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Pennsylvania Teaching License
Instructional I Elementary K-6 (2810)
Effective July 2012

Virginia Teaching License
Elementary Education License K-6
Effective July 2012

Education

The Pennsylvania State University
College of Education

- Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education K-6

College of Liberal Arts

- History Minor

University Park, PA
Graduation: May 2012

GPA: 3.7/4.0

Dean's List: 5/8

Teaching Experience

Fairfax County Public Schools

Churchill Road Elementary School

5th Grade Teacher

McLean, VA

August 2012 - Present

- Created a nurturing, student-centered learning environment for general education classes of up to 32 students
- Instructed the 5th grade special education inclusion class and regularly attended local screening, eligibility, and IEP meetings
- Differentiated instruction for English Language Learners and collaborated with resource teachers to modify content based on students' needs
- Utilized critical and creative thinking strategies to instruct advanced academic students with an appropriate level of rigor
- Analyzed data to drive instruction and meet the needs of each learner across all academic subjects
- Used a one-to-one student-to-computer ratio to incorporate technology into lessons through inquiry based learning
- Furthered students' understanding of the core curriculum through STEM lessons, center activities, kinesthetic learning, and the use of manipulatives
- Integrated visual, musical, and theatrical art into lessons as a method of differentiation through process and product
- Implemented and oversaw a project-based reciprocal teaching unit in science
- Worked cooperatively with the 5th grade team and resource teachers in the planning and co-teaching of activities, lessons, and units
- Collaborated with parents regularly and wrote newsletters to communicate with students' families

Tyrone Area School District

Tyrone Area Elementary School

Student Teacher

Tyrone, PA

September 2011 - April 2012

- Taught a 3rd grade class of 27 students and implemented curriculum supported and supplemented by the Title 1 Program
 - Worked daily in guided reading groups of 6 to 10 students and focused instruction on individual needs of learners
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Leadership

Churchill Road Elementary School

Team Lead

McLean, VA

August 2015 - Present

- Managed the agenda and facilitated grade level collaborative learning team meetings
- Served as the liaison between the principal and the 5th grade team
- Created assessments and documented data for the year-long school improvement plan

Response to Intervention Facilitator

August 2012 - June 2015

- Met with a team of 5 to 10 teachers, administrators, and specialists to analyze data and discuss interventions for at-risk learners throughout the school
- Devised intervention strategies for struggling learners based on data analysis
- Monitored progress of below grade level students through data collection and intervention documentation
- Led meetings within the 5th grade team to discuss differentiation strategies for low achieving 5th grade students

Related Experience

Fairfax County Public Schools

Churchill Road Elementary School

5th and 6th Grade Summer School Teacher

McLean, VA

July 2013, July 2015

- Taught mixed grade level classes of up to 15 students in reading, writing, and math
- Remediated core curriculum for students achieving below grade level
- Provided instruction based on the IEP goals and individual needs of each student

Flag Football Club Supervisor

September 2013 - December 2015

- Coached multi-grade level groups of students on teamwork, sportsmanship, and football skills
- Integrated math concepts through kinesthetic learning during football practices and games

Math Intervention Club

January 2013 - April 2013

- Adapted instructional delivery to reteach math content and appeal to the diverse needs of learners
- Used ongoing assessments to monitor progress and drive instruction for students achieving below grade level

Additional Endorsements

Fairfax County Public Schools

Fairfax County,

VA

Advanced Academic Endorsement

Effective April 2016

- Completed four college level courses including Introduction to Advanced Learners, Strategies and Practices for Teaching Advanced Academics, Differentiating Instruction for Advanced Learners, and Socio-Emotional Needs of Advanced Learners
- Obtained information about the history, pedagogy, instructional techniques, and consequences of gifted education
- Applied critical and creative thinking strategies in daily lessons to challenge advanced learners

Professional Development

Teachers College Reading and Writing Project

Teachers College Try It Reunion

January 2016

- Presented information about technology integration to support the Teachers College units of study

Teachers College Homegrown Institute

August 2015

- Attended a week long training held by the staff from Columbia University's Teachers College
- Obtained strategies to effectively implement the Teachers College units of study into reading and writing curriculum

Fairfax County Public Schools

August 2012 - Present

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| • Dyslexia: Fundamentals, Strategies, and Resources for Teachers | • SMART Board Training |
| • Differentiation Inservice featuring Carol Ann Tomlinson | • Socratic Seminar |
| • Advanced Academic Institute | • The JASON Project |
| • Best Practices in Advanced Academics | • At-Risk for Elementary School Educators |
| | • Incorporating the RAFT into Reading Workshop |
| | • Carl Anderson Writing Workshop |

Interests/Skills

- Proficient with iMovie, Microsoft Office Suite, Google Apps, and SMART Notebook
- Reflective, resourceful, creative, collaborative, and enthusiastic about education and involvement in extracurricular school activities
- Dedicated to creating an engaging, student-centered learning environment to meet the needs of all learners

References

- Mr. Don Hutzel • Principal • work phone: 703-288-8400 • djhutzel@fcps.edu
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