# Joe Duran

**Teacher** 

Passionate Elementary Teacher in both rural and urban settings. Proven history of creating engaged classroom environments supporting diverse educational styles. Versatile student-oriented approach consistently supporting optimum performance and advancement.

#### **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

## **Dual Immersion Elementary School Teacher**

Imagine Schools - Coachella, CA

August 2021 - Present

- Established open communication and positive relationships with students, parents, peers, and administrative staff.
- Designed and presented lesson plans in one or more academic subjects using a variety of teaching techniques to appeal to various learning styles within an assigned grade level.
- Created lesson plans to correlate with state curriculum standards and devised educational programs to meet educational objectives.
- Provided a warm, supportive environment for developing academic, social, and emotional growth.
- Prepared and administered grade-specific tests and examinations regulated by the school district to monitor students' growth and to report progress to parents.
- Tutored and provided small group instruction to students with urgent intervention needs in both math and ELA

#### 4th Grade Student Teacher

Desert Sands Unified School District - Indio, CA

January 2021 - April 2021

- Worked with the classroom teacher to learn about current standards and best practices
- Cultivated positive relationships with administration, teaching staff, and students.
- Delivered personalized educational, behavioral and emotional support to individual students to enable positive learning outcomes.
- Developed lesson plans that incorporated mandated topics and included immersive activities for student engagement.
- Observed and participated in special learning opportunities to expand horizons and learn different approaches.

## Substitute Teacher, K-5

Centralia School District - Anaheim, CA

June 2019 - March 2020

- Followed classroom plans left by the class teacher to continue student education and reinforce core concepts.
- Upheld classroom routines to support student environments and maintain consistent schedules.

- Organized and cleaned teaching areas after daily use to maintain high standards for returning teachers or other substitutes.
- Took over the class for the regular classroom teacher, managing assignments, student needs, and recordkeeping.

#### **Teacher Assistant**

Olive Crest Academy - Orange, CA

January 2018 - August 2019

- Worked with teachers to design lesson plans and coordinate activities for classes, consistently noting successful ideas and identifying areas for improvement.
- Provided one-on-one and group-based learning support to maintain student progress and development.
- Kept students on-task with proactive behavior modification and positive reinforcement strategies.
- Performed staff monitoring duties such as overseeing recess, lunch, and daily student intake and dismissal.
- Kept records of student progress for teachers and parents and made notes on details such as behavior, grades, comprehension, and personal growth.

# **EDUCATION**

## Western Governors University - Salt Lake City, UT

Master of Science: Curriculum And Instruction

June 2022

## Western Governors University - Salt Lake City, UT

Bachelor of Arts: Elementary Education

July 2021

#### ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Bilingual in Spanish and English
- Web and tech-savvy, require little to no training
- State Standards Adherence
- Positive Reinforcement Strategies