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Education

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

- B.A. in Art Education **May 2015**
  - Studio Concentration: Photography
- Initial Teaching License
  - Colorado Department of Education **May 2015**

Teaching Experiences

Thompson R2-J, Substitute **August 2015 – Present**

- Maintained a safe environment for all students.
- Assisted students with their educator assigned class work.
- Applied various classroom management skills to keep students focused and on task.

Student Teaching Experiences

Centennial and Edmondson Elementary **March 2015 – May 2015**

- Designed and taught lessons with emphasis on World culture for grades 1-5th
- Administered district assessments to second and fifth grade.
- Assisted in art show planning, arrangement, and special activity for parents and attendees.
- Attended a district art budget meeting.
- Expanded strategies for cohesive and effective classroom management.

Thompson Valley High School **January – March 2015**

- Develop strategies and delivery of well-structured lessons that engage and motivate students.
- Draft lessons that focus on characteristics and expressive features of art to communicate their intentions.
- Maintained a safe and clean environment for students.
- Chaperoned a class field trip to the Colorado History Center and Denver Art Museum.
- Attended educator effectiveness meeting focusing on teacher portfolios.
- Participate and supervised parent teacher conferences and various educator effectiveness meetings.

All Lessons

- Used objectives that were aligned with Colorado State Standards using the GLE's.
- Used Bloom's and various assessments to check for student understanding.
- Modified assignments for a variety of learning levels and abilities.
- Incorporated literacy and science through artist statements and discussions.

Related Experiences

Thompson Valley High School **August – December 2014**

- Collaboratively planned lessons focusing on darkroom manipulation techniques and proper execution of these techniques in the darkroom.
- Produced and taught lessons focusing on exposure and how to achieve the best exposure for a lighting situation.

Lab School for Creative Learning **August – December 2014**

- Co-created a full unit for an integrated second and third grade class, focusing on the students' identities through superheroes.
- Generated a lesson using alternative and found materials.
- Set-up and displayed students' work at a final exhibition.

Ferguson High School **June 2014**

- Produced a lesson focusing on aesthetics and personal communication using photography aided by composition, elements and principles of design, and personal narrative.
- Participated in a summer program that explored history and English through literacy of comics and social commentaries.
    - Students demonstrated knowledge by creating personal comic books.

Artistic Abilities **March – April 2014**

- Co-Created and taught art experiences for the Artistic Abilities organization
    - Lessons focused on finding ways for people with disabilities to express themselves through art.

Preston Middle School **August – December 2013**

- Worked with a small group of GT students in the 7th grade.
- Formed and taught mini-lessons emphasizing literary strategies while using relevant topics to the students.

References

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