

Lynn Hosking

Theater Educator/Director

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Lynn Hosking is an educator with more than 25 years experience working and teaching in the theater arts. A resident of the City of Decatur since 1968, Lynn has a long and involved history with the City School of Decatur. As a young girl and the daughter of a City Schools of Decatur principal, Caroline Mote, she attended Westchester Elementary School, Beacon Elementary School, Renfroe Middle School, and graduated from Decatur High school in 1981. Earning a Bachelor of Education from Georgia State University, Lynn completed her student teaching at Glennwood Elementary School, and then taught at Oakhurst and Westchester Elementary Schools.

Returning to GSU to earn a Masters of Education degree in 1989, Lynn merged her love of theater arts with her passion for education, and began Renfroe Middle School's first ever Drama class and club. In addition to developing and teaching drama curriculum for grades 6, 7, and 8, Lynn produced and directed 8 shows for the Drama Club. During that time, she developed a "Partners in Education" relationship with Decatur's Community Theater, The Neighborhood Playhouse.

Inspired by the effects that participating in the theater arts had on students' confidence and how it increased their support of their peers, Lynn ran a Pilot Program of Theater Arts Infusion with Atlanta Pediatric Psychologists designed to teach ADHD children how to respond appropriately and thoughtfully in social/school situations while off their medication.

While teaching, she continued her education by enrolling in several acting and directing courses at the Alliance Theater in Atlanta.

In 1995, choosing to stay home to raise her first child, Lynn continued working with the Neighborhood Playhouse as a Production Manager, Asst. Director, and Director for both the main stage and for the children's theater; coached professional actors for auditions; was a guest director for The Galloway School, The Waldorf School of Atlanta, and Decatur High School; and taught adult acting classes at The Waldorf School adult continuing education series.

In 2007, Lynn returned to City Schools of Decatur teaching 9-12 grade Drama classes at Decatur High School, as well as producing and directing 12 shows in the after school Theater Club. During this time, she was trained and certified in International Baccalaureate Middle Years and Diploma Theater.