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Diligent and caring professional with 13+ years in education and a proven knowledge of overseeing education programs, developing curriculum, and differentiating instruction. Aiming to improve my skills by successfully earning an Education Specialist degree with a focus on Technology in Schools.

Experience

Advanced Academics Resource Teacher

Camp Lejeune, NC
08/2017 - Present

Department of Defense Education Activity

- Oversee Advanced Academics program to ensure alignment with district curricular initiatives and research based best practices.
- Facilitate a fair, equitable, and inclusive identification process for all students referred for gifted education services to ensure diversity of the school population is reflected in the gifted education program.
- Implement services responsive to the diverse and unique needs of English Language Learners, twice-exceptional students, very young children, and students' cultural differences.
- Collaborate with teachers to model instructional strategies and methods and to support and extend learning for advanced students by developing differentiated curriculum, instruction, and assessment for students.
- Develop and deliver challenging standards-based research projects, resulting in increased opportunities for students to develop deeper knowledge, learn new applications for technology, synthesize their learning to create original products, and self-assess using student-created rubrics.
- Communicate student progress in writing to students, parents, and teachers.

4th Grade Teacher

Camp Lejeune, NC
08/2012 - 08/2017

Department of Defense Education Activity

- Instruct students, individually and in groups, using research-based teaching methods and strategies.
- Adapt instructional materials and strategies to meet students' varying needs and interests.
- Establish clear objectives for all lessons, units, and projects and communicate those objectives to students.
- Develop and use standards-based assessments to track student learning and make decisions about subsequent grouping and instruction.
- Meet with parents and guardians to discuss student progress and identify interventions to best differentiate for individual student needs.
- Implement a variety of technology tools and applications to create engaging, interactive lessons and to supplement instruction in the mandated curriculum.

3rd and 4th Grade Teacher

Department of Defense Education Activity

Ramstein Air Base,

APO

09/2009 - 06/2012

- Developed, adapted, and delivered original lesson plans designed to promote mastery of Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) grade-level standards for all students.
- Differentiated instruction in all subject areas through the use of team teaching, leveled assessments, homogenous and heterogeneous flexible grouping, and targeted small group instruction.
- Integrated technology into instruction through the daily use of the Smartboard interactive white board, ELMO document camera, interactive curricular resources, and a variety of educational computer programs.
- Developed and administered formative and summative assessments in all subject areas and used assessment outcomes to inform subsequent instructional decisions.
- Facilitated effective home-school partnerships through the use of weekly class newsletters and an online grade book and by creating regular opportunities for parents to participate in classroom activities.
- Collaborated with colleagues as a member of the Academically Gifted Cluster Team, attending regular meetings to plan shared projects, discuss student placement and achievement, and share strategies for providing enriched instruction and academic support to identified students.

Skills

— DoDEA Teaching Certification
Elementary 1-8

— DoDEA Teaching Certification Gifted
Education K-12

Education

Master of Arts in Teaching, K-8

Western Governors University

Salt Lake City, UT

01/2012

Bachelor of Arts Psychology

Saint Leo University

Graduated summa cum laude—3.7+ GPA

St Leo, Florida

01/2002