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Teacher of the Year Southeast District 2008

Ms. Koger has 22 years of teaching experience and for the past 8 years, she has taught Gifted Education. She has taught in DoDEA schools since 1990, with assignments at Fort Benning's Dexter Elementary School, Wilson Elementary School and McBride/Lloyd Elementary Schools. Prior to joining DoDEA, Ms. Koger taught at the Chattahoochee County Department of Education, teaching 3d, 4th and 5th grade. She is a 1984 graduate of Columbus State University in Columbus, GA, with a Bachelor of Science in Education (Middle Grades). She earned her Master's Degree in Education (Middle Grades), from Columbus State University in 1990 and a Specialist in Education from Troy State University in 1995. In 1999, she received her certification in Gifted Education from Columbus State University and in 2004 a Reading Specialist Certification also from Columbus State University.

Ms. Koger firmly believes that educators need to align what we teach and how we teach with the needs of our 21st century students. The 21st century requires not only a high-level of proficiency in the traditional academic subjects, but also skills that are unique to this century. To be successful, our youth needs to think, communicate, and interact with digital age proficiencies. As a colleague states, "Ms. Koger awakens wonder in her students. She challenges them to push themselves toward even greater achievement and new goals. She encourages them to fulfill their potential."



Margaret Koger
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Gifted Education Teacher

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