

Meaghan Anderson

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Elementary/Middle School Teacher - Specializing in English as a Second Language

I am a dedicated educator with extensive professional experience serving the needs of those from diverse cultural, racial and social-economic backgrounds. I have specialized in English as a Second Language (ESL). I am also an experienced leader that has served as the Bilingual Department Chair, established ESL curriculum for the state of New Mexico and I am currently serving as a teacher representative on Durango 9-R's Internal Communication Committee.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Animas Valley Elementary, Durango School District 9-R, Durango CO

1st Grade Teacher, Aug 2007 – Present

- Currently teaching 18 students all core subject areas using differentiated learning strategies.
- Serving as Animas Valley's teacher representative on 9-R's Internal Communication Committee
- Serving on Animas Valley's Assembly Committee and Recycling for Habitat for Humanity Committee.

Hermosa Middle School, Farmington Municipal Schools, Farmington NM

6th, 7th and 8th Grade English as a Second Language Teacher, Bilingual Department Chair, Aug 2005 – June 2007

- Taught approx. 75 linguistically different students – 70% Navajo and Native American, 30% Hispanic.
- Helped establish the ESL curriculum for New Mexico by developing standards, vocabulary and teaching strategies for ESL students.
- Lead Bilingual Department including the assessment, monitoring, entrance and exiting of all bilingual students.
- Served on the Farmington Municipal Schools Parent Advisory Council.

Southern Ute Tribe Early Head Start Program, Ignacio CO

Early Head Start Teacher, Summer Semester 2004

- Taught eight Southern Ute Head Start students.
- Tracked student success under the program, made home visits on the reservation and communicated with students' families.

EDUCATION AND LICENSING

Masters of Education, December 2007

Literacy, Language and Culture
Endorsement in Linguistically Diverse Education
Adams State College, Alamosa CO
GPA: 3.3

Bachelor of Art, April 2005

Interdisciplinary Studies
Endorsement in English as a Second Language
Fort Lewis College, Durango CO
Major GPA: 3.4, Cumulative GPA: 3.4

Colorado Teacher License

Endorsements in Elementary Education and Linguistically Diverse Education.
Expires June 17, 2008 (Will Renew)
License: 0320290A

New Mexico Teacher License

Endorsements in K-8 Elementary Education and TESOL
Expires June 30, 2008 (Will Renew)
Licensure Number: 314463

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Cris Tovani Workshop – Durango, CO, 2007
- Stephen Krashen: Second Language Acquisition – Albuquerque, NM, 2007
- Cultural Competency Training – Durango, CO, 2007
- Ruby Payne: A Framework for Understanding Poverty Training – Farmington, NM, 2007
- Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) Summit – Washington, DC, 2006
- Janet Allen: Creating Competent and Confident Readers – Farmington, NM, 2006

INTERESTS

- Travel - I have visited approximately 20 countries throughout North America, Europe and Asia.
- I also enjoy horseback riding, hiking and snowboarding.