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Career Summary

Accomplishments in educational technology leadership, innovative pedagogical knowledge and coaching, and implementation of flexible learning spaces.

Education		
Appalachian State University, Boone, NC LSA, Graduate Certificate in School Leadership, 2015-2017	George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. M.Ed., Instructional Technology, 1997-2000	James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA B.S., Middle School Education, 1988-1992

Experience

2013-Present Wake County Public Schools Wake County NC, Davis Drive and Mills Park Middle Schools,
Instructional Technology Facilitator

- Facilitate inquiry-based learning using various and appropriate resources and tools to improve creative and innovative student learning.
- Demonstrate fluency with a wide range of digital resources which support inquiry and student-centered learning, professional best practices and acquisition of 21st century skills.
- Provide professional development addressing instructional theory, practice and resources that promote student owned learning, relevancy, 21st century skills, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity.
- Model ethical principles including safe, legal and ethical use of digital resources and tools including copyright, intellectual property, digital etiquette and virtual social interactions.
- Participate in local and global professional learning communities to explore creative applications and enhancements for improving professional practice and student learning.
- Contribute to the development and implementation of the school improvement plan.

2000- 2008 Fairfax County Public Schools Fairfax County VA, North Tier Partnership
Independent Contractor

- Created Semester Catalogs using Microsoft Publisher
- Communicated with Instructors via email on course registration procedures
- Reviewed curriculum test question for online assessments

2000- 2002 Fairfax County Public Schools Fairfax County, VA, Woodson High School
School Based Technology Specialist

- Trained school faculties in the use of computers and various technologies
- Presented technology-related topics at curriculum meetings and conferences
- Responsible for selecting software for instructional programs
- Designed instructional web pages
- Planned, created, and implemented training on a variety of software
- Served as liaison between technical and instructional personnel

1998- 2000 Fairfax County Public Schools Fairfax County, VA
Pyramid Technology Training Specialist

- Trained faculties of several schools in the use of computers
- Presented technology-related topics at meetings and conferences
- Designed instructional web pages
- Worked at multiple sites

1995- 2005 Fairfax County Public Schools Fairfax County, VA

FCPS Academy Teacher

- Taught beginner, intermediate, and advanced technology courses
- Created curriculum
- Evaluated and assessed students
- Implemented an e-learning environment using *Blackboard* software

1994- 1998 Fairfax County Public Schools Fairfax County, VA

Elementary School Teacher

- Taught self-contained Fourth and Fifth Grade classes
- Math Lead Teacher
- Responsible for troubleshooting Windows and Apple Computers
- Served on Technology and Math committees

Presentations:

- 2013 NCTIES- Raleigh, NC "Augmented Reality: Using the 3rd Dimension to Connect and Engage"
- 2013 WCPSS Spring Convergence Learning Symposium- "Augmented Reality: Using the 3rd Dimension to Connect and Engage"
- 2013 GCS Summer Tech Connect Institute, Granville County, NC. "Augmented Reality: Using the 3rd Dimension to Connect and Engage"
- 2014 WCPSS Fall Convergence Learning Symposium- "App Smashing"
- 2014 NCTIES- Raleigh, NC "App Smashing"
- 2015 WCPSS Fall Convergence Learning Symposium- "Schooled in BYOD- Lessons Learned"
- 2016 WCPSS Spring Convergence Learning Symposium-"Twitter Garden"
- 2016 WCPSS Fall Convergence Learning Symposium-"Meet My PLN"
- 2017 NCTIES- Raleigh, NC Student Showcase- "Broadcasting the Student News"
- 2017 NCTIES- Raleigh, NC "MeetMyPLN"
- 2017 WCPSS-Spring Convergence Learning Symposium- "Bring Your Learning to Life with the Green Screen and Video Technology"
- 2017 Educator's Rising, AZ "Personal Learning Network. This is Personal, Let's Get Real"
- 2017 Chatham County Digital Innovation Conference, NC- "Bring Your Learning to Life with the Green Screen and Video Technology"
- 2017 WCPSS Beginning Teacher Conference- "Let's Fill Your Tech Toolbox"
- 2017 WCPSS Fall Convergence Learning Symposium- "Bring Your Learning to Life with Green Screen and Video Technology", "Facilitating Teaching and Learning Through Collaboration", Meet Google Draw", Building Up Community"
- 2018 WCPSS Beginning Teacher Webinar- "That was Then, This is Now. Using Google Tools in the Classroom"
- 2018 NCTIES- Raleigh, NC "Hashtag with a Purpose. Using Hashtags to Inspire, Grow, and Connect."
- 2018 WCPSS Spring Convergence Learning Symposium- "Google Tools"
- 2018 ISTE- Chicago, IL "Building Up Community by Breaking Down Barriers"

Certifications

- Google Certified Educator 1, Google Certified Educator 2

Awards

- 2016 Entrepreneurial Award in Education, Huntington Learning Center
- 2015-16 Grant, Donors Choose
- 2015-16 Grant, DDMS Teacher Grant
- 2016-17 Grant, DDMS Teacher Grant

Committees:

- 2013-18 MTAC- Media Technology Advisory Committee Chair, Davis Drive Middle School
- 2013-18 MTAC- Media Technology Advisory Committee Member, Mills Park Middle School
- 2013-18 SIT- School Improvement Team, Davis Drive Middle School
- 2015-16 SIT- School Improvement Team, Mills Park Middle School
- 2014-18 BYOD Bring Your Own Device Admin Team, Davis Drive Middle School
- 2015-18 BYOD Bring Your Own Device Admin Team, Mills Park Middle School

Staff Development:

- 2013-2014 Tech Tuesday Staff Development Workshops, Davis Drive and Mills Park Middle School
- 2013-2016 GAFE Google Apps For Education Teacher Training, Davis Drive and Mills Park Middle School
- 2013-2015 Digital Citizenship and Cyber Safety Training, Davis Drive and Mills Park Middle School
- 2014-16 iPad Implementation, Davis Drive and Mills Park Middle School
- 2014 Authentic Learning Workshops and Staff Development, Davis Drive Middle School
- 2015 Flipping Your Classroom, Davis Drive Middle School
- 2015 Social Media Tools to Engage Students, Davis Drive Middle School
- 2015 Assessment Tools with BYOD, Davis Drive Middle School
- 2015-present Google Certified Educator- Teacher Workshops
- 2016 Tech Boot Camp: Teachers, Students, Parents
- 2017 Teacher iPad Cohort
- 2017 Student Device 3 to 1 Roll-Out
- 2018 Google Certified Educator, Davis Drive and Mills Park Middle School
- 2018 Creating Digital Templates for Graphic Organizers, Davis Drive Middle School
- 2018 Using Video for Reflection and Feedback, Davis Drive Middle School