

# Stephanie Stevens Dodson

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**Career Objective** To be an effective educator who facilitates learning in a collaborative school community in which students are preparing to excel in the twenty-first century.

## Teaching

### 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher

Fall 2013 - present

*Harmony Township Elementary School, Phillipsburg, NJ*

- Plans & facilitates engaging math lessons for all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade math students, up to Algebra.
- Provides extra assistance to students before or after school and during lunch
- Collaborates with other teachers & Child Study Team to best integrate curriculum & meet learning needs
- Differentiates instruction through heterogeneous/homogenous cooperative learning groups & assignments

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Fall 2011 to June 2013

*Harmony Township Elementary School, Phillipsburg, NJ*

- Engaged students in learning activities for Math, Science, Social Studies, & LAL
- Used classroom management plan to maintain positive learning environment
- Collaborated with other teachers to best integrate curriculum & maximize professional development
- Differentiated activities to appropriately challenge various types of learners.
- Worked with Child Study Team to help students be successful in classroom
- Communicated regularly with parents via weekly newsletter, daily website updates, & frequent emails or calls.

## Education Support Professional

Sept. 2010 – Aug. 2011

*Harmony Township Elementary School, Phillipsburg, NJ*

- Aide in 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, assisting in classroom management and instruction.
- Intramurals leader (grades 6-8) & child care provider for before/after school program

## Substitute Teacher

Oct. 2008 – Jan. 2011

*Harmony School, Phillipsburg, NJ & Hackettstown Elementary Schools, Hackettstown, NJ*

- Conducted lessons for various teachers, Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Created and facilitated learning activities in absence of lesson plans.
- Utilized social perceptiveness to successfully manage student behavior.
- Established procedures and expectations congruent with school policies.
- Clearly reviewed the day's details with the teacher.

## Leave Replacement Teacher

Apr. – June 2010

*Harmony Township School, Phillipsburg, NJ*

- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Resource Room - Constructed Math and Language Arts lessons/assessments congruent with NJCCCS and goals listed on IEP's.

## Teaching Assistant, Sp. Ed.

Fall 2009

*Willow Grove Elementary School, Hackettstown, NJ*

- Assisted 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> graders in self-contained, multiple disability Sp. Ed. classroom.
- Recognized individual learning needs and adjusted instruction as necessary.
- Closely communicated students' academic and behavioral progress with teacher.
- Modified student assignments and assessments as needed.

## Certification

### NJ Professional Certificates, Issued 7/12:

- Elementary School Teacher with Mathematics Specialization: in Grades 5 – 8, #865989
- Elementary School Teacher in Grades K -5, #865988

### PA Grades 4-8 Teacher, Issued 2/14

- Grades 4-8 (All Subjects 4-6, Mathematics 7-8) #1938628

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## Related Experience

### YRE Counselor

Summers 2013-Present

*Milton Hershey School*

- Responsible for small group of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students
- Establish procedures to provide order when switching between stations
- Supervise & encourage participation in activities & model a positive attitude by participating with them
- Manage students during down time by facilitating short, fun activities.

### Tutor

2011 - Present

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade through Pre-Calculus & Trigonometry

### Summer Camp Counselor

Summer 2009

*Washington Kid Care & Learning Center, NJ*

- Assisted Camp Coordinator with activities for Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Enforced rules and mediated difficult situations, with sensitivity to children's needs.
- Used innovation to better direct children's energy.
- Interacted with parents on a daily basis.

## Professional Development

- Member of NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) 2011 – 2013
- Participated in over 50 hours of various workshops

## School Involvement

- After school Academic Assistance teacher September 2013 - present
- Secretary of Harmony Township Education Association January to present
- Head of hospitality committee

## Education

### New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey

June 2012

*New Jersey City University*

- 15 credits towards a Master's in Education

### Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Mechanical Concentration

May 2006

*Messiah College, Grantham, PA*

## Personal

- Professional racecar driver; Faith, family, and friends are very important; Interests include exercise (Zumba!), nutrition, the outdoors, and learning about other cultures.

## Other Qualifications

- Diverse experience in K-8 schools
- Technologically proficient: Microsoft Office, SMARTBoard, eBoard (website), Genesis (online grade book and lesson planner)
- Has been noted to pay excellent attention to detail
- Ability to handle inter-student conflict & diffuse distracting situations
- Communicates professionally
- Multi-tasks efficiently and works passionately

## Clearances

- Act 114 – Registration ID: PAE134EB21042584