

EDWARD HAPONIK

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Elementary and Middle School Teacher *4th, 5th, and 6th grade experience*

- Dedicated, resourceful, and creative professional educator with experience and a commitment to teaching every student.
- Dynamic and versatile with a talent for motivating children at all levels.
- Excellent communication skills to facilitate coordination between students, colleagues and parents.

PHILOSOPHIC STATEMENT

My philosophy of education reflects the belief that, given a safe, open, and challenging environment, students will flourish as tolerant and active learners. By accepting and celebrating our differences, students and teachers can coalesce to form a mutually beneficial educational atmosphere which transcends instruction and fosters learning.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Boston College, Newton, MA
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Music (1999)

State of North Carolina Teacher's License since 1999.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Hope Valley Elementary School, Durham, NC

2007-2008

5th grade teacher

Returned to previous post to teach Literacy, Math, Science, and Social Studies in a full-inclusion ESL classroom. Applied a balanced literacy program to students of diverse reading levels. Implemented Writers' Workshop. Assisted in direction and production of the 5th Grade Showcase and Teacher Talent show fundraiser. Helped plan and coordinate a grade-wide field trip to Washington D.C. Served as mentor for Duke University student during her full-practicum in my classroom.

W.G. Pearson Elementary School, Durham, NC

2006-2007

4th grade teacher

Helped open a new Gifted & Talented magnet school. Taught Literacy, Math, Science, and Social Studies in a self-contained classroom. Created and Implemented new elective courses including Chess and Yo-Yo Physics. Designed curriculum for remediation classroom. Worked to create detailed behavior plans for Behavioral-Emotionally Disabled students. Assisted 1st-year teachers and UNC student teachers in lesson planning and implementation.

Hope Valley Elementary School, Durham, NC

2002-2006

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5th grade teacher

Taught Math and Science in an ESL-inclusion classroom at a bustling elementary school. Coordinated instruction with ESL and EC teachers. Trained and taught a Great Books program. Prepared for rigorous end of grade testing and 5th grade “gateway.” Planned and coordinated multiple field trips. Met regularly with parents regarding behavior and academic progress. Served as 5th Grade Workgroup Leader, member of Site-based Decision Making Team, Certified Emergency Response Team, and School Climate Committee. Selected as participant in The Jason Project, a project seeking to integrate technology across all areas of curriculum.

Carter Community School, Durham, NC

2000-2002

6th grade teacher

Taught all core and elective classes in an inclusion classroom at a charter school in Durham. Correlated Core Knowledge Curriculum with North Carolina standard Course of Study. Maintained communication network with parents to accommodate all students including implementation and execution of multiple individualized education plans. Assisted in selection of school-wide reading program.

Central Davidson Middle School, Lexington, NC

1999-2000

6th grade teacher

Taught Language Arts and Social Studies in a large public middle school. Planned and implemented units in both subjects. Served as faculty mentor and aided in the planning and design of school yearbook. Taught student workshops in music composition and performance. Served as faculty advisor for chess club.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficient in diverse software on both Apple Computers and Windows based machines. Trained in Microsoft Office, Accelerated Reader, Star Reading, Graph Club, Cruncher, Comic Life, Factory, Kid Pix, Kid Works, Gradekeeper, Starfall and a variety of web-based applications. Uses technology to help facilitate communication with colleagues and parents.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Multiple interests outside of the classroom that are easily integrated in the classroom. An avid yo-yo player and designer; current North Carolina State Yo-Yo Champion. Musical skills including playing (piano, double/electric bass, guitar) and composing music. 20 years experience in various martial arts; for the last 10 years a student of aikido with a second-degree black belt and instructor certification. Also enjoys chess and skateboarding.

REFERENCES

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