

# William Houston Yeiser

## Education

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**Harvard Graduate School of Education** Cambridge, MA June 2009  
*Ed.M., School Leadership Program, School Developer Strand*  
Development of non-traditional school models, supporting teachers for instructional improvement, emerging educational technology, and entrepreneurial approaches to school leadership

**Vanderbilt University** Nashville, TN May 1997  
*B.A., Latin American Studies*  
Interdisciplinary study of Latin America with a focus on international relations and Spanish and Portuguese language study

## Certification

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- Certified Teacher K-12 Spanish, North Carolina

## Leadership and Instructional Experience

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**Asheville Middle School** Asheville, NC August 2005-June 2008

- Taught Spanish and implemented sequential high school curriculum at middle school
- Piloted French program and taught French for sixth grade students
- Founded and directed **Pura Vida** International which provided extended trips to Costa Rica where students applied acquired foreign language skills, developed cultural awareness, participated in a home-stay experience, and completed a service project with the Peace Corps
- Founded and directed the award-winning **River Corps** program which partners with a local non-profit to connect students to the French Broad river through experiential learning opportunities while mastering North Carolina standards, specifically in science and math
- Directed Ski and Snowboard Club which provided outdoor recreation opportunities at local ski area for over 60 middle school students

**KIPP: Asheville Youth Academy** Asheville, NC August 2004-June 2005

- Created foreign language program and taught Spanish to grades 5-7
- Co-instructed 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts
- Designed and implemented Outdoor Education program for Saturday School program
- Co-planned and co-led extended end-of-year college tour and trip to Atlanta, GA

**Warren County Middle School** Warrenton, NC August 2002-June 2004

- Taught Spanish and English as a Second Language (ESL) in rural eastern North Carolina through the **Teach for America** program
- Co-founded Speech and Debate Team which led a trip to Washington D.C. where students participated in an Urban Debate League competition

**Kelly Elementary School** Kelly, WY September 2001-June 2002

- Assisted with instruction for all grades at K-5 Elementary school as a Teaching Aide
- Led weekly outdoor adventures for students on rivers and in the mountains

**Jackson Hole High School** Jackson, WY September 2001-June 2002

- Coached Speech and Debate Team at local high school which consistently placed in the top three places at statewide competitions

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**Kanuschule Versam** Versam, Switzerland Summer 2001

- Instructed at renowned Swiss canoe and kayak school while mastering Swiss-German language and experiencing local culture
- Led week-long summer camps for local teenagers wanting to learn whitewater paddling skills

**Summit Whitewater Expeditions** Jackson, WY Summers 2000-2001

- Co-founded small company that led extended whitewater trips throughout Northern Rockies and California for teenagers while instilling safety and leadership skills.

**Jackson Hole Kayak School** Jackson, WY Summers 1998-2000

- Instructed clients in whitewater skills and led paddling trips throughout Yellowstone National Park
- Directed and instructed whitewater program for local teenagers wanting to learn whitewater paddling skills

**Camp Mondamin**, Tuxedo, NC Summers 1994-1997

- Instructed and led extended whitewater paddling skills for campers while fulfilling counselor duties

## Professional Development

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- Developing Future Leaders, Asheville City Schools-Asheville, NC (Spring 2008)
- Paideia Seminar Training, Asheville Middle School-Asheville, NC (Spring 2006, '07, & '08)
- FLANC-Foreign Language Association of North Carolina-Charlotte, NC (Fall 2006)
- KIPP National Conference-Miami Beach, FL (August 2004)
- Summer Institute, Teach for America-Houston, TX (Summer 2002)

## Skills and Interests

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- Proficient in Spanish, conversational ability in French, Portuguese, and German
- Proficient with Microsoft and Apple applications
- Certified School Bus Driver
- Trained as an ACA whitewater instructor, Wilderness First Responder, and Swiftwater Rescue Technician
- Interests include whitewater paddling, skiing, enjoying the outdoors, travel, music, and cooking