**John Wacker**

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**Education**

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

M.Ed. Secondary Ed Social Studies January 2015

West Chester University, West Chester, PA December 2006

Bachelor of Arts in History; minor, Spanish

International University Studies, Seville Spain August 2004

Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA August 2001- May 2002

**Certification**

PA State Certification; Secondary Ed Social Studies, 7-12 January 2015

PA State Certification; Spanish, K-12 Expected December 2015

**Teaching Experience**

**Spanish Teacher** September 2007-Current

Ad Prima Charter School, Philadelphia, PA

* Develops and implements engaging, effective lesson plans in Spanish on a daily basis
* Attends parent conferences, faculty meetings, IEP conferences, and maintains constant contact with parents and learning support teachers
* Manages classroom by encouraging student responsibility while reinforcing classroom expectations, behavior, and homework
* Taught students with moderate and severe learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, ADD/ADHD, Epilepsy, and Tourette’s syndrome
* Develops a wide variety of assessments including; higher order thinking questions, call and response, short answer, essay, and multiple choice
* Teaches K-8 Spanish curriculum to 25 diverse students through large, small, and individual instruction
* Passionately worked to close the minority achievement gap
* Actively participates in activities which include; assessing student progress, assigning grades, lunch duty, taking attendance, daily/weekly progress, and behavior charts
* Works after school as a learning support teacher for reading, mathematics, and writing
* Collaborates with other teachers for multi-cultural projects such as, National Hispanic Heritage Month, and Black History Month celebrations
* Assisted, proctored, and prepared students for PSSA and Keystone standardized tests
* Eleven satisfactory state certified teacher observations

**Student Teacher,** Social StudiesSeptember 2014-December 2014

Kensington Creative and Performing Arts High School, 9-12 grade, Philadelphia, PA

* Created daily lesson plans for world history using reality-based discussion, chrome books, and hands on activities
* Assessed student learning formally and informally using a variety of assessments and grading rubrics
* Implemented student activities and projects using collaborative and individual learning approaches such as differentiation for special needs students and collaborative assessments
* Worked one on one after school with special needs students to assist with lesson comprehension and tutoring

**Skills and Interests**

* Proficient in Spanish
* Interested in coaching track and football
* Captain of the Football Team- Lower Moreland High School
* Varsity track- Delaware Valley College
* Eagle Scout Rank; Boy Scouts of America Troop 208, Huntingdon Valley, PA
* Studied abroad in Seville, Spain and traveled to Germany, England, France, Holland, Morocco and Israel
* Co- owner of Wacker Real Estate LLC
* Working above and beyond contracted day to help students achieve their personal best

**References**

Lisa Mcclish

Current Principal-Ad Prima Charter School

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Stephanie Wilcox

Former Principal- Ad Prima Charter School

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History Department Chair- Kensington High School

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