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MUSIC TEACHER

Multi-talented teaching professional with demonstrated ability to teach, motivate and provide a solid music education for all grade levels. Committed to providing a well-rounded music experience for students by integrating cooperative learning, multiculturalism and tailoring lesson plans to meet students' diverse needs. Compassionate and inspiring teacher; maintains a motivated and well-disciplined classroom where students feel cared for and successful. Excellent communicator with exceptional interpersonal and leadership skills to cultivate strong relationships with parents, students and administration.

Key strengths include:

- Musicianship Skill
 - Quality Music Programs
 - Student Motivation
 - Curriculum Development
 - Performance Assessments
 - Individualized Lesson Plans
 - Creative Lesson Plan Development
 - Multi-Sensory Lessons
 - Instrumental Music Specialist
 - Whole Group Learning
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EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Graduate Work in Computer Science Education (1990)

Nova University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Bachelor of Science in Music Education (1986)

Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois

Virginia Teaching Certificate: Music, K-12

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guardian Christian Academy – Chesterfield, VA

2003 - 2009

Music Teacher PreK-8/Middle School History Teacher

- Create and present stimulating lesson plans that cover a wide range of topics and foster music appreciation
- Instruct students in the technical aspects of music; conduct rehearsals, direct students in special performances for school programs, graduation and community activities
- Evaluate student progress; work one-on-one to ensure each student is able to develop his/her skills
- Develop the school's music program and wrote the curriculum for grades K-8
- Established an Annual Variety Show for students to showcase their talents as a fundraiser for the music program

Estacado High School/Alderson Jr. High School – Lubbock, TX

1999 – 2002

Choir Director

- Conducted group rehearsals and coached students on their individual parts, fundamentals of musicianship and ensemble performance
- Led choral groups in regular and special performances for school programs, community events, concerts and Festivals
- Instructed students in music theory, harmony, sight reading using solfege and music appreciation
- Prepared students for Level V District Contests as well as National Contests achieving Superior ratings
- Offered extra, individualized tutoring for students desiring to audition for All-State and Solo and Ensemble Contests
- Created fundraising ideas for low income students to participate in choir trips and Festivals

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**Putnam City Schools – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Special Education-transportation**

1996 – 1999

- Worked with Director to establish schedules for students
- Worked closely and established relationships with parents

**Jefferson County Public Schools, Colorado – Lasley Elementary
Elementary Music Teacher**

1992 – 1994

- Provided instrumental, vocal and music training to Grades 2-3
- Tailored music curriculum to classroom teaching
- Established Spring Program that utilized all specials; Music Art and PE
- Worked closely with the full time music teacher to correlate music programming

**Hillsborough County Public Schools, Florida – Claywell Elementary
Elementary Music Teacher**

1986 – 1989

- Developed Educational Activities to coincide with the Florida Symphony Education Concert
- Organized and chaperoned field trips to musical presentations
- Created and implemented lesson plans to align with state and county curriculum standards
- Established strong working relationships with classroom teachers

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Technology Integration ~ Team building ~ Music Appreciation ~ Historical Music Integrity
Multiculturalism in the Classroom ~ Special Education Training

COMMUNITY/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Music Educators National Conference
Kappa Delta Pi
Nazarene International Education Association
American Society of Composers, Artists and Performers
Association of Christian Schools International
Volunteer, Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure
Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity