

Dr. Doug Sears

Dr. Doug Sears grew up in Temple City, his family moved to the area in 1948. He is a product of the Temple City Unified School District, attending Emperor, Oak Avenue and Temple City High School, class of 1966. Involved in many school and community activities as a youth, he advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 174, sponsored by the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Doug was recognized as one of Temple City High School's 50 Distinguished Alumni during the 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2004. He earned a Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership from USC. Doug met his future wife Sally Taylor in the seventh grade at Oak Avenue School—they have been married for 46 years.

Doug and Sally's daughter Shelby Brooke Sears (Crawford) and son Steven Taylor Sears are both Temple City High School graduates. Their grandchildren Taylor Grace Crawford, Samantha Riley Crawford, Spencer Douglas Sears, and Sydney Lynn Sears are the pride of their grandparents. Steven was the King of the Camellia Festival in 1986 and Shelby was Miss Temple City in 1993.

Doug began his teaching career in 1974 in the Pomona, and in 1979 came to Temple City as a teacher at South High School. Returning to Temple City was a dream come true. He served as Assistant Principal at Oak Avenue School for many years. In 1993 Doug became founding Principal of the new Temple City Community Learning Center and served in that position for 15 satisfying years. He retired in 2008, after 35 years in education. That same year, the Temple City Board of Education renamed the Temple City Community Learning Center the "Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center."

Doug has marched or ridden in the Camellia Parade on several occasions over the years, rain or shine. The first trip in memory was about 1957 as a Cub Scout in Pack 169 at Emperor School. Most recently he rode in a vintage car in the 2009 Camellia Parade as Citizen of the Year. He looks forward to another trip down Las Tunas Drive, this time as Honorary Grand Marshal.