Heather N Ridenour (Zelinsky)

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**Summary:** Highly motivated teacher who brings Math lessons to life with relevant, real-world lessons and data-driven instruction drives students results. 5 years experience teaching middle school Mathematics in an urban environment where I learned classroom management techniques, multiple methods of engaging learners, and differentiating instruction for high or low achievers, ELLs, and special education students.

**Experience:**

*Math instructor*

Columbia Heights Educational Campus (District of Columbia) August 2011- Current

* Math instructor for 8th grade
* Taught 10th Grade Geometry for a year
* Developed curriculum for 8th grade Algebra
* Participant in Blended Learning Pilot – Basecamp Summit Program

*Math for America – DC*

Master Teacher July 2015 – Present

* Create rigorous professional developments for teaching fellows

Fellow June 2010 – July 2015

* Attended NCTM in 2011
* Provides great opportunity to collaborate with mentors and master teachers to educate public and charter schools in DC

**Education:**

* Masters of Arts in Teaching August 2011

American University

Focus: Secondary Mathematics

* Bachelor of Art May 2010

Washington and Jefferson College

Major: Mathematics and Philosophy

**Certification:**

* Secondary Mathematics grades 7-12 (District of Columbia and Pennsylvania)

**Skills/ Professional Development**

* Blended Learning Model – Summit Pilot Program
* Incorporating technology into the classroom (power point, excel, and ability to use smart board as well as blended learning)
* Analyzing Data and using the data to drive instruction in the classroom
* Champs Behavior intervention program
* Differentiated instruction
* FAL’s (Formative Assessment Lesson) trained through NCLR
* Task based instruction through university of Maryland
* James Tanton’s unique look on the math class
* NCTM conferences – regional and national

**Leadership Roles:**

* LSAT – one of five teachers selected to participate in budget meetings
* PBIS – behavior intervention program school wide to reduce suspensions and improve quality of teaching
* Varsity Volleyball Coach for Bell High School – 3 years
* Middle School Volleyball Coach for Lincoln Middle School – 1 year
* Facilitate math department meetings around conceptual understanding in algebra focused on ELL’s