

CHERYL L SMITH

Professional Summary

Accomplished Spanish Teacher and ELP Coordinator with a solid history of achievement in teaching diverse learners. Areas of expertise include curriculum development, assessment, data analysis, and teacher coaching.

Skills

- Develop curriculum, instruction, and assessment plans for all units of Spanish with Comprehensible Input focus
- Plan and monitor appropriate and rigorous program of study for gifted learners
- Communicate with parents and stakeholders regarding advanced opportunities for gifted students
- Research strategies that engage diverse learners in classroom environments
- Sponsor National Honor Society and Mock Trial
- Analyze data for identification of gifted learners
- Collaborate with teachers to provide best instruction and differentiated experiences for gifted learners

Experience

ELP Coordinator / Spanish Teacher

08/2011 to 05/2015; 8/2016-present

SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - DES MOINES, IA

- Develop Spanish curricular units, formative assessments, and end of course Integrated Performance Assessments
- Create vertically aligned AP curriculum focused on Hispanic and Spanish culture
- Teach Spanish III and AP Spanish
- Design, revise, and implement district Spanish curriculum using backwards design to match ACTFL Standards
- Coordinate high school ELP program and developed district acceleration policy
- Created and maintained ELP website to effectively communicate with district stakeholders
- Use data to identify gifted students and advocate for their needs
- Coached career teachers in UbD process during high school curriculum rewrite initiative
- Served as Mentor Teacher on TAP Leadership Team (2013-2015)
- Coached, collaborated, and consulted with career teachers to develop and refine good teaching practices (2014-2015)
- Evaluated instruction of career teachers (2014-2015)
- Co-taught Honors American Literature (Fall 2014) and collaborated with SHS English department to develop co-teaching Honors Model
- Mentored and coached Student Teacher, focusing on reinforcement and refinement areas (Spring 2014)
- Sponsored and supported new extra-curricular activities for students: Hyperstream, Mock Trial, ISU Technology Day, National History Day, and National Honor Society

ELP Teacher

08/2015 to 5/2016

WAUKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - WAUKEE, IA

- Spearheaded initiative to create Waukee gifted standards based on NAGC best practices with district PLC.
- In collaboration with district PLC, worked to vertically align and articulate standards for all gifted learners in the Waukee CSD (implemented in 2016-2017)
- Co-drafted Personal Education Plan template for gifted learners
- Collaborated with and consulted classroom teachers to provide differentiated support for ELP students.

- Planned, developed, and delivered professional development regarding best practices in gifted education and MTSS with curriculum compacting.
- Planned building PD with building leadership team.
- Coordinated high school 11TH-12th grade ELP program
- Served on the Building Leadership and Professional Development teams
- Used building and district data to evaluate practices regarding student growth

Substitute Teacher

03/2009 to 05/2011

URBANDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - URBANDALE, IA

- Taught Spanish I, III, and Cultural Issues students as a long-term substitute
- Substitute taught in various classrooms in district middle school and high school

Substitute Teacher

01/2009 to 05/2011

JOHNSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - URBANDALE, IA

- Primarily substitute taught in Spanish classrooms in district middle school and high school

Education

Gifted and Talented Endorsement

August 2012

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA -GPA: 4.0

Master's in Education: Secondary Education

December 2001

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - St. Louis, MO

GPA: 4.0 - Curriculum and Instruction-Secondary Education

Bachelor of Arts Spanish: Bachelor of Science in Education

May 1994

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - St. Louis, MO

GPA: 3.89 Graduated Summa Cum Laude

Certifications

Iowa: Master Educator License: Spanish K-12 / Gifted and Talented K-12 Folder 991682

Other Professional Training / Recognition

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar

Tales from the Chihuahuan Desert: Borderlands Narratives about Identity and Binationalism 2017

Comprehensible Midwest Conference 2016

Cognitive Coaching 2015

BorderLinks Educational Delegation Workshop Tucson, AZ 2014

IA Governor's Symposium Panel Member 2014

National TAP Conference 2014

NIET TAP Summer Institute 2013

TAP System Evaluator A and B Training 2013

AP Teacher Training Institute 2013

Iowa Talented and Gifted (ITAG) Conferences 2012-2015

Iowa World Language Association (IWLA) Conferences 2011-2014