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## Philosophy

- My philosophy of education includes using hands-on activities and technology to enhance a student's learning experience. I strive to incorporate as many learning styles as possible to maximize learning. My goal is to help students become good problem solvers and apply what they have learned in class to practical situations. I believe that God belongs in the classroom and work hard to present myself as a strong, moral role model.

## Education

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, ELEMENTARY EDUCATION | MAY, 2002 | LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY**

- Magna cum laude
- Part of a cohort of 9 hand-picked by the faculty to integrate technology into student teaching

**CONTINUING EDUCATION | 2008-09 | UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, SPRINGFIELD**

- Assorted courses for endorsements, including chemistry and psychology

## Teaching Certificate

- Certificate 1819451, through ROE 01, valid from 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2022
- Endorsements in general science, language arts, social science, and elementary education

## Teaching Experience

**K AND 1ST GRADE AIDE AND ALL-SCHOOL SUB| OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL, SPRINGFIELD, IL| 2019-PRESENT**

- Subbed in various grade levels and subjects (2019-present)
- Assisted in Kindergarten centers (2020-present)
- Led a 1st grade reading group (2020-present)

**YEARBOOK SPONSOR AND SUB| PLEASANT PLAINS MIDDLE SCHOOL, PLEASANT PLAINS, IL| 2019-20**

- Led monthly Yearbook Club meetings and took pictures at various events
- Created the 2019-2020 yearbook
- Subbed in various subjects in grades 5-8

**JUNIOR HIGH TEACHER | FRANKLIN CUSD #1, FRANKLIN, IL | 2007-2019**

- Science, 2007-19: junior high (all subjects), freshman level (General Science and Environmental Science)
- Study Skills, 2009-19 (created the curriculum)
- Integrated Fine Arts, 2013-19: junior high art class including lessons on visual arts and music appreciation (created the curriculum)
- Sponsor of the Junior High Student Council from 2010-19
- Co-creator of the Flashes/Vipers Pride incentive program. Coordinator for Junior High Flashes Pride from its inception in 2010 to 2019
- Coordinated a school-wide Science Fair in 2015
- Served on the following committees: Flashes/Vipers Pride (co-chair), Field Day, and Franklin Follies

## **5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER | ST. ISIDORE SCHOOL, BATON ROUGE, LA | 2002-2007**

- Primarily science, but also taught history, Language Arts, and study skills
- Go-to person for technology issues, publicity (presentations, displays, etc.), and proofreading
- Served on the following committees: Field Day (chair), Science Fair (chair), 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Breakfast, Christmas Program, School Newsletter, Catholic Schools Week, and Open House

## **Other Experience**

### **SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR | DUPUY SWIMMING LESSONS, ADDIS, LA | 2004-2006**

- Summer employment
- Acclimated mainly 3, 4, and 5 year olds to the pool and taught water safety
- Supervised 2-3 instructors
- Registered students and collected lesson fees

### **STUDENT WORKER | LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE | 1997-2002**

- Research and Technical/Public Affairs Division
- Clerical duties including phone contact with taxpayers
- Proofread and revised tax forms and tested tax software from developers
- Assisted in the graphics section: designed posters, forms and other documents for public and internal use

## **Skills & Abilities**

### **MINISTRY**

- I attend St. John's Lutheran Church, New Berlin. For a couple of years now, I have been in charge of the content on the church Facebook page. I help with decorations for the Sunday School Christmas Eve program, VBS, and other church events, as well as assist with the production of those events (developing and planning the programs, presenting at VBS, helping at practices, etc.). I have recorded a few lessons for online Sunday School and have helped with classes before the pandemic. My husband and I also run the camera to provide online services for our congregation.

### **TECHNOLOGY**

- Technology has been an integral part of my teaching from the beginning. I am skilled in Google tools, Microsoft Office, TeacherEase, and can pick up new programs quickly. I have used social media for parent and student updates on homework and activities, a class website to house documents like study guides and review games for my classes, and CPS remotes, iPads, laptops, and websites to make learning fun for my students. My professional website, [www.rachaeldavenport.com](http://www.rachaeldavenport.com), contains more information about what goes on in my class.

### **CREATIVITY**

- I enjoy drawing, painting, graphic design, and playing the piano. These skills have enhanced my teaching through presentations, posters, and simply drawing diagrams on the board! It has also benefited open houses, dances, plays, and other public relations activities for the schools in which I have taught.

### **OTHER ABILITIES AND HOBBIES**

- I am a fast learner. I enjoy planning and hosting events. I spend a lot of time cooking and baking, and have decorated cakes and cookies for family, friends, and church events. I also enjoy spending time in my vegetable and flower gardens.