

Skills

Technology Experience

Experience with Microsoft Excel, Word, Access. Google Docs, Sheets, Slides. Educreations, Photoshop, iMovie, and seventeen years of best practice to effectively utilize desktops, laptops, and iPADS as instructional tools. As a media specialist I have spent six years working with Destiny and seven years working with Surpass as my library circulation systems.

Curriculum Design

My second year of teaching I was invited to design and implement a writing program for seventh graders to improve ISTEP writing scores.

My third year of teaching I was invited to teach summer school. I co-designed and implemented that language arts program for eighth graders in order to raise ISTEP language arts scores.

My fifth year of teaching I opened a new media center for a Perry Township elementary school. I designed and implemented the curriculum using best practice. I developed lessons with teachers by grade level. All teachers scheduled time in my open schedule media center as these and other lessons arose.

Specialist training leading to Leading Edge Librarian certification was offered in Indiana in 2005. In conjunction with the Indiana Library Federation, this elite group offered educator-librarians best practice opportunities and published the lessons and results online. These extensive studies and showcases were a fantastic learning opportunity.

Two years ago I was invited to join the Grandview teaching team as a media specialist and designed and implemented quarterly STEM lessons with grade levels utilizing best practice. We worked with this curriculum for two years and then switched to a typing class. I garnered the needed sites and curriculum and started this program, which is ongoing.

Materials Selection

For the thirteen years I have been a media specialist I have ordered all materials. I also opened an elementary school and selected all materials for that school. I have also worked in two MCCSC libraries. I organized and labeled all the materials. Then they were all inventoried to be up to date in the database.

Grant Writing

Grants have always been one of my passions. I regularly wrote grants as an English teacher in conjunction with my librarian for school-wide Read-and-Feeds. I was awarded a Lilly Fellowship to study Spanish in Costa Rica. I have also been awarded multiple grants in MCCSC to stock our libraries with exciting literature. I also encourage and assist other teachers and administrators with grant writing.

Professional Development

I have attended the National Council of Teachers of English Convention, the Indiana Federation of Libraries conference, and taken advantage of free MCCSC summer professional development opportunities. I was selected to attend the Leading Edge Librarians training as well as the FISH and Well-Managed School training. In Perry Township, I was responsible for five years for giving weekly professional development to the faculty, sharing district initiatives and organizing and offering resources to meet instructional needs. I continue to pursue professional development including attending the yearly Lilly Teachers Creativity Conference.

Outside the Education World:

Nursing

Unsure if I would be able to find a teaching job, I spent three years at Ivy Tech and was awarded multiple scholarships, straight As in clinical, and finally my RN. I volunteered at Volunteers in Medicine. I was then hired on staff. I also worked in Pediatric home health. Currently I work during the summer in the wilderness at BSA Camp Maumee as a nurse.

Assistant Scoutmaster

As an assistant scoutmaster to Troop 1148 I help lead our troop on our monthly campouts. We cover much of Indiana and adjoining states year round. This is one of my most rewarding volunteer jobs.

Gardening

I have been a gardener all my life and have taken classes, have multiple gardens at my home, and volunteer as the head summer gardener at an MCCSC elementary from 2013-2019.

Cooking

Cooking is one of my passions (because eating is another one!). I have taken multiple classes and cook from multiple ethnicities.

Church

I was on the Board of Trustees for five years and taught Sunday School for three. I was part of the United Methodist Women. I also founded the Parents at the Playground group and led that for two years.

Sports

I coached tee ball for two years and was an assistant in the dugout for one.

Questions and answers:

1. If you attended Hogwarts what would your house affiliation be. I would certainly be a Ravenclaw. Learning anything and everything is a passion of mine.
2. What would your faction from Divergent be? I would be an Erudite. It is true that in the fictional story that faction makes a power play and unfortunately uses some very evil tactics. This does not mean that the entire faction is bad, however. Remember that Beatrice's brother, who chose Erudite, was the one who first tipped Dauntless to the problem.
3. Do you have a favorite book? No. I have far too many books I love to pick one.
4. Why do you teach? Any time I get to help someone I get a natural shot of endorphins from that. I just really like helping people. I have a very high job satisfaction and feel good and happy almost all the time at work.
5. Why would you be interested in teaching in an IB environment? I have been an IB fan since hearing about it from a parent six years ago. When a push from astute administrators brought these opportunities to our elementaries, I saw many magical opportunities develop for students. Since that time I have met with a middle school administrator offering support should IB be considered at the secondary level, spoken with community leaders, and provided positive support when asked. I also

visited Shortridge High School on my own and spoke with the principal there to see the secondary program in action.

6. What are you doing this summer? This summer I am volunteering in the Charles Dean Wilderness at BSA Camp Maumee for four weeks as a nurse and also teaching first aid as an assistant to the head nurse there. I will also be attending the Lilly Fellowship conference in Terre Haute. I will travel to Charlotte at least twice to visit family and may intersperse a trip to Tampa as well. In between that I will be working on home renovation- a busy and exciting summer!