



An Assessment Leader Who Helps Educators

Lauren Zielenski is an instructional leader who transforms data into student success.

Experience. Lauren wields more than a decade of experience improving literacy outcomes, strengthening statewide assessment systems, and supporting educators across K–12 settings.

Expertise. Lauren brings deep expertise connecting data to instructional strategies, and helps instructors build rigorous assessments and aligned instruction.

Results. Lauren has led teams and turned complex, multilayered data into clear, actionable results.

Lauren's Education & Endorsements

- University of Phoenix — Administration & Supervision Endorsement (PreK–12, Central Office)
- University of Lynchburg — M.Ed., Reading
- Liberty University — B.S., English Education
- PMP Certification Exam Prep (35 PDU hours) – Udemy
- Licensed in Virginia and Georgia with endorsements in Administration & Supervision, Reading/Literacy Specialist, and English

Lauren's Background

Lauren is an Education Program Manager/Advanced Specialist for the National Evaluation Series (NES), partnering with state agencies, educator preparation programs, and internal teams to deliver accurate, fair, and standards-aligned assessments. She's known for her relationship-driven leadership, clear communication, and ability to turn complex assessment requirements into practical, actionable guidance for various stakeholders.

Lauren previously served as an Assessment Specialist at the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), shaping statewide Reading and Writing *Virginia Standards of Learning* (SOL) assessments, developing research-aligned instructional resources, and leading large-scale professional learning for thousands of educators. Her earlier work as an instructional coach and middle and high school English teacher grounded her expertise in classroom practice, curriculum design, and data-driven, student improvement.

Across her roles, Lauren is known for collaborative leadership, instructional alignment, and disciplined project and process management. She builds trust, strengthens coherence, and drives measurable improvements in teaching and learning.