

Vivian Delia, Program Coordinator.

The Golden Rule Foundation's State Schools of Character Awards Program.

Vivian Delia has been in the educational realm for over 30 years. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and began teaching in 1977 as a 6th grade teacher in the Rockwood School District, St. Louis County, Missouri. In 1981, Vivian received a Master of Education in Counseling and became an elementary school counselor in 1987 in the Rockwood School District. In 1992, Vivian obtained a Master of Education in Educational Administration and then pursued advancing her educational level in receiving 24 credit hours in Educational Studies with an emphasis on character education from St. Louis University in 2004.

After retiring from the Rockwood School District in 2003, Vivian was employed by Cooperating School Districts in St. Louis County, Missouri. She worked as a consultant for CHARACTER^r*plus*, a project under CSD. Specifically, Vivian was a trainer/coach for two federal research grant projects in the area of character education in Missouri and Illinois from 2004-2010. Upon completion of her work with the Illinois grant, Vivian is now a resident in Pinellas County, Florida.

Vivian was a pioneer in transforming the culture of the schools to include character building as she worked as a teacher and counselor. She was instrumental in leading and advocating at the district level to weave character education into the schools' climate. Vivian's knowledge and expertise as a character educator allowed her the opportunity to present at local and national levels. This further enhanced her passion in the character education endeavor.