



Mark Jacobs

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Bio

Mark attended Clark University where he studied both Philosophy and Psychology. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa with the highest award of the Philosophy Department. He then received his Masters Degree in teaching at Manhattanville College and Permanent NY State Certification to teach English 7-12.

Mark taught High School and Middle School English at a variety of schools before becoming the Program Coordinator for the Somers Alternative High School. After running that program for three years, he and Barbara founded Longview School in 2001 which has been running successfully since its inception. At Longview, Mark is the Co-Director, taking responsibility for all aspects of running the school. As a teacher at Longview, he has taught a variety of classes including English, History, Mathematics, Physics, Spanish, Driver's Ed, SAT Prep, What You Want to Know, Tennis, etc.

Mark is also an accomplished writer. His ideas on education have been published in *Trusting Children* (Chapters 1, 14 and 15) and in *Turning Points: 35 Visionaries in Education Tell Their Own Stories*. In addition, he is a playwright whose full-length play, *Second Love*, as well as numerous one-acts have appeared on stage in Manhattan, Westchester, Rockland and Putnam Counties.

In his personal life, Mark has been ecstatically married to Elena Pousada for 15 years. Ben is their 13-year old son who has attended Longview since kindergarten. They adopted their now 16-year old daughter, Jessica, from Colombia when she was 12. They live in Cortlandt Manor with their cats Nikki, Yupi and Isis, and their bear-sized dog Sadie.



Mark, son Ben (13), daughter Jessica (16), wife Elena