

EMMELIN HERRERA

Art Educator and Teacher on Special Assignment – Middle School

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SUMMARY

With 17 years of experience as an educator, I've had the privilege of teaching students from Kindergarten through Secondary, each year strengthening my belief in the power of learning to transform lives. I'm passionate about creating meaningful, cross-curricular learning experiences that connect to the real world and spark joy and curiosity in every student. My mission is to empower learners to recognize their unique strengths, embrace challenges, and feel confident in their ability to shape the future. I thrive in collaboration, whether designing dynamic lessons with colleagues or building a classroom culture where creativity, engagement, and resilience flourish.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts – Curriculum and Instruction

California Fresno State University

- GPA: 4.00 (with Distinction)

May 2015

Multiple Subject Credential

California Fresno State University

May 2015

Bachelor of Arts – Liberal Studies

- California Fresno State University GPA: 3.28

May 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Art, S.T.E.A.M., and Teacher on Special Assignment

June 2024 – Present

- Fresno Unified School District, Fresno, CA: *Elizabeth Terronez Middle School*

Elementary Teacher Grade 6

August 2015 – June 2024

- Fresno Unified School District, Fresno, CA: *Herrera Elementary, Del Mar Elementary, and Homan Elementary*

Substitute Teacher Grades K-12

May 2013 – May 2015

- Fresno Unified School District and Firebaugh Las Deltas Unified School District

Informal Science Instructor Grades K-8

October 2009 – May 2013

- Fresno Unified School District, Fresno, CA: *Gibson Elementary, Burroughs Elementary, Kratt Elementary, King Elementary, Lowell, Computech and Carver Academy.*

AWARDS / RECOGNITIONS

- Fresno County Educator of the Year 2023
- Fresno Unified Educator of the Year 2023
- [Education Matters Segment: 21 Century Educator](#)
- [Fresno State University Video for CSU Board of Trustees](#)
- [Fresno State Kremen News Article: Unveiling Magic in Every Student](#)
- [Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Finalist Video](#)
- [Education Matters: 2023 Educator of Year Video](#)
- [Fresno Unified Teacher of Year Video](#)

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RELATED QUALIFICATIONS

- **Fresno County Educator of Year Committee** 2024–Present: Part of committee who reads and scores educator of year applications, conducts interviews and selects upcoming Educator of the Year.
- **Lead Teacher**, Fresno Unified, Fresno, CA 2018–Present: Facilitator of Accountable Communities, provide continuous feedback for system improvement by participating in quarterly professional learning and helping to lead site decisions as a member of the site Instructional Leadership Team.
- **Campus Climate Culture Minor**, Fresno Unified School District, Fresno, CA • 2024–Current: I promote a positive and inclusive campus culture by leading student activities, coordinating events for students, staff, and the community, managing event logistics, and supporting communications and social media outreach.
- **Culture and Climate Team**, Terronez Middle School, Herrera, Del Mar and Homan Elementary School, Fresno, CA • 2015–Present: Co-Chair Selected to set a positive and inclusive tone, ensures all voices are heard, schedules meetings, creates and manages agendas, keeps teams focused and discussions moving, monitors meeting times and productivity and coordinates staff PL's.
- **PL Summit**, Fresno Unified School District, Fresno, CA • 2020–2021: Developed and presented a series of workshops to support teachers in increasing learners' engagement and participation in distance learning. The strategies highlighted using technology in a way that allows teachers to reach, connect with, and assess even the most unengaged students.
- **Master Teacher**, Fresno Unified School District, Fresno, CA • 2015–Current: Responsibilities as a mentor include planning, co-teaching, observing, providing feedback, and debriefing with student teachers on course content, state standards, and local student needs.
- **FUSD Saturday Pipeline**, Fresno Unified School District, Fresno, CA • 2016–2019: Developed and presented a series of eight workshops to educate new teachers about the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and how to build fully integrated science and ELA lessons using Wonders guaranteed viable curriculum and NGSS.
- **Central Valley Tech Boot Camp**, Clovis, CA • 2019: Presented the features of Nearpod (virtual field trips, discussion boards, draw it activities) and showed teachers how to engage learners and gather informal and formal data using the platform.
- **Strategic Teacher Education Partnership (STEP)**, California State University, Fresno, CA • 2016–Present Selected as one of ten consulting teachers to help redesign Liberal Studies courses at Fresno State University. Collaborated with professors to create stronger connections between Liberal Studies University
- **CMC Central Symposium 2019**, UC Merced, 2019: Professional development on applications of ratios, fractions, and conversions with hands-on standards-aligned STEM activities.
- **Personalized Learning Initiative (PLI)**, Fresno Unified School District, Fresno, CA • 2016–Present: Selected to receive a class set of tablets as part of a Fresno Unified program and participate in a learning community with the responsibility of applying meaningful integration of high quality instruction and technology and provide personalized learning for students, in order to move all students a minimum of one grade level per year.
- **Arts Everyday**, Fresno County Office of Education, Fresno, CA. Summer 2015: Attended five Arts integration professional development, curriculum-writing and facilitator of training aligned with Common Core State Standards.

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REFERENCES

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- **Cyndi Hickey, Guidance Learning Advisor**, Elizabeth Terronez Middle School
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