

ROBERT M. LOPEZ

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Curriculum Vitae

QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

Dedicated and organized leader who is able to manage multiple projects simultaneously, instructional leader with a passion for service, thrives in fast-paced, diverse, and collaborative educational environments; astute professional with a keen mind for resolving conflict and providing impactful solutions; leverages strong interpersonal relationships to support effective communication with stakeholders.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Evidence-based Strategic Planning| Instructional Leadership| Program Development| Fiscal Stewardship| Policies and Procedures Implementation| Conflict Resolution| Equity and Excellence| Compliance Management |Advocacy for Schools and Community| Communication| Time Management| Intervention Planning| Safety and Crisis Management| Family and Community Engagement

EDUCATION

Ed.D. Liberty University, Educational Leadership, 2018
Ed.S. Liberty University, Educational Leadership, 2015
M.A. New Mexico Highlands University, Educational Leadership, 2013
M.A. New Mexico Highlands University, Sports Administration, 2009
M.F.S. National University, Forensic Science, 2003
B.A. St. Leo's University, Criminology, 1996
Certification Loyola University of Chicago, School of Law, Student
Discipline/Restorative Justice Certification Program, 2020

EDUCATION CERTIFICATES

- Georgia Leadership (7) Certification
- Superintendent (Type 75) - Illinois
- Pre-K – 12 School Administrator Illinois

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

AASA, Aspiring Superintendents Training Cohort
State of Illinois, Digital Threat Assessment; Basic and Advanced, July 2019

State of Illinois, Behavioral and Threat Assessment Teams, September ,2018
University of Virginia, New Mexico Department of Education, “Principal Turn-around Leadership, 2015 – 2017
pHCLE Training 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, College of Education and Professional Studies, University of South Alabama - 2026

Assistant Professor, assigned to the Educational Leadership program.

Assistant Principal, Savannah-Chatham School District 2024 – Present

I supervised school safety initiatives and No Nonsense Nurturer training, and was assigned as the 9th grade administrator which encompassed student discipline, academic reviews, and teacher observations of all teachers.

Director of Athletics, Champaign Schools, Champaign, IL 2023-2024

Supervised all athletic programs, after-school activities, head and assistant coaches, activity schedules, school safety, along with the supervision of PE teachers, and the building maintenance crew.

Director of Student Support Services, Kankakee School District # 111, Kankakee, Ill, 2021 – 2023

Supervised and implemented Panorama, MTSS, RTI, and PBIS programs and coordinators, Created Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programs, CrisisGo, crisis plans, threat assessments, Gaggle, after-school tutoring program, (504) students, assist with district discipline matters, school nurses, SEL Coaches, Social Workers, and act in an advisory role with SPED.

Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in Education, Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL 2020 - 2022

Supervise program coordinators for the READ, Special Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Leadership Master’s programs and specifically oversees the Ed.D in Ethical Leadership program, Committee Chair for the Ed.D Program Committee, member of IRB committee, member of Academic Council, and member of the SGCS Leadership Team.

Patrol Sgt - Georgia College and State University – 2020 – 2021

I supervised the patrol shift on the campus

Executive Director of Crisis and Safety, Waukegan Public Schools, IL 2017 – 2020

Finalist for Campus Safety Director of the Year, 2019

Supervises a staff of 70 safety officers throughout the district. Handle and/or assist with student, community, and staff investigations. Oversee all matters of crisis and safety of the district. During my tenure, I implemented ALiCE procedures, CrisisGo APP for alerts, Safety Liaisons for each building, TipSoft line, online safety officer training, live-exercise with local first-responders, and table-top exercises with building administrators.

Principal, Bloomfield Schools, NM 2015 – 2017

Supervised 20 teachers and 5 staff members. Named for having the highest graduation rate increase in San Juan County, NM for 2016.

District Principal, Jemez Mountain Schools, Gallina, NM 2014 – 2015

Supervised 25 teachers and directed all of the Pre-k – 12 campuses, and assigned to direction special education, and director of athletics. Raised four-year state letter grade from an “F” to an “A”

Assistant Principal, Director of Athletics, Laguna-Acoma Mid-High School 2013 – 2014

Supervised 30 teachers, 20 staff members and 20 coaches. I handled all of the teacher evaluations during my tenure.

Administrative Internship, Director of Athletics, Shiprock High School 2012 – 2013

As part of my process to obtain an administrative license I was assigned to a high school as an administrative intern. While there I was asked to take the role of athletic director.

Teacher, Head Boys’ Basketball Coach, Farmington High School, NM 2010 – 2012

I taught high school Health and Physical Education and was the head coach for the boys’ basketball program.

Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, Santa Fe Community College, NM 2008 – 2010

Supervised 5 adjunct professors and handled all student advisement for student in the criminal justice program. I added new certificate and degree programs for the criminal justice department. Taught a full-time class load. A member of the curriculum committee.

Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, Sauk Valley Community College, NM 2006 – 2008

Supervised 3 adjunct professors and handled all student advisement for student in the criminal justice program. I added new certificate and degree programs for the criminal justice department. Taught a full-time class load. A member of the curriculum committee.

Assistant Men's Basketball Coach, SVCC, Northern New Mexico College, 2006 – 2010

While working full-time as a professor, I also assisted the men's basketball program as a full-time assistant coach.

Director of Public Safety, City of Ruidoso Downs, NM 2003 – 2006

Supervised 15 full-time certified police officers, 5 dispatchers, 3 jailers, 1 community service officer, 1 fire chief, 1 full-time fire fighter and 20 volunteer fire fighters. I implemented a new program for police officers to be crossed-trained as fire fighters.

Coconino County Medical Examiner's Office 1999 – 2003

Forensic Investigator – I investigated all causes of manner of death for the 2nd largest county in the U.S. including Native American reservations.

PUBLICATIONS

Ashe, S. J., & Lopez, R. (2020) A Phenomenological Study of Teacher-To-Student Technology Mediated Communication In Secondary Virtual School Environments. The Clearing House: A Journal of Educational Strategies, Issues and Ideas

Lopez, R (2019). Overcoming Barriers: School Principals and SROs Collaborating to Create a Safe School Environment. The Clearing House: A Journal of Educational Strategies, Issues and Ideas, DOI: 10.1080/00098655.2019.1637329

Lopez, R., Swezey, J., & Claxton, R. (2019). A Multiple Case Study of the Interagency Relationship Between School Administrators and Law Enforcement Personnel in the Creation, Implementation, and Sustaining of School Emergency Management Plans. Journal of Educational Leadership.

Lopez, R., (2018). "A Multiple Case Study of the Interagency Relationship between School Administrators and Law Enforcement Personnel in the Creation, Implementation, and Sustaining of School Emergency Management Plans." Doctoral Dissertations and Projects. 1702.

<https://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/doctoral/1702>

Lopez, R. (2018). "Strong Alliances: Importance of School Emergency Management Readiness." The Journal of School Safety, The Official Publication of the National Association of School Resource Officers.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATES

- Police Executive (P.O.S.T.) NM
- Police Command Staff (P.O.S.T.) NM
- First-Line Supervisor (P.O.S.T.) NM
- Police Officer (P.O.S.T.) NM
- Police Officer (P.O.S.T.) GA
- Police Officer (P.O.S.T.) CA

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-Presenter, Illinois Principal Association Annual Conference, Oct 2022

Chairman, Keynote Speaker and Presenter, National School Safety Conference, School Safety Advocacy Council, November, 2021.

Presenter, National School Safety Conference, School Safety Advocacy Council, Las Vegas, July, 2020 (School Safety and Equity, Diversity, Restorative Justice and Student Discipline)

Presenter, National School Safety Conference, School Safety Advocacy Council, Las Vegas, July, 2019 (School Safety and Equity, Diversity, Restorative Justice and Student Discipline)

Presenter, National Association of School Resource Officer National Conference (NASRO), Pigeon Forge, TN, June, 2019

Presenter, Regional School Safety Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April, 2019

Presenter, Regional School Safety Conference, Seattle, WA, April, 2019

Presenter, Regional School Safety Conference, Washington D.C., April, 2019

Presenter, Regional School Safety Conference, Houston, TX, March, 2019

Presenter, National School Safety Conference, Las Vegas, NV, Nov, 2018

Presenter, Legal Conference, Waukegan Public Schools, August, 2018

Presenter, College of DuPage Homeland Security Training Institute (HSTI), School Safety Workshop, July, 2018

Presenter, National Association of School Resource Officers Annual Conference (NASRO), School Safety Presentation, Reno, NV, June, 2018

Presenter, School Safety Readiness, Waukegan Public Schools, 2018

Course developer and presenter, Santa Fe Community College, Police Supervision Certificate Program, Criminal Investigation Certificate Program, Online P.O.S.T. certification courses, 2010 – 2012

Course developer and presenter, Sauk Valley Community College, Police Supervision Certificate Program, Criminal Investigation Certificate Program, 2008 – 2010

Presenter, Use-of-Force Techniques, Lincoln County, NM

Presenter, Basic Criminal Investigation Techniques, City of Ruidoso Downs, NM

Course developer and presenter, Coconino Community College, Death Investigation program 2001 – 2003, grew from one course to a waiting list for students

Presenter, Homicide, Accidental, and Natural Death Investigation, Flagstaff, AZ 2001 - 2003

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member, American Association of School Administrators

Member, Illinois Association of Personnel Administrators

Member, International Association of Chiefs of Police

Member, International Association of Emergency Managers

Member, National Association of School Resource Officers