

Throughout my career, I have been privileged to teach in several different settings. I began in a Projects Based Learning school in the Dominican Republic. Later, I taught in more traditional settings. Most recently I have provided intervention and pull out services for students ranging from Special Education to Gifted/Talented. I have provided professional development to my staff and developed curriculum for a variety of content. Throughout all these experiences, I have gained a wide variety of skills, content knowledge, and educational passions.

One of my major passion is integrating technology into my classroom. Whether it the use of Smartboards, Chrome books, or iPads, I believe these are tools educators should have in students' hands. I enjoyed "flipping" my classroom and using technology to deliver the instruction through a variety of platforms. My students created stop motion videos, commercials, published flyers for fundraisers, blogged, created game apps, and so much more. I found that not only does technology motivate students, but can be used to assist children in learning to read, problem solving, and more. It is also an invaluable tool for gathering data and adjusting instruction to meet each learner's needs.

A final passion I would like to share with you is my desire to educate the whole child. When students leave my classroom, I want them to do so much more than be able to take a test. I design my instruction in such a way that my students

become leaders, problem solvers, critical thinkers, and global citizens. I seek to instill a sense of pride, responsibility, and compassion in my students.

I believe all children can make academic growth through the use of hands-on, data driven instruction. This instruction should happen in dynamic small groups as well as whole group. The use of technology and inquiry-based practice is essential to preparing 21st Century learners. The only other component that outweighs these elements is the need for strong, positive relationships with students.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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