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Objective

To develop students into responsible, hard working citizens, while making students aware of the history of our past, the global society of today, and the effects this may have on the future.

Teacher Certification

Secondary Provisional Certificate

- Social Studies RX
- History CC
- Psychology CE

Education

Michigan State University: East Lansing, Michigan. Fall 2011-Present

- Major: Master of Arts in Education
- GPA: 4.0

Grand Valley State University: Allendale, Michigan. December 2007

- Major: History with an emphasis in secondary education
- Minor: Psychology
- GPA: 3.292
- Dean's List: Winter & Fall Semesters 2007

Teaching Experience

Ionia Middle School, Ionia, Michigan 2013-Present

- Currently teach 8th grade United States history
- Apply Document Based Questioning to most units of study
- Common Core and Michigan state standards guide curriculum
- Increase engagement using Socratic Seminars, debate, role play and technology
- Co-organize an 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. each summer
- Engage myself in various school programs including a golf after school program, staff/student basketball, mock rock and attend various field trips
- Varsity/Junior varsity boys golf coach

Burton Glen Charter Academy, Burton, Michigan October 2010-2013

- Taught 7th grade geography and history of Eastern Hemisphere and 8th grade U.S. history

- Successfully used student data to differentiate instruction for students of all levels
- Created rigorous lessons based on state standards to improve MEAP and NWEA test scores
- Fostered student growth of over 200% in reading comprehension and writing on NWEA test
- Enlivened curriculum with technology, debates, active thinking, role play and simulations
- Successfully used school behavior management system for solid learning environment
- Routinely contacted parents about their child's academic and social progress
- Submitted weekly lesson plans aligned with Michigan curriculum
- Took on leadership role to improve school functions, plan field trips and plan graduation
- Created newsletter for my 7th and 8th grade classes on a weekly basis

Bentley Junior High School, Burton, Michigan January 13, 2010-September 24, 2010

- Served as long-term substitute teacher for 7th grade geography, language arts and 8th grade U.S. history
- Administered middle school summer school program using apex software
- Served as long-term substitute teacher for American Sign Language in 2010-2011 school year
- Aligned U.S. history, geography and Language Arts curriculum to meet standards of the Michigan curriculum
- Managed active learning atmosphere with class sizes as large as 36 students
- Actively engaged student learning using technology, debates, active thinking and simulations
- Maintained weekly contact with parents and attended parent-teacher conferences
- Taught American Sign Language to 9 different schools using GenNET a web cam interface designed to teach at multiple schools simultaneously

Professional Education Services Group (PESG) 2009-2010 school year

- Guest taught at the public schools of Beecher, Bentley, Davison, Flint Carman-Ainsworth, Lakeville and Mt. Morris

Latta Middle School, Latta, South Carolina 2008-2009 school year

- Served as 7th grade world history teacher
- Differentiated instruction for two gifted and talented classes and six single-gendered classes
- Accommodated needs of IEPs including students with severe autism and cognitive impairments
- Integrated Smartboard technology, United Streaming, webquests and integral internet learning resources into the curriculum
- Incorporated cooperative learning, scaffolding, lecture, discussion and modeling to meet needs of different learning styles
- Developed excellent relationships with at-risk students using positive reinforcement
- Annually submitted lesson plans that followed South Carolina curriculum
- Coordinated project with ABC-CLIO national history research competition

Coaching Experience

Ionia High School Varsity Golf Coach, Ionia, Michigan

- Help create golf schedule and run our conference tournament
- Improved players stroke averages up to eight shots from previous season
- Orchestrate a summer golf program involving students grade 4-12

Latta High School Varsity Golf Coach, Latta, South Carolina

- Created schedule for the golf season
- Taught multiple methods for improvement for players of various abilities

