

Sarah J. Weston

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Objective	To obtain a teaching position within my community and create a positive learning environment where all children will succeed.	
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Education	Masters of Arts in Education , Michigan State University	May 2010-Present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Core areas: Special Education, Literacy	
	Bachelor of Science in Education , Western Michigan University	2001
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minors: Elementary Education, Integrated Creative Arts, Early Childhood Education, Mathematics and Science	

Certification	Michigan Professional Certification	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">K-5 all subjects, K-8 all subjects in a self-contained class, 6-8 Science, Early Childhood Specialist (ZA Endorsement)	

Employment	Substitute Teacher	2013-present, 2009-2010
	High School Science Long Term Substitute Teacher	December 2013-June 2014
	Young 5's Long Term Substitute Teacher	April-June 2010
	Paw Paw Public Schools and Lawton Community Schools via Professional Education Services Group	
	Paw Paw Public Schools; Paw Paw, MI	2006-2007, 2001-2002
	Lawton Community Schools; Lawton, MI	2006-2007, 2001-2002
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maintained flexibility in all situationsCreated and managed learning environmentInterpreted and effectively implemented lesson plans from preschool to High SchoolGained knowledge of various curriculums and school policiesPlanned and taught Essential Science, Physics, Biology and Health in an alternative education settingWorked one on one with students preparing for G.E.D. testingFacilitated student exploration using technology and hands on activities to teach science conceptsCollaborated with teaching staff and participated in staff meetingsCreated and implemented theme based lesson plans incorporating literacy, science, math, movement, art, and musicUtilized several multi-sensory techniques to work toward meeting the needs of all studentsCreated stability in classroom environment using CHAMPS techniquesMaintained positive parent communication	
	Preschool Teacher	
	Tri-County Head Start; Paw Paw, MI	August 2013-October 2013
	Comstock Community Center; Kalamazoo, MI	August 2010-June 2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Built positive home/school connections and encouraged parent participation through home visits, school conferences and newslettersPlanned and implemented age appropriate lessons and positive behavior supports	

- Followed licensing and G.S.R.P. requirements; maintained parent communication log and anecdotal notes
- Individualized instruction and behavior strategies driven by continual data collection; utilized and scored developmental screenings (A.S.Q.)
- Collaborated and worked with additional staff members
- Participated in PLC's; aligned curriculum with preschool must knows
- Trained in: Language For Learning, Creative Curriculum, CPR, First Aid, Conscious Discipline

Licensed Child Care Provider 2003-2005

Self-Employed; Paw Paw, MI

- Created a safe, loving and educational environment for children
- Met and maintained Michigan daycare licensing requirements
- Ability to multi-task, negotiate, problem solve, coordinate schedules, and maintain emotionally charged situations
- Maintained open lines of communication with families

Preschool Teacher 2002-2003

Calvary Kids Cooperative Preschool; Mattawan, MI

- Self-directed, created and implemented age appropriate lessons in all subject areas to support various learning styles
- Worked cooperatively with parents
- Assessed student learning one-on-one; kept anecdotal records

Intern Teacher 2001

Woodland Elementary; Portage, MI

- Taught two sections of half-day kindergarten
- Developed lessons for students of various ability levels
- Incorporated multiculturalism into student activities
- Integrated various learning activities and styles into daily instruction to encourage student thinking, participation, and learning

Professional Development

Conscious Discipline, CPR/First Aid, Creative Curriculum, Language for Learning, Literacy Development for the Early Childhood Classroom, Motivation Conference with Richard Lavoie

Technology Skills

Microsoft Office, Email, Internet, Smartboard, Create webpages (Weebly, Wix), Digital photography. Social networking (Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter)

Community Involvement	Cub Scouts Volunteer	2010-present
	Girl Scouts Volunteer	2003-present
	Sunday School Teacher	2001-2011
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Honors & Awards	Daycare Grant Recipient	2003
	Graduated Magna Cum Laude	2001