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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Riverview Gardens School District, 1370 Northumberland Drive, St. Louis, MO 63137.

Secondary Gifted Education Specialist, 2020-present

- Universally screened all pupils at the Kindergarten and 3rd grade level in order to determine a talent pool.
- Revamped testing protocol to include NNAT3 to discourage testing bias and used local norms in order to mine and serve more students in gifted education.
- Rewrote secondary curriculum to include goal-setting, student self-assessment of the process skills in critical thinking and problem solving.
- Strengthened the STEAM connection in the curriculum by partnering with various local businesses and obtaining sponsors for future programming.
- Redesigned and maintained a new web site for the program to include a newsletter publishing opportunities available for our scholars to participate in through school holidays and scholarship opportunities available for further study.
- Redesigned district publishing material which promotes our program.
- Collaborated with elementary staff to train in differentiated instruction and cluster grouping lessons.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE:

Savvy Reading, Provo, UT.

Virtual Reading Coach, May 2021-present (part-time)

- Delivered curriculum based on the science of reading in an extracurricular virtual setting to classes of kindergarten through 3rd grade readers.
- Taught 25 minute lessons 4 days a week using Orton-Gillingham style reading techniques to enhance readers' confidence and word attack skills, enriching their reading strategies.

VIPKID, Hong Kong, China.

Online English as a Foreign Language Teacher, 2017-present (part-time)

- Taught English as foreign language teacher for a Hong Kong based company in China. Taught over 2000 classes and 500 students from ages 5 to 15 as a part-time job.

Bayless School District, 4530 Weber Road, St. Louis, MO 63123.

Secondary Reading and ELL Specialist/Coordinator, 2017-2020

- Responsible for assessment of all 6th-12th grade reading ability.
- Developed, taught, and progress monitored a remedial reading curriculum for 6th-12th grade.
- Collected and analyzed data as part of a district-wide literacy initiative.
- Designed professional development on dyslexia, reading strategies, and using technology in reading comprehension for general education teachers.
- Worked with guidance counselors to utilize a variety of RtI strategies to place students in secondary remedial reading classes.
- Adjusted individual reading plans per assessment and progress monitoring of each student.

Hazelwood School District, 15955 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO 63301.

7th Grade ELA Teacher, 2016-2017

- Taught 7th grade Communication Arts to a population testing below 50% in reading on state standardized tests.
- Implemented a multi-cultural SEL infused curriculum in a one-to-one technological environment using Google Chromebooks and Google Classroom
- Collected and analyzed data as a PLC as part of a collaborative planning grant.
- Implemented a variety of RtI strategies by utilizing PBIS, Kagan cooperative learning and various restorative justice type practices as most students in the building was on Tier 2 strategies for behavior.
- Participated in cultural competence training, 4E training and Google Guru training as well as served on the technology committee.
- Progress monitored using eEvaluate, SRI and district wide assessments, collaboratively grading the latter with a grade level PLC.

Lifeguards Unlimited, 4709 LaGuardia Drive, Ste. 180, St. Louis, MO 63134

Area Supervisor, 2016-2018 (seasonal)

- Supervised college-aged managers of 6 North County and St. Charles County area subdivision pools and a high school-aged student lifeguard staff of 45.
- Trained managers in leadership skills and delegated daily responsibilities of pool cleaning and testing to staff.
- Met with clients and association boards to fulfill contractual obligations each summer.
- Responsible for meeting Health Department codes and record keeping.
- Devised technological ways to track time worked and inventory needed.

Huntington Learning Center, 1370 Clarkson Clayton Center, Ellisville, MO 63011

Tutor, 2016-2018 (part-time)

- Assisted center director and owner with diagnostic testing and student placement.
- Tutored students from 4th grade and up with reading comprehension difficulties.
- Tutored students on the reading and English portion of the ACT, scoring a 31 myself on the latest test.
- Tutored students on vocabulary increasing strategies and planning and organization of writing including mechanics and grammar.

St. Dominic High School, 31 St. Dominic Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63366

Long Term English Department Substitute, 2015-2016

- Taught juniors 1818 honors American Literature curriculum for a 6-week medical leave in November and December, including administering and calculating final grades, to a student load of 150 students.
- Taught seniors (caseload of 170 students) 1818 honors British literature, World literature and Science Fiction curriculum for an 8-week paternity leave from February through April.
- Wrote and planned original curriculum for all classes and handled all phases of classroom management, administration and grading.
- Utilized new and unique technology in a one-to-one setting – familiar with eBackpack and various iPad applications for education.

Project MEGSSS, Two City Place, Ste. 200, St. Louis, MO 63141

Summer Camp Instructor, 2013-2021

- Wrote and delivered original multidisciplinary curriculum for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade highly gifted students focusing on language arts in recurring two week-long sessions during the summer.
- Taught 6th grade students a two-week unit connecting science and literature focusing on science fiction and biomedical ethics (xenotransplantation and cloning).
- Taught 7th grade students a two-week unit about Sir Gawain and the Green Knight and sacred geometry.
- Taught 8th grade students a two-week unit about computer programming, binary code and permutations using the short story, "The Lady or the Tiger," and Scratch online programming sandbox.

School District of the City of Ladue, 9703 Conway Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63124.

Journalism Teacher and Adviser, 2008-2015

- Taught 6th grade Communication Arts to identified gifted population. Developed a rigorous and classical curriculum to address verbally talented students, especially in grammar.
- Wrote and taught various interdisciplinary units in the grades 6-8 in the identified gifted population.
- Wrote original curriculum for a successful video journalism curriculum, including a leveled production class. Vertically collaborated with the high school journalism teachers.
- Managed \$150,000 publications department budget once moved to high school publications.
- Supervised scholastic journalism staff of a combined 150 student editors, writers, photographers and artists.
- Advised nationally award-winning publications department, including yearbook, newspaper and literary magazine publications.
- Developed and taught ethics and law curriculum for beginning journalism students.
- Refined editing curriculum to include coaching writers model.
- Included leadership and community building activities and editorial board model of decision-making process into current curriculum.

