

## Candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction

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**Question #1:** List your academic and professional credentials, specific accomplishments and volunteer activities. State why you are running and what qualifies you for this office. (100 words total)

Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Colorado and a Master of Education Degree in Secondary Education from East Central University. Currently State Senator, District 13. Prior to election as State Senator, the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence employed Susan for nine years as their Director of Local Education Foundation Outreach. Before joining the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, Susan was employed as a secondary science teacher in middle and junior high schools in Texas, Colorado, and Oklahoma. She also served as an adjunct faculty member for East Central University's Education Department.

**Question #2:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your office and staff? (200 words or less)

The most important issue facing the office of State Superintendent is making sure that every child receives the best education possible that prepares him or her to go to work, technical training, or college. Now that resources are limited, we must fine tune our priorities to ensure that every dollar is benefiting the child's education directly. "I was the first person in my family to receive a college degree." "My father started work as a lineman with the telephone company and my mother was a stay at home mom. Neither was able to go to college, but they knew the importance of it and encouraged me to further my education." Susan believes a good education allows each individual to reach his or her goals and to be successful in life. Education is the way that people achieve the American Dream. Through hard work and a quality education, every person is able to be what he or she wishes to be. Education is also at the heart of our country's democratic form of government. Each person must be educated to carry out his or her duties as a citizen.