

Matthew Thornton

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Authorized to work in the US for any employer

WORK EXPERIENCE

Physical Education Teacher Grades

Merrill Middle School - 2015 - 2016

6-8. Developed individuals who have knowledge, skills and confidence to enjoy a lifetime of physical activity. (2015-2016)

- Supported student competency in motor skills and movement patterns including sport related concepts, strategies, principles and tactics as they apply to physical activities, sports and games.
- Supported student growth in responsible personal and social behaviors that respect self and others.
- Implemented the FITT principle by developing muscular endurance, strength, and cardiovascular health.

Special Education/Physical Education Teacher

Merrill Middle School - Denver, CO - 2012 - 2016

Special Education Teacher/Case Manager

Merrill Middle School - 2012 - 2015

ISA) Member, implementing a variety of strategies and accommodations for students with special needs. Mild/Moderate Special Needs Teacher, Math and Language Arts. Establish, communicate and implement clear objectives for lessons to students, while encouraging and counseling students to support achievement. (2012-2015)

- Provided inclusion support and co-taught large concepts, in addition to small group and individualized instruction.
- Teacher Leader involved in new teacher observation and feedback, hiring, teacher scheduling, and department budgeting.
- Utilized student data to plan, adjust and differentiate instruction for a variety of academic and behavioral supports.
- Developed Individualized Education Plans (IEP's), and administered and interpreted individualized assessments.
- Collaborated with teachers to implement a variety of instructional/behavioral support strategies.
- Performed Inclusion Support Progress monitoring, differentiated instruction and data analysis.
- ELA-E (English Language Acquisition) certified

Flag Football Coach Coached team to attend the district playoffs as one of four final teams.

Basketball Coach High rate of success incorporating skills, strategy and fun for students grades 6-8.

Baseball Coach Coached Championship Team to 2nd Place, out of 26 district middle schools.

Therapist/Teacher, In-Home Therapy Program

ABA - Amherst, MA - 2011-01 - 2012-06

Implemented educational and behavioral assessments, recorded data and interpreted results in order to evaluate appropriate interventions and strategies to reduce unwanted behaviors and facilitate positive outcomes.

- Implemented ABA principles, procedures and concepts related to Autism with a severely autistic student.

- Managed day to day living skills and educational goals while effectively managing challenging behaviors.
- Conducted direct instruction, skill assessments, behavior assessments, speech and language therapies, sensory-motor skill therapy, PECS, Biological interventions, tone therapy and several others.
- Worked with the family and outside professionals/agencies to implement an intensive in-home therapy program.

Student Teacher

Graduate School Practicum Thornton High School - Thornton, CO - 2010-08 - 2010-12

Managed teaching assistants, coordinated their schedules and activities, and met with them to set expectations.

- Assumed full classroom responsibilities for lesson plans and teach language arts and math to special needs students.
- Wrote student IEP's, and adhered to IEP goals and benchmarks, while meeting Colorado state standards.
- Implemented the use of technology and manipulatives to help a unique student population be successful.
- Co-taught ACE-WES school-to-work program to help students learn soft job skills, community safety and life skills.
- Developed, analyzed and implemented IEP's, FBA's and BIP's.

Special Education Teacher Arapahoe House

General Education - Thornton, CO - 2008-08 - 2010-02

Developed lesson plans and taught all subject matter, including math, language arts, physical education, social studies, science, and effective education at the Adolescent Treatment Facility for Juvenile Offenders.

- Developed, interpreted and implemented IEP's, as well as facilitated IEP meetings;
- Milieu counselor for at-risk juvenile offenders.

Teacher/Team Leader Primrose School

Highlands Ranch, CO - 2005-08 - 2006-07

Oversaw multiple classrooms and teachers to ensure adherence to state academic and safety standards.

- Designed and administered daily/year long lesson plans to encompass a balanced academic learning environment
- Implemented Mr. Matt's Dream Team Challenge and other activities to build confidence and love of learning.

Case Manager I and II Rocky Mountain Offender Management

RMOMS - Golden, CO - 2003-08 - 2004-08

Case Manager II-Global Position Systems (GPS) Monitoring for Criminal Offenders

- Colorado state expert for GPS monitoring, triangulating equipment and troubleshooting as needed.
- Adhered to, interpreted and enforced legal compliance within a heavily regulated industry.
- Represented RMOMS in the Colorado state judicial system and testified in court as needed.

Case Manager I- Electronic In-Home Detention Specialist

- Tracked criminal offenders and took appropriate action to maintain public safety.
- Prepared schedules and program to monitor 500+ substance abuse clients in a multi location environment.
- Coordinated with District Attorneys, police and law enforcement agencies, and state probation departments.

Physical Education Teacher

Seven Oaks Academy - Longmont, CO - 2001-02 - 2003-08

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts - Amherst, MA

Master's in Special Education

University of Northern Colorado - Greeley, CO

Bachelor of Science in Health and Exercise Sciences/Physical Education

Colorado State University - Fort Collins, CO

CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES

Special Education Teaching License-Colorado

Physical Education Teaching License-Colorado

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Educator - Case Manager - Counselor

Successful and highly motivated professional educator with over 10 years of teaching experience and teacher oversight. Master's Degree in Special Education with Special Ed. Generalist and K-12 Physical Education licenses through the State of Colorado. Consistent and proven track record with developing, interpreting and implementing IEP's, BIP's and FBA's. Excellent rapport with students, strong classroom management and ability to meet the educational and behavioral needs for students with various needs, abilities and learning styles through tiered learning and differentiated instruction. Noted achievement in leadership roles, team building and interpersonal skills.