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Passionate educator with 10 years of experience in teaching Visual Arts and ESL, coaching teachers in inquiry-based curriculum, and leading the development of policies to guide school practices. Developed an ESL curriculum that improved student ESL outcomes and curated large scale art shows. Successfully coached a team of elementary educators to IB authorization while serving as PYP Coordinator. Eager to utilize my teaching and leadership experience with my passion for lifelong learning to pursue a career as an instructional coach, program coordinator, or visual arts teacher.

Expertise

Curriculum Development

- Participated in curriculum mapping and development in all of my teaching and leadership positions.
- Mapped curriculum using Common Core, the PYP Scope and Sequence, AERO Common Core Plus, the Next Generation Science Standards, the WIDA ELD Standards Framework, as well as the National Core Arts Standards
- Matched content standards with conceptual understandings, promoting concept-based teaching and learning
- Collaboratively mapped the PYP Programme of Inquiry for grades 1-5 using the PYP curriculum framework

Teaching and Learning

- Practice inquiry-based teaching and learning using the backwards design approach to planning
- Implement Responsive Classroom and Reggio Emilia approaches to learning in the classroom
- Experienced in Columbia University's Reader's and Writer's Workshop and Words Their Way Literacy Program.
- Collaborated on transdisciplinary units including multiple subjects; Math, Visual Arts, Language, Science, Social Studies and Music

Project Management

- Facilitated independent as well as collaborative project-based artworks for ~250 students at one time.
- Managed budgeting, orders and materials for the Art Department for American Academy Casablanca
- Led and organized a neighborhood mural project that included eight neighborhood committees and youth groups to design, paint and install a four-pane mural, including managing budgets and project donations.
- Designed, curated, and collaborated with a team to install large scale grade level art shows including over 100 students.
- Organized and led new teacher orientation, and Parent Curriculum nights
- Led in the development and documentation of the PYP Programme leading to successful IB Authorization with 11 commendations

Pedagogical Leadership & Educational Coaching

- Coached a team of teachers to write, revise, and publish a curriculum framework for the Primary Years Programme
- Established weekly professional learning communities, book clubs, and sought opportunities for external site visits and professional development for my team.
- Collaborated with leadership and teaching teams to develop and implement school wide policies and procedures
- Created and maintained professional relationships among other schools within the PYP Asia Pacific Network
- Reviewed and revised the Assessment Policy with a team, updating and standardizing assessment practices
- Created assessment schedules, processed reports, and helped teachers analyze data to improve student learning

Experience

Teacher, PYP Visual Arts KG-G4	Western Academy of Beijing	Beijing, China	2019-2021
Curriculum Coordinator, PYP	Korea Foreign School	Seoul, Korea	2017-2019
Teacher, PYP Visual Arts G1-G8	Korea Foreign School	Seoul, Korea	2015-2017
Assessment Coordinator	Korea Foreign School	Seoul, Korea	2015-2019
Teacher, ELL G1-G8	Korea Foreign School	Seoul, Korea	2014-2015
Teacher, Visual Arts G1-G12	American Academy Casablanca	Casablanca, Morocco	2011-2013
Mural Intern, Project Leader	Pennsylvania Downtown Center	York, Pennsylvania	2008

Education

- 2012- 2014 **University of Florida, Art Education, Master of Arts**
Concentration: Curriculum Development
- 2004- 2008 **Virginia Commonwealth University, Art Education, Bachelor of Fine Arts**
Minor, Painting and Printmaking

Computer and Data Skills

Assessment	Learning Management System	Curriculum Mapping	Collaboration	Digital Learning Software
NWEA MAP Test	Toddle	Atlas Rubicon	Microsoft Teams	Flipgrid
WIDA Consortium	Seesaw	Standbench	Zoom	IXL
	Google Classroom		Google Suite	Padlet

Certificates

- 2022 **Educator Certificate, Colorado, Visual Arts K-12**
- 2010 **ACCET TEFL 100 Hours**
- 2008 **Collegiate Professional License, Virginia Visual Arts Pre K-12**

Professional Development

- 2021 The Art of Coaching 101
- 2019 Future of Education Now Conference
- 2018 KORCOS Conference, Presenter/ Kath Murdoch, Nurturing Agency in the Inquiry Classroom
- 2017 IB PYB Assessment/ KORCOS Conference, Attendee/ IB PYP Pedagogical Leadership
- 2016 IB PYP Making the PYP Happen in the Classroom
- 2015 KORCOS Conference, Presenter/ Kagan Cooperative Learning for English Language Learners
- 2012 AP Studio Art, Drawing, 2D Design, and 3D Design

References

Korea Foreign School

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