

# SARAH HARRISON



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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am a passionate teacher with experience developing and implementing diverse curriculums covering a wide range of subjects. Highly skilled at motivating students through positive encouragement and reinforcement of concepts via interactive classroom instruction and observation. Successful in helping students develop strong problem solving skills as well as social and learning skills.

Dedicated to nurturing young talent in educational setting while bringing understanding of art history and techniques to life.

**I believe in the transformative power of the creative process.**

**Art fosters the human potential of problem solving while bringing ideas to life. -sarahbluesky**

## SKILLS

- Parent-teacher communication
- Critical thinking promotion
- Collaborative teaching
- Educational research
- Diverse learners support
- Data-driven instruction
- Project-based learning
- Special education
- Social-emotional learning
- Critical thinking
- Classroom management
- Relationship building
- Positive role model and mentor

## EDUCATION

**University Nevada Reno**

Reno, NV • 05/2014

**Master of Science:** Education

- Dean's List
- Relevant Coursework: Visual Arts & Art History

## WORK HISTORY

**Washoe County School District - Certified Teacher**

*Reno • 08/2021 - Current*

- Encouraged students to think critically and develop problem-solving skills.
- Implemented data-driven instructional practices to target areas of weakness, resulting in increased student achievement across all subject areas.
- Provided constructive feedback on student work, leading to significant improvements in their academic performance.
- Designed engaging hands-on activities that encouraged problem-solving skills and critical thinking among students.
- Assessed student progress regularly using a variety of formative assessment tools, adjusting instruction accordingly to meet individual needs.
- Coordinated extracurricular travel opportunities, fostering a sense of community within the school setting while encouraging personal growth among participants.
- Collaborated with colleagues to develop interdisciplinary lesson plans, enhancing student understanding of interconnected subjects.
- Managed classroom behavior effectively by establishing clear expectations and implementing consistent consequences when necessary, creating a positive learning environment for all students.

**Tahoe Expedition Academy - Music Teacher**

*Kings Beach, CA • 08/2011 - 06/2012*

- Organized successful concerts and recitals, showcasing students' talents and hard work.
- Familiarized students with basic concepts of music such as notes, tempo, symphony, beats, compositions, and chords.
- Incorporated creative activities into lessons to engage students and

spark interest in music.

- Enhanced students' understanding of music theory through engaging activities and exercises.
- Fostered creativity by encouraging improvisation, composition, and arrangement within the classroom setting.

**T Pot Pottery - Ceramics Teacher**

*Truckee, CA • 10/2008 - 07/2011*

Handbuilding and Wheel throwing instruction.

Kids and adult classes.

Kiln loading, unloading and firing.

**Tahoe Truckee Unified School District - Substitute Teacher, K-12**

*Tahoe City, CA • 08/2009 - 06/2011*

- Followed classroom plans left by class teacher to continue student education and reinforce core concepts.
- Repeatedly requested as substitute teacher by teachers based on excellent past referrals and trusted performance.
- Kept students on-task with proactive behavior modification and positive reinforcement strategies.
- Managed classroom behavior effectively, implementing clear expectations and consistent consequences for all students.
- Took over class for regular classroom teacher, managing assignments, student needs, and recordkeeping.