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Professional Summary

Certified in mild to moderate special education, elementary education , special reading, and Specialist in Administration and Special Education Director with 15+ years of experience and skills developing and implementing robust teaching programs.

Work Experience

Special Education Teacher
Bradleyville School District
August 2014-current

- Taught classes of 20+ special education students full time for 4+ years.
- Developed new research-based teaching strategies, raising student engagement
- Raised student test scores in Math and English through creating new, student-interest-centered lesson plans and revised curriculum for career readiness
- Collaborated with parents, colleagues, and school administrators to address educational and disciplinary problems.
- Lowered disciplinary incidents and helped reach several students to graduation and not dropping out.
- Have been a co-teacher in multiple subjects with multiple colleagues.
- Given many presentations on co-teaching, special education, reading and multiple learners strategies, and current law requirements and changes to special education.

Previous School Districts taught in:

Chadwick School District, Chadwick, MO –Dana Comstock Superintendent

Forsyth School District, Forsyth, MO

-Kendra Stuart Principal

Bradleyville School District, Bradleyville, MO-Joel Carey Superintendent

Education

Undergraduate at Drury University Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education

Master's Degree at Drury University Special Reading

- Dean's List

Lindenwood University Specialist in School Administration K-12/ Special Education Director Certification

- Graduated with a 4.0 working full-time wife and mother of three kids

Skills

- Soft skills: organization, communication, interpersonal skills, and creativity. Detail-oriented paperwork for IEPs and other documentation.
- Passed successfully the DESE desk review of our school district, twice.
- Hard skills: Functional and Life Skills Curriculum, working with autistic children, physical and mental disabilities, and speech and hearing impairments.
- Worked at OTC in the GED courses now known as The Missouri HiSet Equivalency Test
- Professional Development for the last 3 years 55+ hours each year (examples- IEP Facilitated Training certificate, MO-Case attendance and training)

Certification

State of Missouri Teacher Certification

Activities

Coached various sports- High School Volleyball, Junior High Volleyball, Pee-wee Basketball, Junior High Basketball, Traveling Teams Basketball and Softball, Various class and club sponsorships (Senior, Sophomore, and Junior classes, Beta Club, STUCO, 8th grade classes trips to Jefferson City, Homecoming sponsor, Prom sponsor and various others (also acted as school/event administration for various sports and clubs)

Also mom volunteering for FFA, FCCLA, and Various sports

Volunteer work in the community and school district