

Mary Frances Everhart

Educator

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Mary Frances Everhart graduated from Lincoln University, cum laude, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and History in 1938. She attended Lincoln University for two years having completed her first two years of college work at Red Oak Junior College, Red Oak, Iowa. She was born in Red Oak in 1917 and received all her earlier education in schools there. She received a Master's of Art Degree from San Francisco State University in 1955. In addition, she has three Master's equivalences in the area of Secondary Education, Counseling and Guidance and Secondary Administration. Her teaching spanned more than 65 years, having taught in Macon, Mo, Quincy, IL, and in Kansas City, Mo. at R.T Coles High School. In 1947, she moved to San Francisco, CA. Teaching positions in post World War II San Francisco, for blacks were not readily available. Black teachers were only hired as substitutes. Ms. Everhart was hired as one of the black teacher in the Oakland, California school system. While there, she rose through the ranks from teaching elementary school to senior high and finally to the Central office as Curriculum Consultant in Language Arts.

As an English and Language Arts scholar, Ms. Everhart served on various local, state, and national boards. She was consulting editor for *SPRINT*, a national scholastic publication for reading materials for the nation's junior and middle high schools. She wrote book reviews for the NCTE (National Council of Teachers English), and was on the teaching team for the Reading and Writing sections of the C-Best (California Basic Educational Scholastic Test). C-Best is the test that all teachers must take, and pass to get their teaching credentials to teach in the state of California.

Following her retirement from Oakland Unified Schools in 1979, she taught at City College of San Francisco as a part-time English instructor for seventeen years. She retired from City College in 1996.

Mary Frances Everhart is most proud to have 65+ years in a career in education. These years have been exciting, challenging and rewarding, and she has had the privilege of experiencing the successes of many former students.