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Objective

Utilize my skills and experience to maximize educational efficiency and performance in urban school environments.

Experience

Adjunct Professor, CSUDH Graduate School of Education, August 2015 to Present

- School Leadership Program: Visionary Leadership, Instructional Leadership, Ethical Leadership

Assistant Principal, King/Drew Magnet High School of Medicine and Science, August 2015 to Present

Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction, Edison Middle School, February 2012 to August 2015

Interim Principal, Edison Middle School, November to December 2013 & August to September 2014

Instructional Coach, Data/Testing Coordinator Edison Middle School, July 2009 to January 2012

- Mathematics Instructional Coach, LAUSD, Local District 7, Nov. 2008 to June 2009

Teaching Experience at Thomas Edison Middle School, September 2003 to November 2008

- Mathematics Department Chair, July 2006 to Nov. 2008
- Leadership, 2007-2008
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), 2006-2007
- 7th Grade Pre-Algebra and Gifted, 2003 to 2005 & 8th Grade Algebra 1 and Gifted, 2005-2008

Other Teaching Experience

- CSUDH Extended Education Online Certificate Course (Master Schedule for Secondary Administrators), 2015 to Present
- Intersession Pre-Calculus (Math Analysis/Trig), Huntington Park High School, May-June 2008
- West LA College Extension Instructor (Microsoft Office), 2009-2011

Education

Claremont Graduate University

Doctor of Philosophy, Education (Urban School Leadership), December 2014, GPA 3.97

California State University, Dominguez Hills

Master of Arts, Educational Administration, May 2010, GPA 4.0

University of California, Los Angeles

Master of Education, Teacher Education Program, June 2004, GPA 4.0

Bachelor of Science, General Mathematics with Computing Specialization, June 2003, GPA 3.648, Cum Laude

Credentials & Certificates

California Clear Administrative Services Credential, CSUDH 2014

Professional Clear Single Subject CLAD Emphasis Credential in Mathematics, UCLA 2004

LAUSD Aspiring Principals Program Certificate of Competency, May 2014

LAUSD Master Program Institute Certificate of Competency, May 2013

Google Certified Educator – Level 1, January 2016

Accomplishments & Activities

- Creator of DARTS Intervention Model (<http://karuza.com/darts>) and Google Doc Diagnostic Tally Sheet in 2009
 - Resulted in highest percentage increase in math CST scores in all of LAUSD in 2011
 - Resulted in Algebra 1 CST Score increase from 4% Proficiency to 42% Proficiency over 3 years.
 - Now adopted in over 20 middle and high schools across LAUSD.
- Presenter at ASCA Women in Leadership Summit, May 2017
- Member of a High School WASC Visiting Committee, March 2017
- LAUSD Effective Practices Institute Facilitator: Algebra 1 Good First Teaching & CAHSEE Standards, July – Aug. 2011
- Cal State Dominguez Hills Student Research Day Competition winner, February 2011
- Presenter at California Mathematics Council South Conference, November 2010 and 2011
- Appeared on RtI² TV Show: The Teacher's Hour-Data Based Decision Making, April 2010
- Students Run LA Leader – Trained students for and completed 3 LA Marathons, 2006 – 2008

Computer Skills & Tools

Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office, Google Apps for Educators, spreadsheets, databases, HTML, MOODLEs, social networking, video editing, educational software (SmartBoard, Engrade, Making the Grade, Mobi, GradeCam, Edlio).