

Jen VanAuken is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana. She has lived in her new home of New Orleans for nearly ten years. She is a graduate of Indiana University who earned a B.A. in Sociology and a B.A. in Religious Studies. She is currently pursuing an M.A. in both Academic Counseling and in Curriculum and Instruction. She is devoted to her students at Edna Karr who always bring a smile to her face!

In the past several years, Jen has worked as a Read 180 instructor and a Reading Intervention Specialist. She is happy to be back in the classroom working daily with her students.

As a teacher of English I, she hopes to foster a love for reading and writing in all of her students. She believes that all students can achieve at very high levels and is willing to do all that is necessary to achieve that goal. This year her students will be covering a wide array of topics including, but not limited to: novels, plays, poetry, grammar, persuasive writing, researching, and short stories.