

Catharine A. Tipton



EDUCATION

Georgia State University, 1981. M.ED. with concentration in English.

National Center for Paralegal Training, 1978. Lawyer's Assistant Program.

University of Alabama, 1969. B.S. In English Education.

EXPERIENCE

2015 - Present

Tutor and substitute at the Paideia School.

1990 – 2015

Paideia School, DeKalb County. English, grades 9, 10, 11, 12, including seminar (honors) courses and grammar and writing courses. Sponsored junior class for several years. Served as department coordinator for three years. Served on various faculty committees. Created and sponsored an animal welfare student club. The club eventually joined the Homeless Pets Clubs organization to partner with DeKalb County Animal Shelter. As part of an effort to make the then existing shelter more welcoming to potential adopters, the club planned and organized the decoration of the lobby and adoption hall and partnered with other school clubs and adult members of the community to paint the mural in the front lobby and signage in the adoption hall. We also helped plant the rose bushes in the front of the building. School club members held bake sales throughout the years to raise money to donate to the shelter through the Amazon Wish List. The club bought and decorated 'Adopt Me' dog vests and kitty bandanas, which we donated to the shelter.

1998– 2010

Paideia Summer Camp, DeKalb County. Served as co-Director of the camp program with Donna Ellwood from 2003 - 2010. From 1998 – 2003 worked as a lead counselor under Director Donna Ellwood.

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Georgia State University, DeKalb County. Remedial writing courses.

1984 – 1990

Riverwood High School, Fulton County. English, grades 10, 11, and 12, including Honors English and Advanced Placement courses. Sponsored Animal Rights Club.

1982 – 1984

Lithonia High School, DeKalb County. English, grades 8, 10, 11, and 12, including Honors English.

1979 – 1985

DeKalb Community College, South Campus, Developmental Studies Department. Remedial writing courses.

1975 – 1978 and 1979 – 1982

Southwest DeKalb High School, DeKalb County. English, grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, including Advanced Placement, Honors English, and lab (remedial) courses. Sponsored sophomore and junior classes.

1970 – 1974

Denbigh High School, Newport News, Virginia. English, grades 11 and 12, including Advanced Placement and Reading Improvement. Sponsored Animal Humane Club, Public Speaking Club, and school newspaper. Served on the county textbook committee.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

1978 – 1979

Lawyer's assistant to James Hires of Swift, Currie, McGhee, and Hires in Atlanta. Specialized in workmen's compensation claims.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, DeKalb County

1986 – Present

Involved in what has become the TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) Program in DeKalb County, both as an individual trapper and as part of larger groups. Established and manages various colony feeding stations.

Foster for the cat branch of AAR (Animal Action Rescue), fostering and adopting out cats and kittens until AAR founder retired.

Co-founder and member of KirkCats, a community-based TNR network organization, helping neighbors in the Kirkwood area and beyond care for community cats.

Member of the DeKalb County Animal Advisory Board, meeting monthly since July 2012.

Volunteer at the DeKalb County Animal Shelter, working 2 days a week in the clinic 2015 - 2024 and fostering kittens and cats.

Foster for cats and kittens at LifeLine CAC

Member of SODA steering committee, working to implement the 5 Point Plan outlined by the Advisory Board and other animal welfare initiatives. Currently working on a program to introduce DeKalb County schools to humane education.