

MICHAEL KNIGHT

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| PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Highly qualified Science Teacher with 26 years of experience teaching middle school science. Generates student enthusiasm for learning through individual connections and motivators. Empowers students through interactive learning, offering fun and educational lessons, while maintaining high expectations.

| WORK HISTORY

Schoenbar Middle School, Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District - Middle School Science Teacher

Ketchikan, AK • 08/1997 - Current

- Prepared lesson plans based on state and district standards with clear objectives to guide student learning.
- Implemented challenging, high-interest labs and activities, directly connected to learning objectives, that demonstrate scientific principles.
- Used technology and online resources to enhance instruction and improve student learning.
- Collaborated with specialists to meet needs of special education, RTI, and ESL students requiring extra support.
- Provided student academic support outside class time to improve learning and performance.
- Demonstrated positive and effective classroom management skills.
- Communicated with students and parents regarding academic progress, assignments and behavior.

| SKILLS

- Student records management using PowerSchool
- Canvas LMS
- Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides
- Incorporating online resources to enhance instruction
- SMART Board operation
- Student engagement
- Group and individual instruction
- Classroom management
- Organizational ability

| EDUCATION

Western Governors University

Salt Lake City, UT

No Degree: M.A. in Science Education (Middle Grades)

- Completed 9 credits in master's program

University of Alaska Southeast

Juneau, AK

No Degree: Continuing Education

Alaska Pacific University

Anchorage, AK

No Degree: Continuing Education

Gonzaga University

Spokane, WA • 05/1995

Teacher Certification: K-8 Education

- Maintained a 4.00 GPA

Ketchikan Regional Youth Facility, Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District - Summer School Teacher

Ketchikan, AK • 06/2012 - 08/2016

- Sole teacher in the Ketchikan Regional Youth Facility (the local youth detention center).
- Taught all academic subjects and some electives to high school and middle school students using the alternative high school's curriculum.
- Coordinated with the administration at each student's school across the state and with the principal at our alternative high school to enroll students in courses that met their academic needs.
- Maintained student records of course completion and credit earned.

Valley Park Elementary, Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District - 5th/6th Grade Teacher

Ketchikan, AK • 08/1995 - 06/1997

- Planned daily schedule, units, and lessons as part of a four-teacher team.
- Taught all 6th grade science classes and upper-level 6th grade math classes, as well as reading, language arts, and geography.
- Started our districts participation in the National Geographic Bee, and with a principal from another school began an interschool competition.

Regal Elementary, Spokane Public Schools - Student Teacher

Spokane, WA • 02/1995 - 05/1995

- Completed student teaching in a 5th grade classroom in a Title I school.
- Implemented a new reading program to improve comprehension after receiving training from a district reading specialist.
- Developed high-interest, hands on lessons for science and social studies to increase student interest and relevancy.

Washington State University

Pullman, WA • 05/1987

Bachelor of Arts: Business Administration

- Graduated with major GPA of 3.19

| CERTIFICATIONS

Currently hold a teacher certificate in Alaska with the following endorsements:

- Elementary Education GR K-8
- Business/Communication GR 4-12
- Science
- Biology GR 4-12

| ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Served on the district science curriculum committee during every adoption cycle while at Schoenbar Middle School.
- Served on the Ketchikan Education Association negotiating team for two rounds of contract negotiations. Worked with the district negotiating team to establish a fair contract for both parties.
- Organized with science department and led 44 yearly 8th grade survival and 7th grade camping trips for Schoenbar Middle School students.
- Organized the Schoenbar Middle School science fair for nine years.
- Introduced indoor soccer and ultimate frisbee as part of extended learning classes.
- Schoenbar Middle School girls' soccer head coach for three seasons.
- Schoenbar Middle School cross country assistant coach for four seasons.
- Class webpage:
<https://portaportal.com/smsknight>