



# THERESA L GARCIA

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Creates innovative activities that measurably improved student literacy levels. Identified students needing extra help as well as those ahead of the curve and developed individualized plans to better meet their needs.

## SKILLS

- Collaborative learning
- Differentiated instruction
- Individual and small group instruction
- Lesson planning
- Behavior management
- Classroom management
- Curriculum adaptation and modification
- Academic research
- Curriculum development
- Mentoring
- Flipped classroom teaching
- Student assessments

## EXPERIENCE

General Education Teacher

August 2019-present

August 2011 - July 2017

Copperas Cove Independent School District | Copperas Cove, TX

- Instructs students in 4th grade in ELAR and Social Studies.
- Tracks student's growth through data obtained through checkpoint assessments, F& P, LLI, TPRI TEMI, running records, and teacher made assessments.
- Utilizes data collected to target specific skills that are needed to meet the growth of the students' learning to meet district and state guidelines for academic achievement.
- Plans lessons that are engaging according to the scope and sequence.
- Uses researched based instruction to assist students that are struggling with all areas of academics.
- Assessed students using formative and non-formative assessments.
- Created lessons that were hands on and meaningful to meet the needs of all learners.

- Manages a classroom from 18-22 students using CHAMPS and other researched based methods to enhance student discipline.
- Attends ongoing workshops in the areas that will assist student growth in the classroom.
- Plans and collaborates with other staff members to help focus on areas of academic achievement needs.

ESL Interventionist

August 2017-May 2019

Copperas Cove ISD | Copperas Cove, Texas

- Administered language test to place students in the ESL program.
- Pulled students in small groups to address their reading, writing, speaking, and listening needs of students.
- Provided student centered instruction through LLI to students while assessing their progress
- Facilitated Foundations to students and assesses their progress and adjusts their learning.
- Communicated with the parents to assist with the educational decisions of their the ESL students
- Collaborated with the general education to teacher to develop accommodations to support the student in the general education classroom.
- Collaborated with the testing coordinator to prepare staff for TELPAS and prepare students for TELPAS.

General Education Teacher

August 2011 - July 2017

Copperas Cove Independent School District | Copperas Cove, TX

- Served on the District's Site Base decision-making team for 2013/2014 through 2014/2015.
- Recognized as a Teacher Mentor for student teachers from Texas A&M University and Tarleton State University 2015,2014, 2013.
- instructed students in 4th grade in ELAR and Social Studies.
- Instructed students in science, math, social studies, and ELAR while teaching 2nd and 3rd grade.
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- Planned lessons that are engaging according to the scope and sequence.
- Used researched based instruction to assist students that are struggling with all areas of academics.
- Assessed students using formative and non-formative assessments.
- Created lessons that were hands on and meaningful to meet the needs of all learners.
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- Plans and collaborates with other staff members to help focus on areas of academic achievement needs.
- Helped to plan a parent night focusing on student research projects in Social Studies in May 2015.

- Club sponsor for the Environmental Club , Art Club, Spanish Club, Garden Club

Special Education Teacher

August 2005 - August 2010

Copperas Cove Independent School District | Copperas Cove, TX

- Planned curriculum and prepared lessons and other instructional materials to meet individual need of students, considering state and school requirements, physical, emotional, and educational levels of development.
- Conferred with parents, administrators, testing specialists, others to develop individual educational program for student.
- Created learning materials geared to each student's ability and interest.
- Instructed students, uses special educational strategies and techniques, to improve sensory-motor and perceptual-motor development, perception, memory, language, cognition, and social and emotional development.
- Worked with students to increase motivation, provide consistent reinforcement to learning, continuous assessment of level of functioning, and continuous feedback to student for all learning activities.
- Wrote and implemented Behavior Intervention Plans.
- Sent out communications to parents, teachers, and administrators for ARD meetings.
- Conducted ARD meetings for special education students.
- Worked as an inclusion/co-teacher for students in grades from K-5th grade, knowledgeable of TEKS for K-5th grade, able to implement TEKS at all elementary grade levels.
- Communicated daily with general education teachers regarding students' behavior, and educational needs.
- Trained in Project Read, Equals, Kurzwell, CPI, mimio board.
- Supervised two special education teachers, assigned caseloads to special education staff, attended meetings and communicated back to special education staff district guidelines, trained new staff on writing IEP's, trained staff in using ESPED.
- Managed master schedule for special education students enrolled, ensured that we complied according to their IEP's.

EDUCATION

Master of Education

January 2012

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

Curriculum and Instruction, Triple Literacy,

Kappa Delta Pi

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Bachelor of Science

January 2003

Coker College, Hartsville, South Carolina

Dean's List fall 2001, spring 2002, fall 2002, spring 2003