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PROVEN CLASSROOM TEACHER SEEKS A NEW OPPORTUNITY

Instructional Leadership, a creative and innovative mindset, and the know-how to provide a nurturing and caring learning environment where all children can learn are the cornerstones of a successful career in education. Exceptional classroom teacher with the management ability and dedication to meet and exceed expectations, work with and motivate students to achieve educational success, and teamwork capabilities to work as part of the total school concept.

Professional background and strengths include:

- Classroom Management.
- Lesson Plan Development.
- Social Studies Courses.
- Psychology Courses.
- School/Community Involvement Programs.
- Member, School Improvement Committee.
- Individualized Instruction.
- Senior Advisor.
- Prom Sponsor.
- Cheerleader Sponsor.
- 9-12 Instructional Levels.
- Innovative Instructional Methods.
- Student Motivator.
- 13 Years of Successful Classroom Teaching.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Kennesaw State College, Kennesaw, GA
Bachelor of Science in Social Studies (1992)
GPA: 3.4/4.0 Scale

Teaching Certificate, State of Georgia, Clear and Renewable, Valid Through 6/30/08
Certification Area: Social Studies

Bob County Staff Development Classes:
GA Technology Requirement: Models Integrating Technology (March of 2005)
Spanish for Educators (June of 2003)
School Law (June of 2003)
Online Inspiration Class (June of 2003)
Steven Covey Leadership Class (June of 1998)
Microsoft Word (January of 1995)

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

I strongly believe in student-centered learning. Educators should be enthusiastic facilitators of the learning process. "To teach without zest is a crime", that is my philosophy. I strive to get my students tuned in and activated in the learning process by continually finding new and innovative methods to present the material. I continually work to make the information meaningful to them by probing for prior knowledge or experience and getting them to see relationships, contrast, similarities and consequences. All students do not learn the same way, so I vary my instruction as much as possible, through role-plays, reflective journals, discussions, projects, lecture and debate. Also, I stress the importance of being a life-long learner, and the value of knowledge, whether you see the importance of it now or not. Knowledge is power!

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BOB COUNTY SCHOOLS, Somewhere, GA

1993 – Present

Social Studies Teacher, Management High School (2002 – Present)

- Regular Social Studies classroom assignment teaching Geography and Psychology to juniors and seniors.
- Write lesson plans, develop and implement innovative instructional methods to present material, grab student's attention and build life-long learning skills.
- Assigned to teach a new graduation requirement course in 2002 called Service Learning. The class involved having seniors get involved in community service in a volunteer capacity.
- Senior advisor and responsible for assisting with graduation ceremonies.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Continued)

BOB COUNTY SCHOOLS

Social Studies Teacher, Bobby Lee High School (1992 – 2002)

- Regular classroom teacher assigned to teaching Geography to Freshmen, World History to Sophomores, U.S. History to Juniors and Psychology to Juniors and Seniors at various times during the 10 years at the school.
- Wrote lesson plans, provided classroom instruction and worked individually with students to improve skills and grasp concepts.
- Maintained a classroom environment that promoted learning and gave every child the opportunity to learn. Motivated students to learn by utilizing a variety of instructional methods to present the material.
- Served on the School Improvement Committee to assist the administration in developing a stronger educational institution.
- Jr-Sr Prom Sponsor for three years.
- Junior Varsity Cheerleader Sponsor.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Able to utilize Microsoft Word, the internet and email.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Involvement Primarily With the Service Learning Program at Management High School as Follows:

Adopt a Mile
Center For Children

Active Volunteer, Elementary PTA