



Bob Thompson, Ph.D.

Resume (Abridged)

Education

- Ph.D. - East Texas State University (Texas A&M - Commerce)
- Master of Education - East Texas State University (Texas A&M - Commerce)
- Bachelor of Science - Abilene Christian University

Professional Experience

- 2016 – Present: Founder and Executive Director of the Thompson Executive Leadership Institute at Region 13 ESC in Austin, Texas **(see narrative below)*
- 1992-2016: Founder and Executive Director, Center for Educational Leadership at Lamar University; Beaumont, Texas **(see narrative below)*
- 1985-1992: Professor and Chair Educational Leadership Department, Beaumont, Texas
- 1970-1985: Professor of Educational Administration, State University of New York at Oswego; Oswego, New York
- 1969-1970: Doctoral Student and Graduate Assistant East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas
- 1959-1969: Superintendent, High School Principal and Science/Math Teacher, Texas Public Schools

Related Experience: (abbreviated list)

- For ten years served as Chief Negotiator (Collective Bargaining) for three school boards in New York State.
- School board trainer for districts in New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas - 35 years.
- Superintendent Search Consultant for over 30 years.

Visiting Professorships

- Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University)
- East Texas State University (now Texas A&M – Commerce)

National and State Professional Offices and Memberships

- Past President and member: National Council of Professors of Educational Administration
- Past President and member: Texas Professors of Educational Administration
- Member: New York State Educational Facilities Planning Committee
- Member: Texas Association of School Administrators
- Member: American Association of School Administrators
- Past Chairperson and member: Texas Association of School Administrators Higher Education Advisory Committee
- Chair: Texas Education Agency Reorganization Committee

* **Narrative:** In 1992, Bob Thompson founded the Center for Executive Leadership (CEL) at Lamar University and, under the CEL umbrella, created an advanced leadership development Academy for school Superintendents. Later, at the request of Superintendent Academy alumni, he established a similar leadership academy for campus principals. In 2016 the CEL and its attendant Academies moved to Region 13 Education Service Center in Austin and was renamed the Thompson Executive Leadership Institute (TELI).

In September of 2022 the Superintendent Academy will begin its 30th year and the Principal Academy, its twenty-fifth year. Approximately 700 superintendents and 550 campus principals from Texas and surrounding states have attend the two Academies.