

SAMUEL SPELSBERG

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Certified Elementary Educator | Responsive Instruction | Project-Based Learning | Teacher Training

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Certified elementary educator with 21 years of teaching and educator experience across public, charter, private, early childhood, and upper-elementary settings. Experienced with a wide range of learners, including multiage classrooms, at-risk students, advanced inquiry-driven learners, students with learning gaps, young children, and students who need stronger routines, confidence, or a clearer entry point into the work. Strong background in responsive instruction, project-based learning, student agency, classroom culture, curriculum coordination, and teacher training.

CORE STRENGTHS

- Elementary instruction: P-5 certified
- Upper-elementary classroom instruction
- Broad experience with varied learners and age groups
- Responsive planning from student data and observation
- Project-based and inquiry-based learning
- Classroom culture and positive routines
- HighScope-informed adult-child interaction
- Teacher training and curriculum coordination
- Family communication and student support planning

TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

4/5 Multiage Teacher | High Meadows School / *Roswell, GA* | 2024-2025

- Designed inquiry-based, interdisciplinary learning experiences that supported student agency, reflection, and authentic application.
- Used flexible learning spaces, discussion routines, and student-centered structures to help students take ownership of learning.
- Supported multiage learners through project work connected to Exhibition, Model UN, and action-oriented units aligned with inquiry and IB PYP principles.

4th Grade Teacher | Cherokee Charter Academy / *Canton, GA* | 2022-2024

- Developed and delivered integrated, project-based lessons across subject areas using provided curriculum and state standards.
- Used i-Ready reading and math data to plan small-group instruction, monitor progress, and adjust support for students with varied needs.
- Maintained a positive classroom environment through clear routines, responsive support, and student-centered learning structures for a range of learners.

Elementary Substitute Teacher | Cherokee County School District / *Cherokee County, GA* | 2021-2022

- Served across multiple elementary schools, including Avery, Ball Ground, Hasty, Holly Springs, Knox, Liberty, R.M. Moore, and Woodstock.
- Adapted quickly to varied classroom routines, student needs, school cultures, grade-level expectations, and unexpected classroom situations.

Teacher Trainer and Curriculum Coordinator; Kindergarten, PreK, Preschool, and Infant/Toddler Teacher | Rollins Child Development Center / *Cartersville, GA* | 2012-2022

- Designed and delivered staff training on developmentally appropriate practice, early brain and literacy development, and attachment-based routines.
- Mentored educators across infant, PreK, and kindergarten classrooms to strengthen active learning, individualized instruction, and family engagement.
- Modeled emotionally responsive classroom practices, safe routines, developmental observation, and continuous improvement through feedback.

ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY EXPERIENCE

2nd Grade Teacher | Kennesaw Elementary School / Kennesaw, GA | 2007-2011

- Used guided reading groups, centers, and differentiated classroom instruction to support students with varied learning needs.
- Built classroom routines and writing instruction that helped students develop organized multi-paragraph writing.

5th Grade Teacher / Team Leader | Lake Como Elementary School / Orlando, FL | 2005-2007

- Taught at-risk students while supporting classroom culture, self-control, parent communication, and academic progress.
- Selected to serve as 5th grade team leader and collaborate with colleagues on grade-level planning and student support.

K-5 Science Lab Teacher | English Estates Elementary School / Fern Park, FL | 2003-2005

- Developed grade-specific science experiences for K-5 students and coordinated hands-on experiments for classroom teachers.
- Organized and hosted a successful schoolwide science event.

4th Grade Teacher | Hope Charter School / Winter Garden, FL | 2003

- Independently designed and delivered lessons across subject areas while implementing Saxon Math curriculum.
- Managed classroom routines and adapted instruction to individual student needs.

CERTIFICATIONS

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| - Georgia Standard Professional Certificate, Level 5 | - Middle Grades Social Science 4-8 |
| - Certificate valid 7/1/22-6/30/27 | - HighScope Foundation: Infant/Toddler Trainer |
| - Elementary Education P-5 | - HighScope Foundation: Infant/Toddler Teacher |
| - Middle Grades Language Arts 4-8 | - HighScope Foundation: Preschool/PreK Teacher |
| - Middle Grades Math 4-8 | |

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Elementary Education | University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL | May 2003

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies | University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL | December 2000

Concentrations/related study: Music minor, education, and humanities.

SELECTED ACTIVITIES

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| - LEGO League Coach | - Track/Cross Country Volunteer Coach |
| - Garden Club Leader | - After-school tutoring |

APPLICATION POSITIONING

Best aligned roles: elementary classroom teacher, project-based or inquiry-based learning teacher, curriculum support, teacher-training roles, tutoring, and school settings where standards, student dignity, and responsive practice can work together.