

# Nancy Anderson EdD, NBCT

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## Biography

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Dr. Anderson is a Special Educator/Reading Specialist for Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS). Currently, she is a reading interventionist at North County High School. Both special education and reading are a focus of great passion for her. Through the departments of English and Special Education, she can build long lasting relationships with her students and see them through a successful transition into post-secondary education or the adult working world. Dr. Anderson teaches a content that is extremely important to her, reading intervention. She believes whole heartedly that we have a struggling population that cannot access the general curriculum due to deficits in reading comprehension. It is her mission to help modify curriculum in a way that will allow for lower-level readers to be successful in any content. Dr. Anderson is a life-long learner. With the help of continuing education classes, she is constantly finding new ways to meet students at their academic level through hands-on activities and supplementary aids and services.

Having raised two children in Maryland public schools, Dr. Anderson has experienced the joy of watching both children work toward their career goals and attain them. One chased a dream of working for NASA via computer and robotics engineering, to become an Aerospace Technologist/Software Engineer at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, FL. The other followed a passion of money and finance to become a financial analyst in the corporate realm. As a teacher of special needs children, Dr. Anderson takes every opportunity to offer examples of what is possible in this world when you follow your heart. Her three greatest professional accomplishments to date have been: recognition as *Special Educator of the Year* by the Special

Education Citizen Advisory Committee in Charles County, MD.; earning her National Board Certification in *Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*; and earning her Doctor of Education in *Curriculum and Instruction: Special Education*.

Dr. Anderson possesses an intrinsic desire to learn and absorb new information. Currently, she is enrolled in a Master of Arts program for *Applied Psychology*. She hopes to join her special education background with a psychological one. She plans to use the insight from these theories to improve education, working with both students and adults. While helping high school students progress forward into the adult working world was why she became a teacher, her journey has also shined a light on the struggles of her colleagues and teaching as a profession. Refining the culture of teaching and improving job satisfaction will be a research subject she plans to pursue through her current degree program and subsequent PhD. in the same field.

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## Professional Summary

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NBCT, Certified Special Education teacher and Reading Specialist with more than 14 years of experience in the classroom. Passionate and motivated with a drive for excellence in the field of Special Education and Reading Intervention.

## Experience

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### **Special Education Teacher/Reading Specialist, Secondary Schools - September 2018-Present**

Anne Arundel County Public Schools  
Annapolis, MD

### **Special Education Teacher/Reading Specialist, Secondary Schools - September 2010-2018**

Charles County Public Schools  
La Plata, MD

### **Special Education Teacher, Secondary Schools - September 2008-2010**

Anne Arundel County Public Schools  
Annapolis, MD

## Education

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*Master of Arts: Applied Psychology – Industrial/Organizational* 2023  
Liberty University – Lynchburg, VA

*Doctor of Education: Curriculum and Instruction: Special Education* 2021  
Liberty University – Lynchburg, VA

*Master of Education: Literacy* 2017  
Towson University – Towson, MD

*Masters Certificate: Youth in Transition* 2015  
University of Maryland - College Park, MD

*Master of Arts: Historical Studies* 2014  
University of Maryland-Baltimore County – Baltimore, MD

*Bachelor of Arts: History / Education* 2007  
University of Maryland-Baltimore County – Baltimore, MD

## **Certifications**

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- National Board Certification Teacher in Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood.
- Certified Reading Specialist
- General Special Education 6-Adult
- ESOL Pre K-12
- Social Studies 7-12
- English 7-12

## **Leadership and Community Involvement**

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- Freshman Advisor North County High School 2021-2022
- Twilight: Afterschool grade recovery Phoenix Academy, Annapolis, MD. 2018-2019
- Literacy Tutor 2010-2018 North Point High School
- Transition Coordinator 2015-2018 for North Point High School
- MPSSAA Tennis: Led Arundel High School tennis team to state tournaments in 2009 and 2010
- Boy Scouts of America; National Pike District: Den Leader/Volunteer 2002-2007

## **Awards/ Other Recognitions**

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- Charles County Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC): Awarded Special Educator for High School in Charles County, MD in 2017
- Charles County Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC): Nominated for Special Educator of Charles County, MD in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016
- GOES-R Launch Teacher Workshop: Awarded spot at NASA's GOES-R Launch to view the Geostationary Operational Environment Satellite and participate in subsequent teacher's workshop 2016
- University of Maryland: Awarded grant admission as Advanced Special Student in Youth in Transition program 2013

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## Personal Statement

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January 23, 2022

Dear Committee Members,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm I am applying for a seat on the Maryland State Board of Education (MSBOD) for the 2022-2026 school years. I have been employed as a certified teacher in the State of Maryland since August 2008 and have grown in my chosen profession to include the positions of Special Educator, Reading Specialist, Transition Coordinator, English teacher, History teacher, and carry National Board Certification. I am applying for a seat on the Maryland State Board of Education as a Teacher Member to help students progress forward into the adult working world as well as refine the culture of teaching through improvement in job satisfaction.

