

LAURA TULLY

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Professional Qualifications

- ✦ Elementary School Educator with 7 years professional experience
- ✦ Strong background in *early childhood education, ESL, at-risk populations* and *technology integration*
- ✦ Successful classroom management skills which promote individual responsibility and positive reinforcement
- ✦ A warm and caring educator who wants all students to be successful learners

Teaching Experience

Kindergarten Teacher • Decker Elementary • Austin, TX (2000 to present)

- Integrated multiple subjects that provide students with hands-on projects, technology, learning stations and music which create an atmosphere of learning and fun
- Designed a host of multimedia presentations to enrich student learning experiences for an at risk population
- Actively attended over 40 hours of kindergarten-specific conferences and workshops and presented learned material to district teachers
- Selected as a teacher for the *Reading First Grant*, a national initiative to help every child to become a successful reader

Third Grade Teacher • Decker Elementary • Austin, TX (1999-2000)

- Instructed science and math to 50 third grade students in three rotating classes
- Designed lessons and activities to encourage individual, group and whole class instruction
- Coordinated school-wide Math-a-Thon fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Research hospital teaching students social and civic responsibility

Third Grade Teacher-Bilingual • Elvira Elementary • Tucson, AZ (1998-1999)

- Instructed 33 bilingual students in all academic areas with ESL emphasis
- Assisted with school's *National Blue Ribbon of Excellence* accreditation progress which recognizes schools that improve student performance in accordance with state assessment systems

Second Grade Student Teacher • Ironwood Elementary • Tucson, AZ (Spring 1998)

- Instructed 25 second grade students in all academic areas
- Designed an across-the-curriculum thematic unit on the desert providing hands on experiences such as constructing life size cacti, and field research of desert animals at local Desert Museum

Professional Experience/Field Experience

Afternoon Teacher (Ages 3-6) • Montessori Schools of Flagstaff • Flagstaff, AZ (1996-1997)

Flagstaff Professional Partnership Program: (Six week rotation in each grade level)

First Grade, Fifth Grade	Christensen Elementary	Flagstaff, AZ
Fifth/Sixth Grade, Third Grade	Thomas Elementary	Flagstaff, AZ

Certification

- ✦ North Carolina Elementary Education License (Birth-K; K-6)

- ✦ Texas Elementary Self-Contained (PreK-8)
Endorsements: English as a Second Language, Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Education-Handicapped
Licenses: Technology Applications, Gifted and Talented
- ✦ Arizona Standard Elementary (K-8)

Education

Northern Arizona University
B.S. Elementary Education

Magna Cum Laude, 1998
 Concentration: Spanish, ESL

California State University, Bakersfield Spring 2001
Coursework towards M.Ed. in Educational Technology

Professional Development

Energetically embrace opportunities for further education. Have attended numerous training courses, workshops and conferences including: *NECC* (National Educational Computing Conference), *Conference for Texas Kindergarten Teachers*, *Building Blocks*, *CHAMPS-Classroom Management*, *Project E-Teach* and *Reading First*.

Committees

- Chair, 1999-Present Decker Social Committee
- Technology Representative, 2000-Present, Kindergarten Team
- Member, 2001-Present District Curriculum Alignment Committee
- Member, 2001-2003 Decker Local Support Team
- Member, 1999-2001 Decker Campus Advisory Team
- Co-Chair, 2000 District Science Textbook Review

Grants/Awards

- Recipient of \$8,000 grant from *Manor Technology Team* to purchase educational software for grades PreK-5
- Recipient of scholarship from *Project E-Teach* for effective technology integration strategies

Computer Skills

Windows XP, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook) Internet, E-Mail, JumpStart Applications, Waterford Early Learning Software, EdMark Applications, Electronic Books

Excellent references and letters of recommendation available