

Rebekah Laurenzi

2018 TAEA Elementary Art Teacher of the Year

Experience

2019 – present

Virtual English Tutor • VIPKid

- Used online platform to provide English language instruction to students living in China
- Administered assessments and provided feedback to students and parents

2013–2019

Visual Art Teacher • Farmington Elementary • Germantown Municipal Schools

- Delivered art instruction to students with a range of socioeconomic backgrounds, special education needs, cultural backgrounds, and primary languages
- Instructed students in a variety of media, including drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking, and sculpture
- Supported core subjects through STEAM lessons (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math)
- Utilized Promethean smart board technology to enhance student engagement
- Created online student portfolios via Artsonia to promote student achievement and raise funds for art program
- Coordinated annual Fine Arts Night that showcased artwork by every student

2008–2013

Visual Art Teacher • Coro Lake Elementary • Shelby County Schools

Education

2011

Master of Arts in Education (MAT) • Instruction and Curriculum Leadership • University of Memphis

2007

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) • Suma Cum Laude • University of Memphis



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[Teaching Portfolio](#)



[Article: "Toppling Towers" p32](#)



[Interview: GMSD Spotlight on Excellence](#)





Awards

2018

Tennessee Elementary Art Educator of the Year • Tennessee Art Education Association (TAEA)

2017

Teacher of the Year • Farmington Elementary

2014

Educator of the Week • WREG Memphis News

Leadership

Professional Development Coordinator

- Collaborated with a local art museum to provide professional development seminars for GMSD visual art teachers, 2016-2019
- Assisted in planning the West Tennessee Art Education Association (WTAEA) Fall 2016 Conference

Professional Development Presenter

Presented hands-on workshops for colleagues, including:

- "New Tennessee Visual Art Standards," Dixon Gallery and Gardens, 2017
- "Printmaking on a Budget," WTAEA Fall 2016 Conference
- "Using Promethean Technology to Enhance Art Lessons," Germantown District Learning Day, 2016
- "Watercolor Weavings," MCS Professional Development Day, 2013
- "Paul Revere Williams, American Architect," Art Museum of the University of Memphis, 2012

Publications

["FES Teacher Named Art Educator of the Year," Germantown Municipal School District](#)

["Toppling Towers," Arts and Activities Magazine, March 2016, p32-33](#)

["Upcycled Project Helps Students Internalize Permanence of Plastic," The Commercial Appeal, April 22, 2016](#)

["Rebekah Laurenzi of Farmington Elementary Named Tennessee Lottery Educator of the Week", WREG Memphis News](#)

Certification

Tennessee K-12 Visual Art
Colorado K-12 Visual Art

References

Available upon request

