

Anna L. Berzins

6th grade Special Education Teacher, ELA & Math

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Objective

- To cultivate an accepting learning community of students from diverse academic and cultural backgrounds by teaching necessary skills for lifelong success.
- Digital portfolio: <http://bananasoftheworldunite.webnode.com/philosophy-of-education/>

Certifications

- Elementary K-6, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Completion July 2013)
- Special Education N-12, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Completion July 2013)

Professional Teaching Experience

Neal Middle School, 6th grade Special Education Inclusion Teacher, August 2013- Present

- Co-taught 4 inclusion classes (both English Language Arts & Math)
- Managed a caseload of twenty-two students and collaborated with IEP team to complete Individualized Education Plans (IEP), reevaluation, initial evaluation, MDR, and FBA meetings
- Provided students with differentiated, accommodated, and modified lesson plans to meet their individual needs based on IEP goals and objectives in the general education setting
- Regularly collected data to track students' behavior and academic progress
- Implemented classroom management strategies
- Assessed students through formative and cumulative assessments and developed instruction to meet students at their levels; conferenced with students in small groups/individually to enable achievement of grade level Common Core standards
- Participated in continuous professional development to improve my teaching
- Consistently contacted parents/ guardians to provide them with student updates in the classroom
- Tutored children after school and participated in Saturday Academy

Student Teacher, Spring 2013

- Oley Valley Middle School- 6th grade learning support
- Muhlenberg Elementary Center- 4th grade classroom

Related Teaching Experience

Early Field Experience, 13th and Union Elementary School, January 2010

- Observed 210+ hours in 2nd grade, managed classroom, taught lessons, graded work, designed bulletin boards, tested children's reading levels using tests and charts

Camp Counselor, Latvian Lutheran Church Camp, Summers 2009, 2010, 2012

- Helped design camp program, collaborated with other leaders to create an entertaining and engaging camp experience for children ages 5-15

Latvian 2nd grade, Pre-School/Kindergarten Assistant Teacher, Fall 2004- Spring 2008

- Planned lessons, assigned homework, tutored children individually and in small groups in Latvian language, attended development seminar in Washington, D.C.

Education

Albright College, Reading, PA

- **Master of Science in Education** with a concentration in Special Education, projected May 2014
- **Bachelor of Arts in French**, May 2012, **Elementary Education** certificate, May 2013
- Magna Cum Laude, Jacob Albright Scholar, 2010-present, Founder's Scholarship, 2009-present, Dean's List, 2009- present, Cumulative GPA: 3.764, Graduate GPA: 4.00

Latvian High School, Three Rivers, MI, Summers 2004-2008

- Attended a four-year intensive program conducted in the Latvian language to learn CORE subjects, to participate in extracurricular activities, and to become more culturally rooted