

Sarah Elizabeth Thompson

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dedicated Primary School Teaching Assistant with over 8 years of experience supporting diverse learners in K-5 settings. Proven track record in implementing literacy interventions that improved student reading scores by 25% on average. Certified in ABA techniques with a deep commitment to creating inclusive, high-engagement classroom environments.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lead Instructional Assistant | Austin Independent School District | Austin, TX

Aug 2018 - Present

- Spearheaded a Tier 2 reading intervention program for 45 second-grade students, increasing average reading fluency scores by 35% across all participants.
- Co-developed and implemented individualized behavioral plans for 8 students with ADHD and Autism, reducing office referrals by 50% in the first year.
- Managed the procurement and organization of annual classroom supplies for a 12-person teaching team with a budget of \$12,000.
- Mentored 4 junior teaching assistants on classroom management strategies and school-wide safety protocols.
- Directed the setup and operation of multi-sensory learning stations that increased student engagement metrics by 20% during science and social studies units.

Primary School Teaching Assistant | Maplewood Elementary School | Dallas, TX

Aug 2014 - Jun 2018

- Provided daily one-on-one instructional support to a student with significant mobility and communication challenges, ensuring 100% participation in classroom activities.
- Collaborated with lead teachers to modify lesson plans for a classroom of 28 students, including 6 English Language Learners (ELL).
- Increased student scores on district math benchmarks by 15% through the implementation of daily 'Math Minute' small-group rotations.
- Organized and led 10+ field trips per year for groups of 60+ students, maintaining zero safety incidents through rigorous supervision plans.
- Automated the student progress reporting system using Google Sheets, reducing the time spent on data entry by 4 hours per week.

Junior Classroom Assistant | Bright Horizons Early Education | Dallas, TX

May 2012 - Jul 2014

- Assisted in the daily care and instruction of 22 students ages 4-5, focusing on early literacy and social-emotional development.
- Developed a student-led 'classroom store' project that taught basic currency and math concepts to 90% of the class.
- Maintained a clean and organized learning environment for 10 separate activity centers.
- Communicated daily with parents regarding student behavior and developmental milestones, maintaining a 95% satisfaction rating on annual parent surveys.

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin | Bachelor of Science | Applied Learning and Development

Aug 2008 - May 2012

State University of New York | Graduate Certificate | Special Education and Inclusion

Jun 2013 - Dec 2013

SKILLS

Literacy Intervention, Numeracy Support, Small Group Facilitation, IEP Implementation, Differentiated Instruction, Behavioral De-escalation, Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI), Positive Reinforcement, Conflict Resolution, Safety Supervision, Google Classroom, SmartBoard Operation, Student Information Systems (SIS), Lesson Material Preparation, Progress Tracking

CERTIFICATIONS

Texas Educator Certificate: Educational Aide III | Texas Education Agency (Aug 2014)
Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) | Behavior Analyst Certification Board (Feb 2019)

LANGUAGES

English (Native)
Spanish (B2 - Professional Working Proficiency)

ACTIVITIES

Volunteering

Provide weekly after-school tutoring in mathematics for underprivileged youth at the local YMCA.

Professional Development

Active member of the National Education Association (NEA) and frequent attendee of the TASA Midwinter Conference.