

David Mahler Professional Biography

David Mahler has worked for over 30 years in every area of independent education including serving as a teacher, coach, and leader in both boarding and day school settings. Most recently, David served as the Head of School at The Out-of-Door Academy for seventeen years. Prior to his appointment as the Head at Out-of-Door, David was the Academic Dean at the Collegiate School in Richmond, VA. David received his B.A. in history from Wesleyan University and Ed.M. in curriculum and instruction from the University of Virginia. David has served on a variety of non-profit boards including the Florida Council of Independent Schools Board of Directors where he held every leadership role including serving a five-year term as President. He also served as one of three Heads of School on the National Association of Independent Schools Commission on Accreditation overseeing the accreditation process for thousands of schools across the United States, Canada, and beyond. He was the Director of the Virginia Association of Independent Schools New Teacher Institute and founded and led the JRPO Academic Dean Benchmarking Group, now known as INDEX, bringing independent school leaders from across the country together to analyze academic performance, align curriculum and encourage program development. David has also accredited and consulted with a wide variety of independent schools. He is currently in the final phase of a national research project funded by the Edward E. Ford Foundation on the teacher shortage and how it is impacting independent schools across the country.