

Hale Edwards has taught Social Studies at Riverside Middle School in Greer, SC since its opening in 1999. She earned her undergraduate degree in Health, Recreation and Physical Education from Wesleyan College in Macon, GA, her M.A. in Middle Level Social Studies from Furman University in Greenville, SC, and completed graduate coursework in Asian Studies, Gifted Education and Special Education.

Edwards currently serves as a teacher Mentor and Teacher Evaluator in the Greenville County Schools, in addition to being a Team Leader and member of Riverside Middle School's Principal's Advisory. She coordinates and runs the Model United Nation's at Riverside Middle, the Character Education Program, and the Peer Mediation Program. Additionally, she is one of the sponsors of the Student Council and Vice President of the Greenville County Council for the Social Studies. In 2000-2001 and in 2005, Edwards was a member of the Greenville County Curriculum Guide Committee.

Currently, she is a member of the National Council for the Social Studies, the South Carolina Council for the Social Studies and the Greenville County Council for Social Studies, ASCD- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, SC Geographic Alliance, Asia Society, Kappa Delta Pi, and Subscriber to Asia for Educators.

Among Edwards travels, she has visited China and Japan with NCTA/SCCTA in 2005, Washington, DC with the Riley Institute Teachers of Government Program in 2006, and Germany in 2007 with the Goethe Institute/TransAtlantic Outreach Program in 2007.

She attended the FPRI weekend on India in 2006, the University of Chattanooga's Japan Seminar Weekend in 2006, and recently attended the Southeastern Conference of Asian Studies Weekend at Hilton Head. Edwards has presented at the National Social Studies Conference in 2007, the South Carolina Social Studies conference in 2005, 2006, and 2007, and the Greenville County Summer Academy in 2006.

Hale was awarded the South Carolina Social Studies Middle School Teacher of the year in 2006 and The National Council for The Social Studies Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2007.