

Member Highlight

Amy Zagora,
Senior Account Executive with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt



WHO IS AMY ZAGORA?

Amy Zagora is a Senior Account Executive with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, supporting SC school districts since 2001 as an Educational Consultant. She has worked in both North and South Carolina as a teacher, mentor, presenter, and now in sales. She began her teaching career as a first-grade teacher at Green Year-Round Elementary in 1996 following her graduation from Meredith College. Green Year-Round was one of the first schools to move from traditional to year-round in Wake County. She also taught in Nash-Rocky Mount, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, and Trinity Episcopal School in Charlotte.

She is honored to partner with school districts to help provide customized, integrated, research-based solutions based on their data and student needs using content and tools supported by gold-standard professional services. It brings her joy to celebrate growth in all learners! She treasures her long-standing relationships with both North and South Carolina customers, and is fortunate that her HMH colleagues are also close friends. She aims to be a trusted advisor, meeting the needs of those she serves while navigating the ever-changing landscape of education. She considers her role more than a job, but a career she loves and in which she is honored to serve.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO AMY?

Supporting women in leadership is very important to Amy. She sees it as a matter of equity and fairness. "Women make up roughly half of the population, yet they are historically underrepresented in leadership positions across various sectors, including education. Addressing this disparity ensures that talented individuals, regardless of gender, have equal opportunities to contribute their skills and perspectives to leadership roles. Women bring unique insights and approaches to leadership that can enrich organizational strategies and outcomes."

WISDOM FROM AMY

"Advocate for Yourself: Don't be afraid to speak up for yourself and your career goals. Take ownership of your professional development and actively seek out opportunities for advancement. Whether it's asking for a promotion, negotiating salary, or expressing interest in leadership roles, advocate for what you deserve. Often if you don't speak up for yourself, no one else will."

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT BEING A WE LEAD MEMBER?

"I find solidarity and comfort in hearing about the experiences of other women in leadership. I take inspiration from their journeys, challenges, and triumphs, and recognize that I am not alone in my experiences as a woman navigating leadership roles. Dr. Cox provides many opportunities outside of the WE LEAD conferences for new connections to develop amongst women and her platform encourages friendships to grow - her work has provided a community that supports and respects one another. I love seeing the same faces return every year!"

