



## Dana Drew Consultant

Dana attended Stephen F. Austin University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1976. While teaching and coaching at the high school level he sought a master's degree in Educational Administration. He completed his degree in 1988 at the University of Houston.

On January 31, 2006 Dana retired from a 30-year career in public education where he served in roles of teacher, coach, director, assistant principal, and principal in three different districts.

During his tenure as a professional educator and administrator, many accomplishments were facilitated through his leadership:

- ⊗ 3 state playoff boys' basketball teams
- ⊗ Texas Blue Ribbon School Award
- ⊗ Exemplary ratings for 5 years for Grapevine High School
- ⊗ National Blue Ribbon School Award
- ⊗ New American High School Award (only 48 in the U.S.)
- ⊗ Newsweek – "Top 100 High Schools in the U.S."—May 16, 2005
- ⊗ Advance Placement Program recognized in the top 1% in the U.S.

One of the greatest challenges that he faced was during the summer of 2000 when Robin Hood (State Educational Finance Bill) forced him to reduce his staff by 16 teachers. Knowing major changes would be happening with his staff, he sought opportunities and programs on how to deal with this change. Even though DeLaPorte had not been working with schools in Texas, he hired them to work with him and his staff to ensure continued educational excellence. DeLaPorte conducted sessions for large groups, small groups, and

individual workshops geared to help teachers and staff tackle the changes head-on. During this period, morale stayed high and student achievement continued to rise. Following his retirement from his first career, Dana felt called to join the DeLaPorte team and support their cause.

One of Dana's greatest strengths is his ability to lead people. He focuses on:

- ⊗ building relationships
- ⊗ using sound judgment
- ⊗ recognizing accomplishments
- ⊗ having high expectations
- ⊗ having a competitive spirit (be the best)
- ⊗ his ability to problem solve
- ⊗ having a sense of humor
- ⊗ communication, communication, communication

Even though Dana has retired from the everyday dealings in the public education arena, he is now sharing his wisdom from a new platform with DeLaPorte.

Dana lives in Grapevine, Texas with his wife of 30 years, Trisha. They have raised two fine sons and are active in their church. He relaxes in the outdoors by playing golf, hunting, and fishing.