

Education has always been my passion, and I am thankful to have the opportunity to work at Stix ECC. I began my teaching career in 1994 in the Chicago area. I moved to St. Louis and began teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Woodward Elementary. In 2009-2013, there was a need to have mentor teachers work with new teachers in the hope that with support, new teachers would stay in our wonderful city schools. During this time, I was able to work with teachers and diverse students in the city of St. Louis. After working as a Consultant Teacher for 4 years, I was ready to work with students at a school. I interviewed to be an Academic Instructional Coach and was placed at Stix ECC. I have my Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education, a Reading Certification K-12, a master's degree in Teaching and Leadership and National Board Certification 2004/2014. Outside of education, I enjoy spending time with my family, reading, traveling and baking. At Stix, I work with teachers and students to support learning and instruction.

*I hope everyone is being safe as we continue to monitor news and information surrounding the Covid-19. SLPS Academic team has created, printed and uploaded instruction support for students at every grade. Hard copies are being provided at the meal sites and have been uploaded to [www.slps.org/keeponlearning](http://www.slps.org/keeponlearning)*

## What is an AIC?

Each Title I school has an Academic Instructional Coach (AIC). They function in an academic support role, as a member of your school leadership team. School Leadership Teams are made up of the Principal, the Assistant Principal (if your school has one, which is based on enrollment numbers), and the AIC. The team works together to ensure a high-quality education for every single SLPS child.

**AICs are NOT evaluative; they are a support role!**

## What Role does the AIC play in my life?

AICs are a regular visitor to your classroom. If you are NOT a teacher on the STL Plan, they will provide you with feedback on their observation and engage in a coaching cycle if you determine that is the next step. AICs are a keeper of data and goals for you, your students, and your school. They coach around data, provide professional development around data, and lead Data Team Meetings.

## What academic support can my AIC provide?

- Lesson planning and Resources
- Instructional Strategies

- Standard, Objective, & Lesson Alignment
- Coaching Cycles
- Modeling
- Mentoring
- Class and Student Trackers
- Student Motivation and Engagement
- Brainstorming/Collaboration
- Data Analysis and Trends
- Testing Support
- Class Resources
- Quality Feedback
- Non-evaluative Observations
- Thought partnership on ideas

## What non-academic support can my AIC provide?

- Building schedules
- Protocols and procedures specific to your school site
- Assessment Support (especially district and state)
- A shoulder to cry on when times are tough (and they will get tough) to help you get through to the times when times are beautiful (and they will be beautiful).

