

RYAN SWEENEY

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CAREER GOAL

To join an ambitious elementary instructional team in a progressive school district that promotes creativity, respects diversity, and expects to celebrate the success of every child.

Specific Skills Include:

*Differentiation of Learning Goals ♦ Student Engagement Strategies ♦ Common Core and State Expectations
Literacy Across the Curriculum ♦ Informal Assessments of Learning ♦ Progress Monitoring
21st Century Teaching and Learning ♦ Building Lasting Relationships*

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ♦ Significant experience working with children and families living in low income urban environments
- ♦ Creative use of centers and small groups to differentiate lessons to achieve individual learning goals
- ♦ Much success utilizing positive reinforcement and verbal mediation techniques in the classroom

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Memphis Street Academy, American Paradigm Schools, Philadelphia, PA April, 2015 - Present
5th Grade Self-Contained Teacher

Responsible for all duties associated with a full-time teacher (planning, instruction, assessment, management)

- ♦ Motivated inner city youth to achieve academic and social success in a safe classroom environment
- ♦ Attained significant student growth in both reading and mathematics
- ♦ Analyzed student data from formative and summative assessments to establish individual learning goals
- ♦ Adapted instruction to create lessons where all students can reach academic success
- ♦ Organized math and literacy centers to provide student choice and rigorous small group instruction
- ♦ Developed lessons to meet the individual needs of special education and ESL students
- ♦ Communicated with parents or guardians of students weekly utilizing technological resources
- ♦ Mediated class meetings and parent conferences to ensure safe and positive expectations of the classroom

Memphis Street Academy, American Paradigm Schools, Philadelphia, PA January, 2015 - March, 2015
6th-8th Grade Writing Teacher

Responsible for improving student achievement through focused writing opportunities and instruction

- ♦ Effectively created curriculum for 6th and 8th grade writing including: grammar, essay writing, text dependent analysis
- ♦ Utilized Star testing data, IRLA data, and Gates data to create effective lessons to meet often widely diverse learning needs of the students
- ♦ Established individualized learning goals and expectations to create accountability for all students
- ♦ Encouraged confidence in students who suffered from learned helplessness
- ♦ Created and maintained a positive reinforcement policy with behavior academy scholars
- ♦ Executed differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all students
- ♦ Counseled students to solve problems through a positive verbal process

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Athletic Coaching Experiences

April, 2015 - Present

Varsity Boys' Basketball and Co-Ed Volleyball Coach at Memphis Street Academy, Philadelphia, PA

- ◆ Developed offensive and defensive plays based off Villanova and Florida team structure
- ◆ Analyze individual player ability and team chemistry to ensure success on the court
- ◆ Organize and facilitate safe practice sessions
- ◆ Coach students to athletic success while keeping high academic expectations
- ◆ Instilled the core values of a student athlete on and off the court

Extended Year Personal Development Learning Opportunities

June, 2011 - August, 2016

Camp Counselor, Willow Grove Day Camp, Willow Grove, PA

- ◆ Implemented challenging but safe physical activities for campers of all ability levels
- ◆ Motivated campers to participate in all activities by modeling how to reach success
- ◆ Reinforced parent confidence by maintaining consistent parent communication throughout the camps

EDUCATION / CERTIFICATIONS

BACHELOR OF ARTS, 2014

Major: Education

Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Middle Level Language Arts Instructional I Certificate (4-8)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

KRISTINA RODRIGUEZ 5TH GRADE LEAD TEACHER

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