Rockwood School District, 111 East North Street, Eureka, Missouri 63025.

Teacher, 2004-2008

- Taught 7th grade talented and gifted caseload high-interest interdisciplinary curriculum focused on problem-solving and critical thinking as well as a compacted accelerated language arts curriculum.
- Taught "City Planning" to 4th grade gifted students each week in a thematic-based pull-out center.
- Wrote 6 original 9-hour curriculum units such as "Animation," "Courts and the Law," "Decision Making and the Cuban Missile Crisis," "Utopia – How Do We Reach It," "What Does It Take to Believe in War," "Linguistik," and "Meet the Renaissance."
- Designed and maintained an informative, entertaining, and innovative classroom website with classroom "blogs" for sharing communication between classes.
- Wrote and was awarded a \$5,000 Rockwood Schools Foundation Grant to implement a student-produced news magazine television show.
- Served as a member of school improvement teams on such topics as Special Populations and Technology.

Affton School District, 8701 Mackenzie Road, St. Louis, MO 63123.

Teacher, 1989-1991, 2001-2004

- Successfully resurrected a middle school gifted education program. Wrote and delivered curriculum founded in classic education and differentiated with high-interest, multi-disciplinary units. Served as advocate for parent group and as consultant to regular classroom teachers needing to engage gifted students.
- Infused technology into the classroom through videoconferencing, video editing, personal data assistants, and SmartBoard technology.
- Supported ESL and at-risk literacy in remedial reading using the Scholastic Read 180 program. Differentiated reading workshop and language arts in context curriculum using constructivist activities. Authored a school-wide independent reading curriculum, and integrated technology into that curriculum by publishing a district website to feature an online book club. Assisted over 80% of caseload to test off the At-Risk Reader List for the Missouri Assessment Program.
- Developed and advised a Columbia Scholastic and National Scholastic Press Associations award-winning newspaper journalism program. Wrote and instituted the first high school journalism curriculum to be offered in six years.
- Proposed to the Board of Education and established first computer desktop publishing laboratory.
- Wrote adviser/student publication policy, training modules and operational procedures, and trained a 40-student staff in desktop publishing principles, basic computer operations and production of a student newspaper.
- Guided and taught 9th grade honors English program (School Within A School). Curriculum was genre-based literature, grammar, composition, and study skills. Revamped curricula as program shifted into challenging college preparation feeder program for AP programs.
- Taught 11th grade remedial American literature based curriculum. Revised curriculum and developed teacher-based materials and tests. Wrote and implemented outcome based objectives for future accountability.
- Taught 12th grade English literature survey and Advanced Composition. Restructured curriculum to include elements of rhetoric, college placement test preparation, cooperative learning projects, literary analysis and writing portfolios.

School District 155, 8500 Virginia Road, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014.

Teacher, 1994-1995

- Taught 10th grade American literature basal based curriculum. Introduced performance event based assessments into the curricula.
- Taught 10th grade speech and drama. Curriculum focused on interpersonal communication and presentation skills.
- Advised and coached state-award winning speech and debate team. Assisted students with drafting of original oratory and declamation speeches and dramatic cuttings performed in a readers' theatre setting.

RELATED INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE:

Interior Design Publications, 1001 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

Associate Publisher, 1993-1994

- Assisted publisher with operations and planning of publication, including press checks.
- Forecasted monthly advertising sales and variances.
- Implemented collection procedures to recover over \$20K of previously uncollected debts.
- Managed office staff, including commissioned sales representatives.
- Organized article submission and content preparation.
- Edited publication for pre-press production.

Plants, Sites & Park, 10100 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs, FL 33065.

Advertising Traffic Manager, 1992-1993

- Coordinated traffic flow of production of ads of bi-monthly publication.
- Assisted sales staff with closing of publication and advertising schedules.
- Implemented streamlined production controls.
- Responsible for system administration of office Unix, Universe, and Macintosh networks.

S. Fla. Media & Mktg. Corp., 1620 S. Federal Hwy. Pompano Beach, FL 33062.

Art Director, 1991-1992

- Directed production of quarterly 150-page four-color high-end real estate magazine.
- Managed art department staff, coordinated production flow, supervised color correction, oversaw high-end separation and composed film output using Scitex Visionary.
- Responsible for mechanical and electronic design of page makeup, display advertising, brochures, corporate identity and in-house administration print pieces.
- Maintained Macintosh and DOS computer networks and training programs.
- Trained sales staff on principles of mechanical and electronic design.
- Administered quarterly mailing lists using dedicated mainframe mailing software.

EDUCATION:

- Master of Arts, Teaching with an emphasis in Communications and Reading – Webster University; 2003. Outstanding Achievement Award Recipient. Delivered speech at commencement.
- Bachelor of Arts, English -- Bradley University; 1989.
- Bachelor of Arts, Broadcast Journalism -- Bradley University; 1987.

State of Missouri English 7-12 Teaching Certificate, Lifetime, Issued 1990.

State of Missouri Remedial Reading K-12 Teaching PC II Certificate Endorsement, Expires 2109.

State of Missouri Gifted Education K-12 Teaching PC II Certificate Endorsement, Expires 2109.

State of Missouri, Journalism 9-12, Provisional Certificate Endorsement, Expires 2015.

Journalism Education Association, National Certified Journalism Educator, 2015.

REFERENCES: Available Upon Request