

# JESSICA CLAIRE

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I will bring 30 years worth of experience dealing with people of all ages and walks of life. Being in a classroom setting and working with students grades K-12, has taught me the crucial skills of flexibility, thinking on your feet and creating an environment that celebrates passion, learning and most importantly, fun. These are skill sets that will translate into any career path. My passion for art and creating will carry over into any future job. I have been fortunate enough to receive "Teacher of the Year" honors at all three schools where I have taught. My passions include not only art, but gardening, sewing and volunteering. As moderator of our school's Support the Troops Club, I organized two 5K runs for the Wounded Warrior Project that raised over \$23,000. I share my love of our Betterton community by being a docent for the Betterton Heritage Museum. I get to interact with people from all walks of life and share the rich history of Kent County, MD. Even though I have retired from teaching, I would like to remain an active and vital part of the community in whatever way I can. As a grower technician, I will be able to use my people skills and love of gardening to help the surrounding community.

## SKILLS

- Organized and maintained all department records including ordering of supplies and approving all purchase orders
- Keeping lines of communication open between Fine Arts teachers and the school administration
- Co-coordinator of Middle States Recertification Committee. Developed and implemented strategic plan for Sustaining Excellence Protocol which focused on a 7 year process for keeping conversation alive in the classroom in a technological age. Conversational skills in all walks of life
- Interdepartmental team collaboration as we planned our annual Fine Arts Festival
- Cross-departmental collaboration to incorporate meaningful and pertinent art projects that reflected current events on today's ever-changing world
- Excellent "people" skills honed after 30 years of teaching young people (K-12) and dealing with their parents
- Making art meaningful and fun learning experience for all students regardless of their talent or ability
- Highly self-motivated and creative problem solver
- Oversaw \$10,000 budget for Fine Arts program. Organized and attentive to detail

## WORK HISTORY

### Falcon School District 49 - Fine Arts Department Chair/ Art Teacher

Peyton, CO • 09/2005 - 06/2020

- Assisted students in grades 9-12 in finding inspiration for art through their everyday experiences, emotions, and current cultural events
- Conveyed "basics" of art and design in a clear, concise way that was easy for everyone to understand regardless of their level of artistic skills
- Developed systematic approach to teaching art that built self confidence and proven results
- Coordinated with other art teachers to design activities reflective of emergent curriculum for each grade level
- Documented student work in order to exhibit and celebrate learning process of each student
- Maintained student attendance, grades and other required records using Canvas and Rediker Learning Management Systems
- Created successful e-learning lessons during recent Covid-19 crisis
- Supervised and coordinated all aspects of Fine Arts (art, music, drama and dance) at Mount de Sales Academy

### Our Lady Of Mount Carmel ES - Art Teacher

City, STATE • 09/1998 - 06/2004

- Taught classes on variety of topics, including painting, collage, color theory, basic drawing, portraiture and figure drawing, organizing and writing original lesson plans for each class (K-8.)
- Coordinated with grade level teachers to design activities reflective of their current curriculum, for example, 6th graders did a unit on ancient Egypt in their social science classes and we created life size, personalized sarcophagi
- Set reasonable performance and learning goals for students to strive for and achieve based on appropriate age level
- Observed pupils' work to determine student progress or make suggestions for improvement
- Celebrated student success and progress through constantly updated student art galleries
- Devised various approaches to teaching art that made learning fun at each grade level

### Seton Keough HS - Art Department Chair/ Art Teacher

City, STATE • 09/1989 - 06/1998

- Developed and implemented various thematic art lesson plans, utilizing age-appropriate material and focusing on relevant topics for grades 9-12
- Provided feedback to students through regular critiques on strengths and weaknesses of their art projects
- Participated in one-to-one student/ teacher advisory program that addressed challenges that each student was facing in their academic learning
- Supervised other art teachers to be sure curriculum and school policy was implemented in all aspects of classroom learning

## EDUCATION

Towson University  
Baltimore, MD • 12/2004

*Bachelor of Arts: Art (Illustration  
Concentration)*