

# Alana Kooi

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## Education

**Michigan State University** Lansing, MI  
Master's of Arts in Education Fall 2016\*  
Literacy Education & P-12 School and Postsecondary Leadership Concentration

**Calvin College** Grand Rapids, MI  
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, English & Science Minors 2001

## Experience

**Jenison Public Schools** Jenison, MI  
Language Arts teacher 2001 - present  
Developed and instructed Language Arts curriculum for students of varying abilities and grade levels. Based instruction in Language Arts on state and national standards using a workshop model. Designed and instructed elective course to include curriculum in the content areas of Social Studies and Science while also integrating reading and writing benchmarks. Assessed student performance and growth in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Headed the Language Arts department initiatives of moving to student-centered instruction, for both a reading-focused workshop and writing-focused workshop.

**Ottawa Area Intermediate School District** Ottawa County, MI  
Practicing Coach and Leadership Team 2010-present  
Collaborated to design and facilitate workshops for Ottawa County K-12 teachers in student-centered reading and writing practices. Guided teachers to understand and implement learning lab protocols. Led workshops on the theory and implementation of best practices in literacy instruction. Participated in planning of K-12 summer literacy institutes. Designed, structured, and facilitated workshops for presentation at the state level ELA conference.

**National Writing Project, Lake Michigan Writing Project** Grand Rapids, MI  
Teacher Consultant 2010 - present  
Designed and facilitated workshops for teachers to increase student writing in the content areas. Planned and facilitated workshops focusing on student-centered instruction in the areas of reading and writing. Investigated the effects of feedback and conferring on student work in a K-12 year-long study.

## Activities

**First Reformed Church** Grand Haven, MI  
Director, Small Group Discipleship Ministry 2014 - present  
Organized small group leaders with training and materials. Coordinated campaign to promote group membership and participation. Maintained records and materials, ongoing training of leaders, special projects, and budget of the groups.

**Statewide Writing Research Project** East Lansing, MI  
Teacher-Researcher 2013-2015  
Collaborated with colleagues in K-12 education to investigate the effects of peer feedback on student writing. Designed and implemented instruction, documented progress, and evaluated results. Presented findings at statewide conferences.