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CERTIFICATIONS

Texas Standard Generalist Certificate, EC-6,

August 2016

EDUCATION

University of Houston - Downtown, Houston, TX

Bachelor of Arts in Education, EC-6 ESL

May 2016

GPA: 3.8

Activities: Bilingual Education Student Organization, Member (Fall 2014-Spring 2016)

Honors: Dean's List (5 out of 8 semesters)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

River Oaks Elementary School, Houston, TX

Mathematics Teacher

Fall 2016-Present

- Teach mathematics to class of 24 fifth grade students
- Develop innovative and engaging lesson plans and activities to increase student motivation and mastery of content
- Maintain discipline in classroom to ensure safety and welfare of students

George Bush Junior High, College Station, TX

Student Teacher

Spring 2016

- Collaborated with mentor teacher to develop challenging educational programs for gifted and talented students
- Managed after-school math club consisting of 50 students from diverse backgrounds to promote unity amongst those interested in mathematics
- Observed, facilitated, and taught sixth grade pre-algebra honors course

Knippa Elementary, Knippa, TX

Student Teacher

Fall 2015

- Taught fourth grade mathematics and science lessons to class of 15
- Created weekly lesson plans and activities focused on Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills preparation to encourage student success
- Drafted and implemented innovative classroom management plan that increased student compliance by 90%

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Literacy Council of Harris County, Houston, TX

Volunteer ESL Tutor, June 2013-Sept 2013

SKILLS

Language: Fluent in Spanish (written and spoken)

Technology: Smartboards, Apple devices, 3D printing, Google Classroom