rockford Public School District 205 located in Rockford, Illinois. Dr. Wlodek has a strong interest and professional background in brain-based teaching and learning strategies. He also has experience developing and implementing data-driven initiatives to lead students to social and academic success.

# **EXPERIENCES**

## **Health Academy Principal**

#### Rockford Public Schools District 205 - Since 2015

- Implemented research-based practices resulting in East High School getting off the State academic watch list
- Attained the second highest graduation rate at EHS in 18 years
- Collaborated with administration and teaching staff to raise Freshman on track from 57% to 86% in 5 years
- Implemented asynchronous/synchronous learning platforms and remote/hybrid learning
- Assessed PD needs of staff and organized PD on differentiation, assessment, and grading practices
- Supervised IEP, 504, and MDR meetings
- Evaluated performance of tenure and non-tenure staff members
- Conducted administrative, certified, and support staff interviews
- Mentored new administrators on the evaluation process, school-wide test administration, academy meetings, and students conflict/restorative practices
- Implemented academic and SEL interventions through MTSS to improve on-track and graduation rate

## Science Teacher/Administrative Internship

#### Kaneland Community Unit School District 302 - 2010 to 2015

- Coordinated grade level inquiry-based interdisciplinary project resulting in science benchmark scores 38% higher than the national average
- > Planned and organized school Science Fair
- Solicited community volunteers for student support resulting in 436 service hours during SY 15
- Arranged for students to attend Regional and State Science Fair
- Presented school initiatives at School Board Meetings
- Wrote for and received grant funds to support interdisciplinary science project
- Developed and taught an enriched eighth grade science class
- Identified and provided academic interventions for students who needed additional support
- Assisted student teachers with lesson design, observed lessons, and provided feedback
- Utilized hands-on lab activities to facilitate student understanding of complex scientific concepts

#### Dissertation

#### Dissertation - 2018

Wlodek, R. M. (2018). Neuroscience and Education: Teacher and Student Perceptions of Brain-based Strategies that

Engage the Brain (10840571) [Doctoral dissertation]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Educational Leadership

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO** 2018

M.A. School Leadership

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO 2014

M.A. Elementary Education

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO 2008

# **B.S. Biological Sciences**

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 2004

#### **Endorsements**

Superintendent, Illinois Type 75 General Administrative, Illinois Type 03, Middle School General Science, Biological Science, and Social Sciences, Teacher Evaluator, Principal Evaluator