



2010 STATE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Team Award

For Influencing the Instructional Leadership and Professional Growth of
Educators

Renton Instructional Coaches

Renton School district

The impact of the Instructional Coaching Team in the Renton School District continues to positively influence the leadership and professional growth of educators across the district. The team is highly collaborative both with each other and with the educators they serve. Coaches are skilled in fostering trusting relationships that support and challenge staff as they strive to implement research-based instructional and assessment practices. According to seventh grade teacher Michelle Olander from Dimmitt Middle School, "Because DeeAnn supported me as I explored both the idea and the logistics of actually differentiating instruction for my students, I have truly made a change in my practice that affects students daily."

The team persistently focuses on student learning and uses a variety of coaching practices, such as the use of data walls, to focus on each student's growth, co-teaching, modeling lessons and observing every 1st and 2nd year teacher. Coaches also strive to contribute to professional growth of teacher educators by speaking at regional, state, and national conferences. In addition, the team recently started an online community for others in the education arena to participate in a network designed to share educational resources. In a time of significant budget cuts, the continuation of the instructional coaching team was, and continues to be, highly supported by both teachers and administrators.