

Stephen Peters

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Over his 34 years in education, **Stephen Peters** has been a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal, and director of secondary education. Most of his experiences have been in schools that made significant growth in short periods of time, thus resulting in both National and State Blue-Ribbon distinction. As principal of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, Dr. Peters was chosen to be featured in a documentary by the BBC on U.S. high schools on the basis of his leadership ability. Currently, Stephen is superintendent of schools for Laurens 55 School District. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the International Literacy Association.



Stephen is founder of the nationally recognized Gentlemen’s & Ladies Club programs, which provide options for thousands of at-risk and honor students throughout the United States. Stephen is also the CEO and President of The Peters Group, a national education consulting company in the United States. The Peters Group has a track record of creating and sustaining success in schools and districts by supporting educators through a three-step process of teaching and learning.

Stephen’s book *Choosing to Believe* (Peters Group Foundation, 2009), is an award winner for the 2010 “USA Best Books” in the K–12 category. This educational tool provides a comprehensive framework for school improvement. He is also author of the best-selling books *Do You Know Enough About Me to Teach Me?* (Peters Group Foundation, 2006) and *Teaching to Capture and Inspire All Learners* (Corwin, 2007). Both books are used throughout the United States as effective tools for changing and sustaining school culture. Stephen is a contributing author for the Educational Leadership series *Engaging Every Learner* (Corwin, 2006). In his book *Inspired to Learn* (Rising Sun, 2001), Stephen not only outlines his vision for the children in our schools but also goes on to share how he and his staff turned their vision into operational strategies. His story of how divine inspiration guided him to create the Gentlemen’s Club will save the lives of countless children who will then have a profound impact on the world and those around them. His mentoring and self-empowering program, The Gentlemen’s Club, has been featured on “The Oprah Winfrey Show” as well as “America, America,” which broadcasts to 2 million viewers in Portugal and Brazil.

Stephen is one of the most sought after education specialists in the United States. He has served on panels as an education expert with former U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Rod Paige in Washington, DC.