Equal to a love of teaching children is the love I possess for learning. My journey through the realm of education did not truly begin, however, until my own children went through the school system. To model good learning habits and skills for my two young ones, I began a personal quest to find solutions to academic struggles so many students face. Reading intervention became my passion, and the world of Special Education became the resource to help me offer that intervention to those who needed it most; our high school students getting ready to enter the job markets, college, and the adult world. What I have found through the process of graduate and post-graduate education is knowledge of my craft, which supports implementing strategies and policies to aid these and all our students into this next chapter of their lives.

Education, however, does not stop at the school shoes of our children. Teachers, good people, are leaving the profession. College students and second career opportunists are not looking to the classrooms

to fulfill their need to make a difference in their communities. I believe I can help heal this rift by listening to their concerns and working with them and others toward solutions. Currently, I am researching the culture of teaching to improve work relations and job satisfaction. I believe I understand the frustration teachers feel due to our ever-changing school environment. Through this position on the MSBOD, I will help you to improve the education experience for all Maryland children, as well as improve the work experience for Maryland's teachers.

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January 29, 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to write this letter on behalf of Nancy Anderson for the Teacher Member Vacancy on the State Board of Education. I have gotten to work alongside Dr. Anderson this school year at North County High School, where Dr. Anderson is one of our reading intervention specialists. I have witnessed, first-hand, the passion, knowledge, and dedication that Dr. Anderson brings to the work place each day. Dr. Anderson has achieved National Board status, is a certified reading specialist, as well as earning certification in Special Education, ESOL, English, and Social Studies, and she immerses in the school community through extra curriculars. She is an outstanding teacher, mentor, and colleague.

One thing that stands out with Dr. Anderson is her grasp and understanding of the content she teaches. Dr. Anderson's 10 plus years in education have been spent taking the time to perfect her craft. Her ability to speak to students, parents, and staff about the reading intervention program she teaches is exemplary. She communicates her ideas efficiently and effectively, and this leaves all stakeholders with a very clear picture of their role and her expectations. In the halls, Dr. Anderson is visible, with students, she is consistent, and, with parents, she is responsive and empathic. As an administrator, this trifecta of energy and effort on her part makes my role easier.

A final thing that stands out about Dr. Anderson is her willingness to work hard. She always takes feedback and constructive criticism to heart. Dr. Anderson understands the need to constantly evolve as an instructor. Dr. Anderson leads by example, whether through hard work in planning sessions, her presence in the hallways, or the relationships she builds with students. Any administrator would be happy with two of those traits in a colleague. Dr. Anderson comes with all of them.

I highly recommend Nancy Anderson for the Teacher Member Vacancy on the State Board of Education. Dr. Anderson is a valued member of North County, brings a wealth of experience with her, and will be a solid voice for students and families around the state of Maryland.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Anthony Andrione  
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January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear Committee Members,

I am pleased to offer my personal recommendation of Dr. Nancy Anderson for teacher member of the Maryland State Board of Education. I have known Dr. Anderson as a colleague for four years through our work at the Phoenix Academy (Annapolis, Md.) and North County High School (Ferndale, Md.) Currently, I supervise Dr. Anderson in her role within the North County High School English Department as a Reading Intervention teacher.

Dr. Anderson's passion for learning would make her an ideal teacher member of the Maryland State Board of Education. She embodies the term "lifelong learner" more than anyone I have ever met. In addition to becoming a Nationally Board Certified Teacher, earning her Doctorate degree, and pursuing a Master of Arts in Applied Psychology, Dr. Anderson consistently seeks professional development opportunities in the school setting. Whether it's attending additional workshops or conducting her own research, Dr. Anderson continually strives to learn more about her craft and grow as a professional in every aspect.

Dr. Anderson's curiosity and drive contribute to her effectiveness in the classroom. As a Reading Intervention teacher, Dr. Anderson works with some of our most academically and behaviorally challenged students. She must constantly problem solve and adapt to the numerous needs of the students in her care. Dr. Anderson takes her role seriously- understanding that, in terms of literacy, she is possibly the last stop on her students' road to adulthood. Dr. Anderson cares deeply that her students learn to read and works diligently to ensure they succeed in her classroom and beyond.

I am confident that Dr. Anderson would be an invaluable teacher member of the Maryland State Board of Education. If you have any further questions regarding Dr. Anderson's teaching experience or character, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Van Gieson".

Melissa Van Gieson, M.T.  
English Department Chair  
North County High School

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January 26, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is in reference to Dr. Nancy Anderson. Dr. Anderson is a Special Education teacher here at North County High School.

She is a highly effective teacher who is devoted to see all her students excel. She is caring, independent, motivated, and confident.

Dr. Anderson is always ready to assist in resolving student or parent issues. I feel confident in saying that she can handle any situation with thoughtfulness and maturity. She is organized, efficient, extremely competent, and has an excellent rapport with people of all ages. She has a heart especially for school age students.

I am happy to give Dr. Anderson my recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric V. Jefferson".

Eric V. Jefferson  
Principal