

Dawn Alto

EXPERIENCE

Little Falls Community Middle School, Little Falls, MN *Art Teacher*

SEPTEMBER 2022 - Current

Introduced Art Elements and Principles of Design through a variety of oral, written and hands on projects and activities; provided students with individualized learning options using digital and traditional art materials in an explorative manner; provided positive individual feedback for every student for each project; required students to complete a planning process prior to being given hands-on materials; required reflections upon completion of their work; followed Minnesota and/or National Standards in planning curriculum; 6th-8th grades

Lindbergh Elementary, Little Falls, MN – *Special Education Teacher (LD Resource Room)*

AUGUST 2020 - MAY 2022

Completed Comprehensive Evaluations on Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students to determine qualification for special education services and areas of need; provided math, reading and written expression special education intervention services to elementary special education students by addressing student's academic and social needs listed as Goals and Objectives on their Individualized Education Plan (IEP); provided intervention services at Mary of Lourdes Middle School; pre-teaching of classroom materials on occasion; taught from home as needed during Distance Learning; Grades K- 5

Little Falls Community Middle School, Little Falls, MN *Art Teacher (long-term substitute)*

JANUARY 2020 - MAY 2020

Introduced Art Elements and Principles of Design through a variety of oral, written and hands on projects and activities; provided students with individualized learning options using digital, traditional and found art tool choices during Distance Learning; provided positive individual feedback for every student for each project; created a slideshow of student work to share with them; 6th-8th grades

SKILLS

Strong communication skills

Organization skills

Positive Attitude

Creative and Flexible

Relatable and Supportive

Team Player

Independently motivated

AWARDS

Presidential Award - multiple times at Kaplan University

Dean's List

Summa Cum Laude

Cum Laude

LANGUAGES

English

Polite Spanish

Oak Crest Elementary, Belle Plaine, MN — Art Teacher

AUGUST 2018 - MAY 2019

Introduced Art Elements and Principles of Design through a variety of oral, written and hands on projects and activities; 3rd-4th grade student's fine motor skills were challenged and developed practicing with art tools; 5th-6th grades

Aitkin High School, Aitkin, MN — Special Education Teacher

AUGUST 2016 - MAY 2017

Taught Social Skills, Job Skills, PODD Communication Skills, 7-8th Grade Basic Math; participated in weekly Child Study meetings; participated in weekly department meetings; proctored MTAS test for students; completed Functional Behavior Assessments(FBA's); assisted in writing Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP's); supervised 8 paraprofessionals; attended monthly paraprofessional meetings, wrote Individualized Education Plans (IEP's); managed IEP meetings with parents and all required staff; taught and assessed students in the Practical Assessment Exploration System (PAES) Lab.

Lincoln Education Center, Brainerd, MN — Art Teacher; Special Education Teacher; Job Coach; Paraprofessional

AUGUST 2003 - JUNE 2016

Assisted classroom teacher as paraprofessional; taught in the elementary special education classroom grades K-12 as a long-term substitute from September 2015 - June 2016; designed online gradebook; supervised students at community job sites through Service Learning program; supervised IEP meetings; wrote IEP's; on Crisis and Safety Team; taught Art 7-12th grades combined and 1st-6th grades combined; taught Art at Juvenile Correctional facility before it was closed.

EDUCATION

St Cloud State University, St Cloud — Graduate Certificate

AUGUST 2015 - MAY 2017

Emotional Behavioral Disorders - Certificate

Additional information on Transcript

K-12 Emotional Behavioral Disorder License (Renewed April 27, 2022)

Kaplan University, online — BS Degree

JUNE 2008 - JUNE 2011

Advanced Psychology - Child Studies Bachelor of Science Degree

Semester hours and additional information on Transcript

St Cloud State University, St Cloud — *BS Degree*

AUGUST 1992 - MAY 1996

Visual Arts (K-12 Education) - Bachelor of Science Degree

Member National Art Education Association

Semester hours and additional information on Transcript

K-12 Visual Arts License (Renewed April 27, 2022)

PROJECTS

Communication and Socialization Training — *CAST*

Supervised and taught children ages 2-10 with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) a variety of social and communication skills through the use of music, games, art projects, stories and other special educational activities during summers. The program ran under supervision of Kathy Ogden through the Paul Bunyan Co-op in Brainerd, MN.