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SKILLS SUMMARY

Certification: Secondary Education Social Studies, 7-12; Pennsylvania Instructional I, anticipated May 2016

Teaching strengths: Recognized by cooperating teachers for exceptional content knowledge and development of a student-centered approach to teaching

EDUCATION

B.A. in History with Certification in Secondary Social Studies Education May, 2016

History and Secondary Education Social Studies

QPA: 3.76/ 4.00

Major QPA: 3.66/ 4.00

Honors: Magna Cum Laude, Dean's List with Distinction, Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary, Grove City College Presidential Scholarship

Social Studies Content Knowledge: ETS Recognition of Excellence, Social Studies Content Knowledge

STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Laurel School District

New Castle, PA

Laurel Jr. /Sr. High School: Grade 9 (Civics) October-December 2015

- Adapted lessons and materials in order to meet the needs of all learners and used diverse methods to foster learning and maintain student interest
- Created Supreme Court case simulations where students made judicial decisions on previous court cases based on their knowledge of the Bill of Rights
- Employed debate style lessons with supportive reading materials to promote active student learning and deeper material comprehension
- Analyzed and constructively criticized my teaching strategies in order to develop and improve on personal abilities and material taught in daily lessons

Laurel Jr. /Sr. High School: Grade 11 (AP US History) October-December 2015

- Provided students with personal assistance on projects and class assignments after school in order to assist them with difficult material
- Created a project in which students created podcast to resemble a classic radio program and recount the impact of the Homestead Steel Strike on industry and organized labor
- Applied unique note-taking strategies with technology to assist students in understanding key concepts and supporting good study habits

- Designed and implemented a unit on Asian Geography using a variety of assessment tools (quizzes, profile project)
- Instructed students in text dependent analysis which assisted students in challenging reading material and relating issues in Asia to similar problems in the United States
- Created a comfortable learning environment by developing positive rapport with students and effectively managing the classroom

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Commodore Perry Jr. /Sr. High School (Spring 2015)

Hadley, PA

- Observed effective teaching strategies in Civics and American History
- Co-taught a lesson on the Legislative Branch using a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast the similarities between the Senate and House of Representatives
- Utilized primary sources to foster a discussion on the impact of World War I

Avella Jr. /Sr. High School (March 2015)

Avella, PA

- Observed and assisted in supporting students with a diverse set of educational needs
- Viewed methods to adapt instruction to suit the needs of students

Steel Valley High School (March 2013 and 2014)

Munhall, PA

- Noted a variety of classroom management techniques and organizational strategies to maintain a healthy classroom environment
- Taught a lesson which supported the development of summarization skills

TEACHING RELATED EXPERIENCE

Paraprofessional: Intermediate Unit 1 /Camp Laughlot (Summer 2015)

Washington, PA

- Served as a paraprofessional for a youth with autism
- Supported the developmental needs of the youth in daily activities and fine motor skills
- Provided personal assistance in daily activities (eating, drinking, etc.) and difficult scenarios
- Assisted other paraprofessionals and camp counselors in providing for other youths and supporting their unique needs

Tutor: George Junior Republic (November-December 2014)

Grove City, PA

- Tutored at-risk youths in a variety of subjects, especially mathematics and critical reading to assist them in their studies
- Provided one-to-one aid for struggling students by explaining key concepts in a more familiar way

EXTRACURRICULAR COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

- Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary Secretary, Grove City College (2015-2016)
- Phi Omega Sigma Housing Group Treasurer, Grove City College (2014-2016)