

ANGELINA ARRINGTON, PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

Angelina Arrington, a dedicated educator for twenty-three years, is an educational consultant, teacher, administrator, and the founder of Academic Savvy, a Los Angeles based consulting firm. She has served families and schools in many capacities over the years: as Director of Admissions for Pilgrim School in Los Angeles, CA; as Assistant Head of School, St. James' Episcopal School in Los Angeles, CA; Assistant Head of School, The Oaks School in Hollywood, CA; ISEE test preparation instructor; Associate Faculty Member, University of Phoenix; summer school study skills and middle school English instructor, Marlborough School in Los Angeles, CA; and as a first, fourth, fifth and sixth grade teacher in independent schools and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Angelina is passionate about working with children and families and has extensive teaching and administrative experience with diverse populations. Her commitment to personal and professional excellence combined with her education and training led her to launch Academic Savvy in 2013. At Academic Savvy, Angelina provides expert advice and consulting services to parents and schools serving school-aged children in grades K-12, as well as academic assessments and enrichment for children in grades K-12. Currently, Angelina is the Director of Admissions at Pilgrim School, a Toddler-12th grade day/boarding school that enrolls domestic and international students. Prior to that, Angelina served as the Assistant Head of St. James' Episcopal School from 2006-2013, in the primary roles of supervising curriculum, faculty development, 3rd-6th grade admissions, and middle school matriculation. Most notably, she has been an advisor in the independent school admissions process to 300 families and has played a key role in maintaining a 95% acceptance rate at distinguished independent schools in Los Angeles, the East Coast, and Korea. In addition, over a seven-year period, Angelina guided St. James Episcopal School through three Head of School changes in three years, as well as four Director of Lower School changes in six years. She was responsible for orienting and training new school leaders on policies, procedures, curriculum, student discipline, admissions, calendar, and daily school life, leading to promotions to Assistant Head of School from her former title of Director of Upper Elementary and to the Chairperson of the Tuition Assistance Committee. Subsequently, Angelina has created professional development workshops and a teacher coaching program to enhance the personal and professional development of faculty and staff. Angelina is also qualified to provide skills assessment for students ages 4 to 12 in math, reading and general development, and prepare students for multiple standardized tests.

A native of Los Angeles, Angelina holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Southern California, a Master of Arts in Education from Pepperdine University, *summa cum laude*, and a Professional Clear California Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. She has earned professional certifications from the Gessell Institute of Human Development and Dr. Mel Levine's Schools Attuned Program for Educators, and has attended numerous professional development conferences. Angelina speaks locally and nationally on a variety of topics such as organization and study skills, standardized testing, student success, and equity and inclusion, and she was an independent consultant with the Educational Records Bureau (ERB) in New York.

In addition to her life's work as an educator, Angelina is passionate about international research and cultural studies. She has traveled abroad to study with master artists, activists, historians, and scholars and to visit with students and fellow educators. One of her specialties is the placement of students in Los Angeles area independent schools, and some of her international clients have included school placement consulting with the British Consulate in Los Angeles and the Shanghai American School in China. Her diversified experience and comprehensive education and training has given her the tools with which to innovate the field of education and help her clients strategize and problem solve in ways other educational consultants cannot. In her spare time, Angelina enjoys dancing, reading, traveling, and spending time with her family.