



Kim Walters-Parker

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Kim Walters-Parker is a reading specialist at Woodford County High School in Versailles, Kentucky.

She holds a doctorate in Educational Psychology from the University of Kentucky and a law degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

She returned to teaching in the fall of 2015 after five years directing the Division of Educator Preparation at the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB). During her time at EPSB, Kim played key roles in retooling nearly every aspect of educator preparation, from admission ([16 KAR 5:020](#)) through student teaching ([16 KAR 5:040](#)).

Among those changes are requirements that all student teachers have extended co-teaching experiences and that all cooperating teachers be trained to support those co-teaching experiences. During Kim's tenure, the EPSB adopted literacy preparation standards for all middle school, high school and P-12 comprehensive certification programs.

Prior to joining the EPSB, Walters-Parker . . .

- Taught education at Georgetown College, a liberal arts college outside Lexington, Kentucky
- Was an English teacher and high school reading specialist for Fayette County Public Schools, Lexington, Kentucky
- Taught developmental reading at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky

Walters-Parker is a leader in the [Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation](#) in Washington D.C. She serves on the board of directors and chairs the accreditation council. She has recently served on task forces with the [American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education](#) and the [Northwest Evaluation Association](#).