

# Linda Murphy - Chair

## Congressional District 3 Committee-Member



Linda Murphy is an educator certified 30 years. She graduated magna cum laude from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a degree in education: K-8 grade; Special Education N-21 (newborn to age 21), Learning Disabled -LD; Mentally Handicapped - EMH Educable, TMH Trainable and PMH Profound. She completed certification courses as a Psychometrist. She taught Special Education in Lookeba-Sickles, Hinton and Avant Public Schools, where she also was Director of State Testing. She taught a SWOSU workshop on writing IEPs Individualized Education Plans; post-graduate work at the School for the Blind and took Visually Impaired Courses at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah.

Linda served as Director of a Vision and Learning Clinic and therapist for visual development delays. She is certified in testing and training cognitive skills needed in perception and thinking through the SOI – Structure of Intellect program; received a statewide award for work with children and adults with visually related learning problems from the State Optometric Association; and served as the Central U.S. Representative for the Optometric Extension Program Foundation, for research and education.

Linda served as Education Advisor to the Governor following her appointment as Secretary of Education. She was Deputy Commissioner of Labor for Workforce Education and Training and Administrator of the Department of Labor- Eastern Oklahoma. She served as a member of the: Governor's Job Training Council; National Science Foundation; Scholarship for Bombing Committee, and School-to-Work Council. She spoke at the Oklahoma Education Association State Conference about vision and learning development; RESC – Regional Education Service Centers and across the nation.

She led repeal of Outcomes Based Education and veto of state law based on Federal Government job training plan, School to Work, under the Clinton Administration. She was elected Republican Party Nominee for State Superintendent. She was appointed and served as Co-Chair of State Platform Committee. In 2014, Linda helped lead repeal of Common Core State Standards and Testing. She ran for State Superintendent in 2018.

Linda currently is on the Oklahoma Republican Party Executive Committee. She is the Chairman of the OKGOP Committee on Education.

