

B R E N N A S H E P P A R D

With over a decade of experience as an educator, the majority of which I taught STEM, my mission is to inspire and empower young learners to achieve their academic and personal goals, and to foster their curiosity and creativity. I am passionate about education. As a lifelong learner, I am always eager to learn new strategies and technology in order to provide the very best educational experience.

EXPERIENCE

JUL 2024 - PRESENT

Digital Learning Specialist, assigned to Comal ISD

Clear Touch

- conduct customized onsite training for clients
- work with the implementation and professional development team to create and maintain instructional materials for the online academy.
- develop an instructional plan for delivering training that meets the needs of our clients and takes into account best practices in the education sector.
- Present at conferences and special events.

SEPTEMBER 2022 - JULY 2024

5th Grade Mathematics/ Science Teacher, Seele Elementary, New Braunfels, TX

New Braunfels ISD

- Developed meticulously detailed lesson plans, emphasizing instructional design and engaging instructional approaches.
- Specialized in elementary math curriculum development and implemented differentiated instruction strategies.
- Created cross-curricular projects aligned with Project-Based Learning (PBL) guidelines.
- Conducted rigorous evaluations to assess the effectiveness of lesson plans and teaching styles.
- Implemented corrective measures based on data evaluations to ensure high-quality instruction.
- Designed Response to Intervention (RTI) plans, ensuring all students reach grade level.
- Corrective measures based on data evaluations to ensure high-quality instruction.
- Develop and implement engaging and interactive lesson plans that align with state standards and promote student understanding and critical thinking in mathematics and science.

AUG, 2020 - JUL, 2022

4th Grade Dual Language Teacher, Bill Brown Elementary, Spring Branch, Texas.

Comal ISD

- Developed bilingual lesson plans with a focus on instructional design for both online and in-person classes.
- Applied differentiated instruction to cater to individual student needs, ensuring high-quality instruction.
- Specialized in elementary math curriculum development.
- Implemented Genius Hour, encouraging students to research, create, and present passion projects.
- Led multicultural events, including World Expo and Dia de los Muertos celebrations.
- Conducted evaluations of student performance, making adjustments to maintain instructional rigor.
- Designated teacher for Spanish-speaking students (ESL).

AUG, 2016 - JUL, 2020

4th Grade Teacher, Ralph Pfluger Elementary, Buda, Texas

Hays CISD

- Developed comprehensive lesson plans with a strong emphasis on instructional design and engaging approaches.
- Specialized in elementary math curriculum development.
- Implemented Project Lead the Way engineering curriculum and Genius Hour projects.
- Established an after-school coding club using CSFirst - Google and Scratch.
- Coordinated the Science Fair at the campus level, ensuring a rigorous academic experience.
- Designated teacher for gifted students, maintaining a focus on high-quality instruction.

AUG, 2013 - AUG, 2016

5th Grade Teacher, Navarro Elementary, Lockhart, Texas.

Lockhart ISD

- Developed engaging lesson plans with a strong focus on instructional design and differentiated instruction.
- Specialized in elementary math curriculum development.
- Participated in the "Mix It Up" program through Texas State University, integrating research-based pedagogy into cross-curriculum development for math and science.
- Campus coordinator for the Science Fair, promoting high-quality student research projects.
- Designated teacher for students with learning disabilities, dyslexia, autism, and emotional disturbances, ensuring tailored and rigorous instruction.

JAN, 2012 - JUL, 2013

8th Science/GT Teacher, Uvalde Junior High, Uvalde, Texas.

Uvalde CISD

- Developed detailed lesson plans for pre-AP and gen-ed classes, emphasizing instructional design and maintaining instructional rigor.
- Coordinated STEM projects as the Gifted and Talented (GT) coordinator, fostering research-oriented learning.
- Led Professional Learning Community (PLC) for the 8th-grade Science team, emphasizing high-quality instructional approaches.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology
University of North Texas AUG 2007

CERTIFICATIONS

Teaching certificate	Google Educator
Generalist 4-8 Social Studies K-12 ESL supplemental	LEVEL 1
	Apple Teacher

ESL Certified, with a demonstrated success in student achievement and closing the gaps

Certified PLTW Launch Educator, Gateway to Technology: Flight and Space/Design and Modeling Educator