

# Jessica O’Gorman

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***Dedicated, experienced, resourceful school leader with proven ability to: ensure a school culture that promotes continuous growth for both students and teachers, develop an environment that encourages open communication with colleagues, staff, parents, students, and community stakeholders, mentor educators in creation and implementation of class instruction, lesson plans, and student assessment in conjunction with state and national standards, and utilize technology as a tool for the promotion of learning and communication. Detailed educational knowledge and core skills include:***

## **Education**

Masters of Arts in Educational Development and Strategies, Wilkes University Wilkes-Barre, PA (2009)- 4.0 GPA  
Bachelors of Science in Secondary English Education, Indiana University of PA Indiana, PA (1998)

## **Professional Experience**

Manheim Township Middle School (August 2007 - present)

### *Teacher*

- Designed and implemented lessons to meet the diverse needs of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Collaborated with Millersville University and the Professional Development School (PDS) to host student teachers where they will receive an enriched opportunity to gain the essential skills required to manage a classroom and the curriculum.
- Trained in the Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) model through IU13 to better enhance authentic reading and writing skills into content areas.

*Language Arts Content Specialist:* Manheim Township Middle School (August 2010- present)

- Facilitate the development and maintenance of curriculum for a department of 25 teachers at the middle school level.
- Organize and planned twice weekly department meetings
- Serve as a liaison between administration and the department, as well as the Language Arts departments at the High School and Elementary levels.

*Literacy Coach:* Manheim Township Middle School (August 2009-July 2011)

- Successfully implemented a literacy coaching program at the middle school focused on increasing the reading and writing skills of the students by incorporating more literacy into the content areas.
- Collected and analyzed data in order to better assist teachers to improve comprehension across content areas
- Initialized Learning Walks to help showcase the learning and achievement of the teachers and students in the building
- Wrote a monthly Literacy Coaching newsletter in order to share research and strategies and to highlight those teachers implementing new strategies in the classroom
- Presented a session on Literacy in a Math Classroom at the National Middle School Association national conference in Baltimore, MD.

*Team Leader:* Manheim Township Middle School (August 2009-July 2011) (March 2013- present)

- Facilitate the smooth operation of a team of 150 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and 5 teachers
- Plan and organize daily team meetings including weekly Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings
- Attend weekly Building Council meetings to make decisions for the building as a whole

*Mobile Learning Committee District Chairperson*

- Oversee a committee comprised of teacher representatives from across the district, administrators, community members, and school board members tasked with the job of researching and recommending a path for the future of technology in Manheim Township School District.
- Plan and implement a plan for professional development at the middle school focused on technology.

SciTech High School, Harrisburg, PA (July 2003-August 2007)

*Teacher*

- Designed and implemented English lessons to meet the unique needs of 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders in a unique technology-focused high school in the Harrisburg School District. This school was a 1:1 school with a focus on technology integration.
- Collaborated with Shippensburg University to host a student teacher where they would have a unique, urban experience

Horizon Community Learning Center, Phoenix, AZ (July 1998-August 2002)

*Teacher*

- Planned and implemented Language Arts lessons for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in a thematic, project-based charter school

**Associations**      Association of Middle Level Education (AMLE)  
National Association for the Teachers of English (NCTE)

**References**

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