

# Wanda L. Grant

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## Summary of qualifications

1975 - 2013

### Director

- Since 1975 I have been employed as either Director or Assistant Director of Child Nutrition or Dietetics concerned primarily with Pediatric Nutrition. I am a Registered Dietitian with the American Dietetic Association since 1975 and Credentialed and Certified as a Child Nutrition Professional with the School Nutrition Association.

## Objective

My professional goal is to promote Child Nutrition and Wellness through K-12 Public Schools and Nutrition Intervention for School Child Nutrition Professionals.

## Education

1971 - 1973 University of Washington Seattle, Washington

### Post Graduate Courses leading to Dietetic Registration

- Post Graduate Courses qualifying for a Masters Degree in Business and Institutional Management leading to Dietetic Registration with the American Dietetic Association through a Fellowship Program. Registration was awarded instead of a Masters Degree.

1968 – 1971 Washington State University Pullman, Washington

### Bachelor of Science

Major in Food, Nutrition and Institutional Management

Minor in Business Administration, and Chemistry

1968 Mead High School Mead, Washington

Graduate National Honor Society G.P. A. 3.86

## Professional experience

2008 -2013 Palm Springs Unified School District

### Director of Food Service

- \* Due to a change in residency, a job change to Palm Springs occurred October 2008.
- \* Received recognition as Outstanding Food Service Director of the Year for the National School Nutrition Association,

1989 - 2008 El Monte City School District El Monte, Ca.

### Director Child Nutrition/Nutrition Network/Purchasing/General

## **Services**

- As the Director of Child Nutrition/Nutrition Network I am responsible for the Child Nutrition Department fiscally, personnel, training, menus, production, quality control and all computer systems maintenance and reporting.
- The Palm Springs Unified School District under my Direction has achieved many awards and recognition. USDA has recognized the innovative Sumer Program, our outstanding Farm to School Program and of course our first in the State to receive certification and validation for the new meal pattern in 2012
- The Outstanding Director of the Year Award was given by the School Nutrition Association to Wanda Grant for the year of 2008-2009.
- The El Monte City School District received National Recognition from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation through my direction and was honored with a visit from President Clinton and Governor Swartzenegger.
- The Nutrition Network Scope of Work has grown over the past five years to more than \$700,000 in State Share giving El Monte a state of the art Nutrition Education in the classroom program using Guest Chefs, Harvest of the Month promotions, Nutrition Expo's and many other award winning events.
- The El Monte Child Nutrition Program has won USDA nationally recognized awards such as the Summer Sunshine award and has been recognized by both the California State Assembly and the State of California Senate for the Outstanding Dedication to the Nutrition and Physical Education of our Youth.
- As Child Nutrition Director, I am responsible for the total purchasing, warehouse and distribution functions of the El Monte City School District. Innovative purchasing and just in time receiving and distribution has helped to manage the Districts cash flow in this time of financial stress.

1988 – 1989 Anchorage School Director Anchorage, Alaska  
**Assistant Student Nutrition Director**

1986 – 1988 Seattle Pacific University Seattle, Washington  
**Adjunct Professor Home Economics/Dietetics Department**

1979 – 1988 Federal Way School District Federal Way, Wash.  
**Director of Food Service**

1977 – 1979 Seattle School District Seattle, Washington  
**Assistant Food Service Director**

1975 – 1977 Stevens Memorial Hospital Edmonds, Wash.  
**Head Therapeutic Dietitian, Assistant Food Service** Szabo Management Company

1973 – 1975 Washington Natural Gas Seattle, Wash.  
**Food Service Manager** Szabo Management Company

**Additional professional activities**

Credentialed as a Childhood Obesity Specialist with the American Dietetic Association

Credentialed as a Child Nutrition Professional Director with the American School Food Service Association

Credentialed as a Serv-Safe Instructor with the National Restaurant Association.

Credentialed as an Instructor and Proctor for the National Registry for Health Professionals and Inspectors...

Listed as an instructor with Cal-Pro-Net, the Professional Development Division of the California Department of Education.

Many Chairperson Positions for the California School Nutrition Association.

Who's Who in Women in Business

**Professional memberships**

American Dietetic Association

American School Food Service Association

California School Food Service Association

California School Business Officials

American Association of School Administrators

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**Accreditations**

Investigated and taught Nutrikids, Schoolhouse Software, Horizon Cafets computer software systems to the Department of Education Child Nutrition Consultants (auditors) when they were in the process of evaluating the systems to approve systems for the State of California.

Nutrient Standard Menu Planning, developed and taught through Cal Pro Net Cal Poly Pomona

Effective Teaching Strategies, developed 2 modules of the 5 graduate credit class through San Jose State University Cal Pro Net

American Dietetic Association Childhood Obesity Credential

HACCP Instructor USDA and National Restaurant Association

Instructor and Proctor National Registry

Developed Entry Level Course for Child Nutrition Employees 5 credits

Instructor Effective Teaching Strategies San Jose State

Instructor Shaping Healthy Choices

Instructor Healthy Edge 2000

Instructor Target Your Market

University Of Washington Biochemistry Nutrition Review

Pacific Institutes Investments in Excellence Facilitator

Nutrition and the Athlete: A Review by University of Washington Medical Research

Food Service Management Instructors Course Texas Tech.

**Awards received**

National Outstanding Director of the Year 2008-2009

Alliance for a Healthier Generation Silver Award

USDA Summer Sunshine Award for Meal Service and Nutrition

American School Food Service Presidents Gold Award

American School Food Service Nutrition Advisory Committee of the Year

Shaping Health as Partners in Nutrition

PTSA Golden Acorn Award

San Gabriel Valley Business Round Table Award of Excellence

**Publications**

Monthly newspaper articles are published monthly locally.

Regular parent newsletters are written, published and distributed.

I have written many articles have been printed in state and national journals and publications such as School Nutrition Association Journal,

CASBO Journal, Journal of the American Dietetics, etc.