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Summary

I am a skilled and high-performing educator with over fifteen years of experience in teaching and mentoring students from various backgrounds in the Chicago area. I am licensed by the Illinois State Board of Education in Elementary Education and have taught in Chicago Public Schools as an elementary teacher and as a substitute teacher. My experience also includes volunteering in public and private schools as well as creating and operating my own private school, Holman Leadership Academy, for six years. My innovative techniques focus on hands-on and authentic lessons and assessments that engage all students resulting in higher standardized test scores.

- Experience in teaching, tutoring, and counseling.
- Curriculum developer in all core elementary subject areas.
- Experience with teaching special needs students.
- Can assess learning styles.
- Can develop performance assessments.

Achievements

Student Development

- Increased student standardized test scores by introducing more effective learning techniques such as technology integration and student-focused lesson plans.

Curriculum Development

- Created a curriculum that is differentiated for learning disabled, average, and gifted students to create an engaging educational experience.
- Created a guide for using authentic assessments for parents and teachers.

Professional Experience

- 2016 to 2017 Kindergarten teacher, Paul Revere Elementary School
Fostered the intellectual and social development of my students.
- This included:
- Creating and implementing a hands-on curriculum based upon Common Core standards for all subject areas. This included creating learning centers that were used daily for reading, math, and science classes.
 - Preparing, administering, and grading assessments including Dibles, Mclass and REACH performance tasks.
 - Teaching socio-emotional and positive behavior skills using CHAMPS, the Calm Classroom, The Good Behavior Game, and a CALM method that I created.
- 2009 to 2015 Founder, administrator, and teacher
Holman Leadership Academy / Holman Gifted Academy
Administrator: managed teachers and volunteers, marketed school, engaged parents in school activities, accounting, and other duties.
Curriculum designer: created an individualized learning plan for each student for all subject areas. Curriculum was comprised of hands-on and authentic lessons and assessments.
Teacher: Head teacher and mentor teacher for grades prekindergarten to eighth.
- 2005 to 2009 Teacher, O’Keeffe Elementary School
Taught first, sixth, eighth, and a split seventh and eighth gifted grades.
Received numerous awards for improving test scores and for other contributions made to the school.
- 2003-2005 Founder and manager, Before Baby and Beyond
Maternity and baby store located in Evergreen Plaza Mall in Evergreen Park, IL.
- 2001 to 2002 Teacher, Nicholson Elementary School
Taught sixth grade.
- 2000 to 2001 Community organizer, Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors
Developed the Woodlawn Social Service network and created a directory of community based services.

1999-2000	Substitute teacher, Chicago Public Schools
1996 to 1999	Counselor, Boys and Girls club of Chicago and Memphis, TN
1999 to 2001	M.A. Social Service Administration, June 2001 University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois Graduated with 3.8 GPA Founder of Community Economic Development Organization
1997 to 1999	M.A. Elementary Education, May 1999 Saint Xavier University, Chicago, Illinois Graduated with 4.0 GPA
1993 to 1997	B. A. Psychology, May 1997 Christian Brothers University, Memphis Tennessee Graduated with 3.9 GPA Member of Alpha Chi Honor Society and Psi Chi Graduated #3 in my class and #1 in my major