

Diane J. Hulse Bio

Diane J. Hulse, born in Chicago, Illinois, received her undergraduate degree from Beloit College and her M.A. from New York University.

Since July of 2002, Ms. Hulse has been the Head of School at Staten Island Academy, a pre-K through Grade 12 college preparatory school of 360 students. Founded in 1884, the Academy is the only independent school in Staten Island. Staten Island Academy is the third independent school that Ms. Hulse has headed.

Ms. Hulse was the Head of the Middle School at Collegiate School from 1992-2002 and has been involved in New York City metropolitan area independent schools for thirty-two years, twenty-four of which have been as a school principal. She has held numerous school leadership positions including college counselor, admissions director, and special program director.

Since 1993, Ms. Hulse has been a member of the Commission on Accreditation for the New York State Association of Independent Schools and is active in chairing school accreditation teams. Ms. Hulse was a member of the Board of Trustees of Boys' Schools: An International Coalition and chaired the Coalition's long range planning process. She is a former member of the Committee on School and College Relations of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Ms. Hulse has served on numerous professional panels throughout her career and participated in many leadership institutes, including Stanford University's "Leadership for Women," and Harvard University Principals Center's, "Leadership, an Evolving Vision."

Ms. Hulse's interest in boys' development led to a formal research project, the results of which were published in 1997 by the University School Press in a monograph entitled "Brad and Cory: A Study of Middle School Boys." The project compared Middle School boys in a boys' school with those in a similar coeducational school.

Ms. Hulse has spoken widely and been interviewed frequently on many topics. Speaking engagements have included: The American Psychological Association 1997 Annual Meeting, Race and Gender in Schools at Teachers' College, Columbia University, The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Barnard College's symposium on single-sex education, the New York State Association of College Admission Counselors, and the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation. Reference to her work has been made in such publications as *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Education Week*, and Dr. William Pollack's *Real Boys*. Recently, her article about institutional change was published in *The Parents League of New York Review*. In the fall of 2000, Ms. Hulse was the only American invited to participate in the accreditation of Upper Canada College, a renowned independent school in Toronto.

Ms. Hulse served on the Board of Snug Harbor Cultural Center from 2003 – 2008, and she was a member of the Steering Committee of “A Vision for Staten Island.” She has been a member of the Board of Directors of Project Hospitality since 2008. Additionally, she is the treasurer of the Guild of Independent Schools of New York City and has been nominated to the Board of Directors of NYSAIS, the New York State Association of Independent Schools.

Ms. Hulse’s abiding educational interests include 1) the impact of children’s gender – both boys and girls – on their success in school and 2) school change. Her personal interests include reading, photography, painting, and the study of wildlife.