

Darlene Thiele

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*Licensed teacher with Master's Degree, 40 years' experience educating children to adults
Individualized instruction based on current brain research and differentiated learning styles*

Professional Experience

Director and Teacher SPARK Hybrid Education Center LLC Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies ages 10-14	Sept. 2015 to present Naples, Florida
Teacher Naples Preschool of the Arts Science ages 3-5	June 2014 – 2016 Naples, Florida
Tutor Thiele Tutoring <i>for Lifelong Learning</i> Math, Science, Language Arts, GED, ESL ages 4 to adult	Sept. 2013 to 2020 SW Florida
Teacher Naples Homeschool Initiative and homeschool families Math, Science, Writing ages 6-11	Nov. 2013 – June 2015 Naples, Florida
Teacher St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Middle School Math, Language Arts, and Drama	Aug. 2004 – June 2013 Hastings, Minnesota
Teacher St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School 5 th Grade Classroom Teacher, Lead Science Teacher	Aug. 1987 – June 1989 Hastings, Minnesota
Teacher St. Joseph School 3 rd Grade Classroom Teacher	Aug. 1983 – May 1987 Prescott, Wisconsin

Education

Master of Arts: Literature and the Arts Hamline University Thesis: <i>Socrates Goes to High School: Using the Socratic Method in Secondary Education</i>	St. Paul, Minnesota
Bachelor of Science: Elementary Education University of Wisconsin	River Falls, Wisconsin

Teaching Licenses and Certifications

State of Florida Department of Education Elementary Education Grades K-6
State of Florida Department of Education Math Grades 5-9
State of Florida Department of Education English Grades 5-9
State of Florida Department of Education General Science Grades 5-9
State of Florida Department of Education Exceptional Student Education K-12

Leadership Roles and Volunteer Work

Florida Writers Association for Youth (FWAY) Writing Club Mentor

Help middle school students in SW Florida submit work to writing contests and get published

Odyssey of the Mind Judge

Judge in the Odyssey of the Mind for the Sun Region in Fort Myers, Florida

Math Teacher and Coordinator

Started math tutoring program for 6th-8th grade students at Urban Ventures in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a program for at-risk, inner-city youth

Enrichment Teacher and Coordinator for the Gifted

Spearheaded after school enrichment program in Hastings, Minnesota, for gifted and motivated students using *MayaQuest* and *AmericaQuest*, an interactive Internet program

Summer School Teacher

Taught PreK-5 on the Oneida Native American Reservation in Oneida, Wisconsin

Lead Language Arts Teacher

Wrote letters of recommendations for students to gain entry into High School Honors Programs

Drama Teacher

Responsible for annual 8th grade play performed for the public

Math and Language Arts Curriculum Development Committee Member

Updated Math and LA curriculum to exceed state standards; identified gifted math students for grade level advancement

Testing Coordinator

Standardized Testing Coordinator for Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) for Grades K-8

Other

Girl Scout leader, high school mime troupe director, lifeguard and camp counselor, retreat organizer, speaker, and small group leader

Exceptional Students

I have worked with students diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia, and Asperger's Syndrome as well as students identified as gifted. They have been some of my best teachers in learning how the brain works and how to differentiate instruction to best meet different learning styles.