

Ellen Williams



For **Ellen Williams, Ed.D.**, gifted/talented is her one true purpose. It is what she knows and understands the most deeply. A career educator, for the past 15 years Williams helped identify children for gifted/talented programs as the HORIZONS coordinator at Cypress Fairbanks ISD in Houston, Texas, and as senior director of advanced academics in Kerrville ISD, also in Texas. As an administrator she coordinated gifted and talented, dual credit, advanced placement, ESL, and career and technical education programs. She provided staff development for teachers on many topics including curriculum differentiation for the gifted and for English language learners. She has presented numerous workshops at Texas Association of Gifted and Talented state conferences and leadership conferences.

Dr. Williams' experience as an administrator builds on 19 years of classroom experience in grades 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 in Spring Branch ISD, San Angelo ISD, and Cypress Fairbanks ISD, providing instruction to both gifted and talented and English as a second language students. She took great pride in differentiating the curriculum for diverse students' needs.

Dr. Williams earned a B.S. in curriculum and instruction from Texas A&M University in College Station and a master's degree in education with an emphasis in gifted and talented from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. She received a doctorate in educational leadership from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

Before coauthoring the third edition of *Removing the Mask*, Williams wrote several articles for publication. Among them: "Scary Smart: Gifted Adolescents and Violence in Schools" for *Texas Study*, "College and Career Readiness Should Not Be Two Separate Things" for *Texas School Business*, and "Differentiation for the Gifted: Creating Passionate Teachers and Students," published in *Instructional Leader*.

Dr. Williams currently works with public schools to improve gifted and talented, English language learning, and career technical education programs through Williams Educational Consulting. Dr. Williams has been married for more than 39 years and has two grown children and four grandchildren.

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