

Alexandra Costa

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Education

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania – Kutztown, PA

Bachelor of Science in Education: Pre-K to Grade 4 – *May 2024*

- Graduated **Cum Laude**, GPA: 3.5
- Dean's List: Fall 2022 – Spring 2024

Blue Mountain High School – Schuylkill Haven, PA

High School Diploma – *June 2016*

Certifications

- Pennsylvania Pre-K–4 Instructional I Certification
 - Current Child Abuse, FBI Fingerprint, and Criminal Background Clearances
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Core Competencies

- Early Childhood & Elementary Education (Pre-K–Grade 4)
 - Standards-Based Instruction (STEELS, Elevate Science)
 - Classroom & Behavior Management
 - Technology Integration (Google Suite, Microsoft Office, Interactive Boards)
 - Differentiated & Inclusive Instruction
 - Parent Communication & Progress Monitoring
 - STEM & Inquiry-Based Learning
 - Team Collaboration & Cross-Curricular Planning
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Teaching Experience

Elementary Science Teacher

Panther Valley Elementary School – Nesquehoning, PA

Grades K–3 | August 2024 – Present

- Teach science across K–3 using Elevate Science and STEELS standards, aligning lessons to state benchmarks and school-wide goals.

- Design and deliver developmentally appropriate, inquiry-based science instruction that fosters curiosity and hands-on learning.
- Incorporate cross-curricular connections with ELA, math, and SEL into daily science instruction.
- Use a range of assessments to track student understanding, including performance tasks, STEM projects, and science journals.
- Integrate technology, STEM kits, and digital tools to support diverse learning needs and engagement.
- Collaborate with instructional teams to enhance curriculum and support student growth school wide.
- Participate in PD on science literacy, inclusive practices, and classroom innovation.

Professional Semester – Student Teaching
Tilden Elementary Center – Hamburg, PA
2nd Grade | Jan 2024 – May 2024

- Planned and taught ELA, math, science, and social studies lessons aligned with PA Core Standards.
- Used flexible grouping and differentiated instruction to meet varying student needs.
- Managed daily routines, behavior expectations, and transitions independently.

Pre-Student Teaching Field Experience
Blue Mountain West Elementary – Friedensburg, PA
2nd Grade | Sept 2023 – Dec 2023

- Delivered whole-group and small-group instruction under the supervision of a mentor teacher.
- Implemented formative assessments and supported classroom management strategies.

Substitute Teacher
ESS – Hamburg Area School District
Dec 2023 – May 2024

- Served as a substitute teacher in multiple K–5 classrooms across Perry and Tilden Elementary.
- Adapted to various learning environments and followed teachers’ plans to ensure instructional continuity.

Instructional Assistant
Adventures Academy Early Learning Center – Orwigsburg, PA
May 2021 – Aug 2021

- Supported lead teachers in daily instruction for preschool and pre-K students.
 - Assisted with lesson implementation, classroom routines, and student engagement.
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Professional Development & Memberships

- Member, Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA)
 - Attendee, Spring 2023 ESL Conference
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Technical Skills

- Google Classroom, Docs, Slides, Forms, Drive
 - Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint
 - Smartboard & Interactive Displays
 - Seesaw, ClassDojo, and other classroom tech tools
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References

- **Dr. Paula Jones** – Principal, Panther Valley Elementary School | jonesp@panthervalley.org
- **Joan Honicker** – Cooperating Teacher, Tilden Elementary Center | joahon@hasdhawks.org
- **Dr. Amy Kennedy** – Professor, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
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- **Tessa Cryts** – Cooperating Teacher, Blue Mountain Elementary West | ticryts@bmsd.org