

RAYMOND EDWARDS, JR.

SUMMARY

- Dedicated and passionate educator who desires to provide students with a high quality, engaging, and achievement-focused education
- Effective in applying pedagogical strategies and statistical analysis to increase student achievement
- Experience in developing laudable character traits and academic skills in children

EDUCATION

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA

Master of Arts in Teaching, December 2012 (3.64 GPA)

Successfully completed the Performance Assessment for California Teachers (PACT)

Morehouse College

Atlanta, GA

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, May 2008

Concentration: Education

TEACHING CREDENTIALS

Early Childhood Education (P – 5)

Middle Grades Mathematics (4 – 8)

Gifted and Talented Endorsement

EXPERIENCE

The B.E.S.T. Academy 6 – 12

Atlanta, GA

7th Grade Math Teacher

Present

- Increased 7th grade performance on 2017 Mathematics Georgia Milestones assessment by more than 10 percentage points
- Created and implemented a financial literacy program for high achieving students
- Led a team of middle school students to earning 2nd Place in the 2018 Atlanta Public Schools Middle School Math Competition

DeKalb Preparatory Academy

Decatur, GA

4th Grade Lead Teacher/6th and 7th Grade Math Teacher/Math Department Chair

July 2013 – November 2015

- Developed differentiated, standard-based math lessons for 70+ middle school students
- Helped 85% of middle school students achieve at a developing level or higher on the 2015 Mathematics Georgia Milestones assessment
- Member of school's leadership team:
 - Created the initial phase of the school numeracy plan
 - Constructed the middle school model and schedule
 - Brainstormed and implemented school improvement policies
- Mentor teacher to Georgia TAPP participants and first-year teachers

Atlanta Preparatory Academy

Atlanta, GA

Fourth and Fifth Grade Lead Teacher/Title I Math Teacher

January 2010 – June 2013

- Improved academic performance of third through fifth grade students that were performing below grade level in mathematics
- Used weekly and quarterly assessment data to target and differentiate instruction
- 100% of students were proficient in Reading and 96% were proficient in Math and ELA on 2013 CRCT
- Trained co-workers in accessing and utilizing educational resources
- Mentored male students in character development and academic excellence

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 7th Grade Chair, *B.E.S.T. Academy at Benjamin S. Carson*
- Math Department Chair, *DeKalb Preparatory Academy*
- Youth and Family Ministry Leader; Associate Minister, *The Path Church* (Atlanta, GA)
- School Leadership Team, *DeKalb Preparatory Academy* (Decatur, GA)
- Small Group Leader, *Souled Out Campus Ministries* (Atlanta, GA)
- Founding Member/Counselor, *The Writer's Block Ink*: youth program geared toward allowing students to express their views on social issues through visual and performing arts (New London, CT)

ENTREPRENEURIAL EXPERIENCE

Wyzant Tutorial Services

Atlanta, GA

Tutor

2014 - 2016

- In-home tutorial service in reading, mathematics, and science
- Worked with students from grades 3 – 7
- Averaged 4.9 out of 5 star rating

Summer Math Enrichment Program

Atlanta, GA

Founder and Lead Instructor

2011 – 2014

- Geared toward enriching critical thinking skills and practical application of mathematics
- Designed to sharpen the higher order level thinking abilities of gifted and high achieving students
- Afforded inner city and low-income students the opportunity to interact with professionals who are using mathematics in their careers
- Allowed students to identify the use of mathematics while traveling to various locations in the city of Atlanta

I – 180 Youth Ministry

Atlanta, GA

Lead Teen Worker

2010 – 2016

- Not-for-profit teen outreach program founded in conjunction with The Path Church
- Focused on character and moral development of inner-city teenagers
- Advised teenage boys and girls on college and career endeavors
- Taught and imbued leadership qualities in teenage boys

REFERENCES

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