

# MIKE ALBERTS

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## SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Dedicated, resourceful and innovative instructor; proactively facilitates educational development and behavior modification to promote lifelong learning in all students. Skilled in designing both challenging and enriching activities to address unique interests and needs of special education students. Active, adaptive team member; collaborate with all levels of staff members and establish strong bonds with students and parents. Seeking to implement and expound upon education skill sets in a positive and dynamic educational environment.

### *Expertise in:*

- Curriculum Design & Development
- Diagnostic Testing
- Cooperative Learning
- Student Motivation
- Interactive Learning
- Special Needs Assessment
- Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)
- Differentiated Learning
- Student-centered Learning
- Multicultural Awareness

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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HICKMAN MILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT – Kansas City, MO

**Special Education Teacher**, August 2006 – Present

Develop innovative curriculum to instruct individual students and small groups needing special attention in a regular classroom setting. Identify student individualism and adapt curriculum to accommodate different learning styles, maximizing student comprehension. Conduct diagnostic tests, implement individualized educational programs and evaluate outcomes of different teaching methods while ensuring IEP compliance..

### *Key Contributions:*

- Participated in lead team for two years, during which I aided in the establishment of the professional development program for other teachers, leading and facilitating group and individual trainings.
- Earned praise for assessing how each child learns most effectively and adapting teaching methods to fit unique learning styles, working closely with colleagues to plan different programs.
- Recognized the need for apt pacing and delay time to ensure all students understood the material.
- Demonstrated patience and understanding while managing behavioral challenges.
- Cultivated parent involvement through consistent written and verbal communication, frequently inviting classroom participation.

SPRING HILL USD 230 – Spring Hill, KS

**Special Education Paraprofessional**, April 2001 – May 2005

Led efforts to advocate the success of students in their coursework via one to one and group assistance with learning of assigned material as well as ongoing skill set development. Assisted teachers in ensuring students received necessary elements of their IEPs. Contributed to the creation of dynamic strategies to address the unique needs of students and served as the chief source of information to certified and substitute teachers.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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KYDS INC. – Spring Hill, KS

**Preschool & Daycare Teacher**, June 2005 – June 2006

Provided childcare to children aged 2-5, facilitating day to day activities and ensuring a safe and positive learning environment. Created lessons plans geared toward the development of motor and cognitive abilities and consulted with parents to ensure continued and consistent progression. Established and implemented strategies and procedures to prepare each child for the challenges in next step in their education.

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## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

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**Master's Degree**, Special Education  
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI KANSAS CITY, Kansas City, MO

**Bachelor's Degree**, History  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, Ames, IA

**Associate's Degree**  
DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Ankeny, IA

- *K-12 Teaching Certification in Missouri* -  
- *K-12 Teaching Certification in Kansas* -

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Founding member of Hillside Community Church –
  - Member, Order of Arrow, Boy Scouts of America –
    - Adult Leader, Boy Scouts of America –
  - Staff Member, Boy Scouts of America Camp Mitigwa, 1990-2000 –
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## TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

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Proficient in Microsoft Windows Operating System