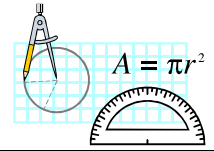


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Middle & High School Math Teacher

*"Do not worry about your difficulties in Mathematics.
I can assure you mine are still greater."
~ Albert Einstein ~*

Prepared and compassionate teaching professional who provides a stimulating learning environment in which all students can learn mathematics ~ Explains mathematical concepts in student friendly manner ~ Utilizes a variety of instructional strategies to retain interest and maximize learning ~ Integrates variety of technology in teaching including computer resources and graphing calculators ~ Relates to students of diverse cultural backgrounds ~ Manages challenging behavior calmly and effectively ~ Establishes positive relations through effective communication with students, parents, teachers, administration and staff

Areas of Expertise

Differentiated Instruction ~ Cooperative Learning ~ Student Motivation ~ Technology Integration
~ Team Teaching ~ Higher-Order Thinking ~ Classroom Management ~ Use of Manipulatives ~
Student-Centered Learning

Education & Credentials

Five Year Professional License in 7-12 Mathematics

ETS Recognition of Excellence Award for Praxis II Mathematics – Achieved a score within the top 15% on the national examination for secondary mathematics on FIRST attempt

BA Mathematics – Cleveland State University – College of Arts & Science

Teaching Experience

Mathematics Teacher – Cleveland Municipal Schools – Cleveland, Ohio-2006–Present

- Worked with students of varying abilities in an inclusion classroom
 - Implemented educational plans that allowed students who were behind at least two grade levels to complete two grades in one year
 - Partnered with special education teacher and school counselor in the development of educational plans for individual students
 - Collaborated with social service agencies to provide additional support for students
 - Team Teaching
- Technology Liaison
- Mathematics Subject Area Specialist

Mathematics & Science Teacher – Cleveland Central Catholic High School – Cleveland, Ohio
2005-2006 school year

- Designed and implemented lesson plans for 10th Grade Geometry, Business Math and 9th Grade Integrated Science
 - Created visual and hands-on displays to increase student understanding of Geometry
 - Incorporated a real life banking simulation in business math
 - Developed science labs to model real life events, such as the water cycle and stream erosion
- Moderator – FIRST Robotics Team - Supervised and mentored students during build phase and competition of FIRST Robotics
- Coordinator – OGT Review - Developed and moderated an after school program for math and science using <http://www.studyisland.com/>
- Successfully completed all requirements of PRAXIS III

Student Teaching Experiences– Lincoln West High School–Cleveland, Ohio 10th Grade–Spring, 2005

- Planned and implemented lesson plans for 10th Grade Geometry
 - Incorporated computer simulations into lessons to increase student understanding of geometric concepts
- Developed classroom management policy to cue student appropriate and inappropriate student behavior

Practicum Teaching Experience –Hillside Middle School – Seven Hills, Ohio–8th Grade–Fall, 2003

- Created Connecting Algebra & Geometry Unit
- Completed lessons on a variety of topics in Algebra
- Lessons involved cooperative learning and hands-on experiences
- Introduced students to the use of TI-71 Graphing Calculator to solve systems of linear equations

Field Experience – Lincoln West High School – Cleveland, Ohio–9th Grade–Spring, 2003

- Completely designed and implemented a thematic unit on three-dimensional space and volume
- Engaged students in cooperative learning, discovery learning, on-line learning activities with computer simulations

Host Tutor – Mooney Middle School – Cleveland, Ohio – Grades 6–8–Spring, 2002

- Tutored and encouraged struggling students in the development of reading skills

Mathematics, Physics & Special Studies Tutor - Cleveland State University 1987-1989

- Tutored diverse students of varying abilities in a variety of areas of mathematics ranging from basic mathematics to calculus and physics
- Worked one-on-one with special needs college students to develop self-regulated learning and study skills in a variety of academic areas including mathematics and physics