**Dana Saunders**

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**EDUCATION**

**California State University Chico**

**Multiple Subject Teaching Credential** May 2014

Bachelor of Arts in **Liberal Studies** with a minor in **Special Education** May 2013

* **ITEC** (Integrated Teacher Education Core – three year program with BA and minor)
* GPA: 3.84
* Dean’s Honor List, Golden Key International Honour Society member, Phi Kappa Phi Society member

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Fourth Grade Student Teacher (Practicum II),** Los Molinos Elementary School, Los Molinos, CA: Spring 2014

* This will begin in January 2014.

**Second Grade Student Teacher (Practicum I),** Shasta Elementary School, Chico, CA: Fall 2013

* Participated in parent/teacher conferences and back to school night
* Implemented a variety of SDAIE strategies to meet needs of all students (including EL students)
* Soloed for three days formally assuming responsibility for planning and delivering lessons, classroom management, and grading and analyzing work
* Created and implemented lessons to engage, teach, support, and challenge students
* Developed wonderful relationships with students, parents, and staff members
* Implemented positive reinforcement strategies to support classroom management
* Connected engaging lessons with Common Core standards, content standards, and EL standards
* Substituted in teacher’s absence
* Assisted in analyzing student report cards and assessments

**FIELD EXPERIENCE THROUGH CAVE (COMMUNITY ACTION VOLUNTEERS IN EDUCATION)**

**Intern,** Math Internship, Chico State, Chico, CA: Spring 2013

* Worked in small groups (third, fourth, and sixth graders) challenging students with geometry, hands-on problems
* Collaborated with peers regarding student work and learning

**Mild/Moderate Resource Room Classroom Aide,** Hooker Oak Elementary School Chico, CA: Fall 2012

* Worked collaboratively with four classroom aides
* Worked individually with students with a variety of learning disabilities
* Instructed small group language arts and mathematics lessons

**Resource Room Observer,** Marsh Jr. High, Chico, CA (6 hours of observation)

**Special Day Class Observer,** Chico High School (6 hours of observation)

**Multiple Grades Teacher Assistant,** Capay Elementary School Orland, CA: Spring 2012

* Helped in Kindergarten classroom for small group math work and art projects
* Supported and guided student reading in a first grade classroom
* Conducted small group science experiments in a fifth grade classroom
* Observed Special Education Lessons and worked with students with behavior issues

**Intern,** Science Internship, Chico State, Chico, CA: Fall 2011

* Used hands-on science experiments with groups of students to challenge and teach
* Connected lessons to California Science Content Standards

**First/Second Grade Classroom Aide,** Little Chico Creek Elementary School, Chico, CA: Fall 2011

* Involved with program called "Special Pals": worked with individual child with behavior issues
* Worked individually with students who needed extra help with math and reading

**Resource Room Teacher Assistant,** Little Chico Creek Elementary School Chico, CA: Spring 2011

* Worked with students one-on-one for work completion and understanding
* Participated in Special Olympics

**Third Grade Teacher Assistant,** Emma Wilson Elementary School Chico, CA: Fall 2010

* Assistant Student Teacher: provided classroom and student support

**PROFESSIONAL** **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Counselor,** Conejo Recreation and Park District: Wildwood Day Camp: Summer 2011

* Responsible for group of 7-10 kids ranging from ages 6-12
* Hiking, Arts and Crafts, Archery, Swimming, Games, Songs, and Sports

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

**High School, Oak Park High School, Oak Park, CA 2006-2010**

* **Class President (all four years),** Associated Student Body, Oak Park High School, Oak Park, CA: 2006-2010
* **Basketball Captain,** Women’s Basketball Team: 2008-2009, 2009-2010