

# CATHARINE H. SIEMENS

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

### **Educational Technology | Curriculum and Instruction | Language Arts and Social Studies**

Excellence-driven and innovative educator with 7+ years' teaching experience and a proven track record of using technology to teach and develop curriculum for diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. Drives student success through integrated educational technology, personalized instruction, and creative methods of motivation. Collaborates effectively with all levels of staff, parents, and the community.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Fairfax County Public Schools**, Fairfax County, VA

**December 2021 – Present**

### **LANGUAGE ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, Kent Gardens Elementary School**

Teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts and Social Studies within a highly rated magnet school for French immersion

- Adapt curriculum to meet the needs of advanced, remedial, and ESOL students in blended environments
- Address educational gaps through individual reading assessments, small group learning, and after school tutorials
- Collaborate with a team to design rigorous units that challenge students and embrace the diversity at our school

**Frisco Independent School District**, Frisco, TX

**June 2018 – December 2021**

### **SIXTH GRADE CURRICULUM WRITER**, June 2019, June 2020, November 2020, February 2021, June 2021

Worked collaboratively with a corps of professionals to develop new Language Arts curriculum for Frisco ISD based on analysis of the new Texas state standards, virtual learning needs, and multicultural perspectives

### **INTEGRATED LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER, Pioneer Heritage Middle School**, August 2018 – December 2021

Teach 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students Language Arts skills within thematic units, both virtually and in-person

- Designed rigorous lesson plans to meet individual student needs; strong focus on integration of technology
- Served as Team Leader to propose and advise campus policies, conduct team meetings, initiate solutions to problems, and coordinate field trips
- Served in various roles on campus, including New Teacher Mentor, Academic Pentathlon Coach, club sponsor, Pre-AP Teacher, Inclusion Co-Teacher, Reading Intervention Teacher, and member of various committees

**Metro Christian Academy**, Tulsa, OK

**August 2015 – May 2018**

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER**

Taught and developed curriculum for 6<sup>th</sup> grade English, 7<sup>th</sup> grade English and Literature, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade American Studies

**William Penn Elementary School**, Tulsa, OK

**August 2014 – May 2015**

### **FOURTH GRADE TEACHER**

Taught a self-contained class that met a diversity of student needs

## TECHNOLOGIES & METHODOLOGIES

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**Technologies:** Canvas, Schoology, Google Suite, Mastery Connect, ePortfolios, Podcasts, NewsELA, WeVideo, Read 180

**Methodologies:** Project-Based Learning, Blended Learning, Choiceboards, Universal Design for Learning, Simulations, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, Cooperative Learning, Backward Design, Socratic Seminars

## EDUCATION

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**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI

**Graduation: May 2021**

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

- Graduate Certificates Earned: Online Teaching and Learning, Educational Technology

**Texas A&M University**, College Station, TX

**Graduation: May 2014**

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, Middle Grades 4-8 Language Arts / Social Studies**

- Graduation Honors: Cum Laude, Dean's Honor Roll
- Field Experience: **Cobb Middle School**, Frisco, TX, **STUDENT TEACHER**