

Frank B. Evans, Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame, Class of 2013

Frank B. Evans retired in 1991 after 39 years of experience as a teacher, administrator and respected educational leader in Dodge City, Kansas. He was nominated for induction by Sherrill Carter and Helen Harper, both former faculty members. Frank's college education included attendance at New Mexico Western University, Silver City, New Mexico and Dodge City Community College. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Northern Colorado State University at Greeley, Colorado and Master's from Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas.

Mr. Evans began his career at Lincoln Elementary School in Dodge City in 1952 and the following year started teaching math at the D.C. Junior High School, where he remained until 1962. That year, he transferred to teaching math at D.C. High School, before returning to Junior High as an assistant principal in 1964. He was promoted to principal of the Junior High in 1968 and served in that capacity until 1981. He completed the last ten years of his education career as a math teacher at the Dodge City Senior High School.

Frank Evans distinguished himself as an educational leader, whether as a classroom teacher or as an administrator, by the careful and dedicated way in which he both led and gave permission for others to do the things that were right and led to results. Faculty members who taught with him and for him described how much better he helped them to become. He believed in them and encouraged them. This same phenomena seemed to reach each and every student, again making them believe in themselves and their ability to improve. He created such a positive environment that many times the rapport seemed to be a force in itself, thus improving the whole school.

Throughout his career, Frank Evans, husband and father, was living a life of community service with duties that you might expect: Usher & Board Member, Deacon, & Elder of the Presbyterian Church, Board Member of United Way, PALS, Inc, Methodist Youthville, D.C. Council for Retarded Children, Area Arts Council, Assistant Boy Scout Leader. He belonged to all the professional organizations: KSTA (KNEA), USA, NAASSP, Ks Junior High Principals' Association, and served on four North Central Accreditation Teams. He was a member of AARP and the Ford County Historical Society.

Frank's awards (spread across his career) include: 1961--Representative Young Teacher--Chamber of Commerce, 1964--Distinguished Service Award--Boot Hill Jaycees, 1965 Life Member--Parent Teachers Association, 1981--Service Award--Junior High PTA, 1981--Distinguished Community Service Award--Dodge City Lions Club, 1981--Vo-Tech Booster--Vocational Technical School, 1986--State Master Teacher Award--nominated by Dodge City NEA, and 2010--Inducted into the Dodge City Community College Hall of Fame, DCCC.

Those who worked with or were taught by Frank Evans say, "Mr. Evans made us better than we were." We believe that his addition to the Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame will continue that tradition. Welcome, Frank B. Evans, Welcome to the Class of 2013!

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