

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Innovative special educator with 20 years of experience working with multi-aged students in Livonia Public Schools. A caring and responsive team player with skills in collaborative problem solving and a strong vision for ensuring students are receiving quality special education services in the least restrictive setting.

EXPERIENCE

Program Specialist Livonia Public Schools

Randolph, Grant, Johnson, Frost, Churchill High School

2016-current

- Redesigned entry/exit criteria for local resource center programs which led to the successful transition for 60 resource center students to diploma track.
- Trained secondary Act 18 and local center professional staff in Essential Elements, First Author Writing Curriculum, Formative Assessment Practices and Differentiated Instruction
- Constructed Science and Social Studies curricula and designed differentiated reading assessment materials with Essential Elements district committee for secondary teaching staff
- Participated in Secondary Department Chair meetings and responsible for understanding and disseminating information to service providers and support staff
- Orchestrated PBIS in all resource center programs which involved design of data collection methods, writing Wayne County PBIS monthly reports, ordering and help with designing PBIS posters and materials
- Member of District Transition Team and engaged in collaborative problem solving regarding closure of elementary schools and relocation of special education programs and students
- Mentored newly assigned secondary and elementary Resource Center team leaders
- Member of Wayne County RESA Seclusion & Restraint Advisory Committee which reviewed MDE law and policy and developed documentation forms and awareness training for school districts to adopt and implement
- Member of District Behavior Response Team

Interim Assistant Principal Johnson Upper Elementary School

Fall 2018

- Supported building administrator with student disciplinary issues and behavior
- Served as acting principal in the absence of principal
- Quickly gained the support of teachers, support staff and building staff during interim
- Participated in 5D evaluation meetings with teachers
- Consulted with District Administrator of Public Safety on several cases

Team Leader and Speech Language Pathologist

Frost Middle School

2014-2016

- Spearheaded the Essential Elements committee and First Author Writing Curriculum
- Co-Presenter at Michigan Council for Exceptional Children on First Author Writing Curriculum

- Established Peer Connections class at Frost Middle School
- Member of Wayne County RESA committee that redesigned Essential Elements standards to align with Mi-Access assessment
- Participated in Secondary Department Chair meetings to gain understanding of best practices and procedures for secondary programs and services and disseminate information to Frost Center staff and speech language pathology department

Department Chair-Speech Language Pathologist Livonia Public Schools

2015-2017

- Member of Wayne County Speech and Language Committee which constructed guidance document for writing measurable speech language goals and objectives for county training
- Assisted with selection of and interviewing of candidates for speech language pathology positions
- Created professional development activities for department
- Led monthly department meetings
- Coached staff with problem solving related to special education forms and procedures, assessment selection and interpretation of data, lesson planning and allocation of services.
- Organized inventory and ordering of departmental resources

Speech Language Pathologist-Livonia Public Schools-West Bloomfield School District

1999-2016

- Specialized with providing interventions for preschool-high school aged students with autism and severe communication deficits in Act 18 and local center programs
- Trained professional staff and support staff with instructional technologies, low tech and AAC devices in the classroom setting
- Piloted Fast Forward Program in two West Bloomfield Elementary schools to improve reading abilities for struggling students
- Member of Wayne County committee to develop recommendations and best practices for school districts regarding speech language pathologist workloads

EDUCATION

- **Grand Valley State University**
Education Leadership Program-currently enrolled with 30 credit hours earned
- **Eastern Michigan University**
Graduated with Masters in Speech Language Pathology, Minor Education-1999
- **Wayne County Teacher Leader Cohort Graduate 2017**