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# Carl P. Rust

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## SKILLS

- Proficient in communication skills
- Experienced user of word processing and spreadsheet programs
- Innovative thinker and designer of 21st Century learning systems

## EXPERIENCE

- **Woodlawn Nature Center**—Education Facilitator
  - September, 2020 - PRESENT
  - Designed educational programs for all ages to engage in natural learning in nature
- **Elkhart Community Schools** —Director of Elkhart Elementary Academy
  - August 2015 - June 2020
  - Designed and implemented successful alternative programs for elementary students.
  - Improvements in attendance, NWEA scores, and reduction in suspensions.
- **Elkhart Community Schools** —Assistant Principal
  - August 2007 - June 2015
  - Supervised and evaluated teachers and students, data collection and disaggregation, designing curriculum and instruction.
- **Elkhart Community Schools** —Classroom Teacher
  - January 1989 - June 2007
  - Designed innovative instruction, technology coordinator, principal designee', served on numerous committees including curriculum, technology, report cards and more.

## EDUCATION

**Indiana Wesleyan, Marion, Indiana**— *Ms.Ed and Principal's Licensure Program*

February 2000 - May 2005

Courses included *Curriculum Development and Design, Instructional Theory and Design, Classroom Materials Development and Design, and Applied Educational Research.*

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**The Ohio State University** , Columbus, Ohio — *Bs.Ed with distinction in elementary education*

September 1983 - August 1988

Honors thesis on *Using Narrative Film in the Elementary Classroom*

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

Member of the Public Education Transformation Team - a international group of educators and researchers developing plans and pd related to transforming schools in the wake of the pandemic -formed in April 2020 - multiple meetings and consultations weekly.

Board Member - Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Elkhart since 2019

Board President - Woodlawn Nature Council - elected June 2020, board member since November of 2019.

Author of *Get Out of the Way and Let Kids Learn! How We Can Transform Schools and Reintroduce Natural Learning*

Workshop Presenter - *Education of the Future - Thinking Outside the Box* - Thought Leadership Conference, Elkhart Indiana, May 2019

Talk - *Nine Practices Holding Schools Back* - Alternative Education Resource Organization Conference, June 2019, Portland OR.

Workshop Presenter - *Self-Directed Education in the Public School*, Alternative Education Resource Organization Conference, June 2018, Long Island NY