

# Stephanie Lewis

Instructional Designer, Educator, & Visual Artist



## Objective

I am an innovative visual thinker who loves authentic and practical design created to enhance learning. My high-energy and businesslike teaching strategies are effective working with learners of all ages. My design & teaching is done with a foundation of cognition research, aesthetics training, innovative technology use, and user-friendly design. I am seeking opportunities to utilize my skills to deliver motivational, content-rich, learner-centered tools to both students and teachers.

## Experience

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### Middle School Visual Art Teacher, Hyde School; Cupertino, CA - 2002-Current

- Developed instructional tools and curriculum for Visual Art I, Visual Art II, Craft Studio I, Craft Studio II, Hyde TeleVision, and Drama courses
- Researched & utilized resources, including technology, to enrich learning environment
- Designed multi-cultural lessons to reflect diversity in my school's high ESL population
- Lead coworkers towards technologically-innovative learning through presentations, small-group mentoring, and one-on-one mentoring

### Freelance Designer & Artist, Various Locales; 1999-Current

- Established a portfolio of my Instructional Technology work: [www.designsplendor.com](http://www.designsplendor.com)
- Created site to enhance classroom experience for Hyde Middle School: [www.hydeart.com](http://www.hydeart.com) and designed award-winning ePortfolio program: [www.hydeart.com/eportfolio/](http://www.hydeart.com/eportfolio/)
- Independently created site for Cupertino Education Association: [www.ceaweb.org](http://www.ceaweb.org)
- Designed & printed numerous flyers, brochures, and programs for over fifty non-profit groups
- Built & designed sets for five different play productions; managed volunteers of all ages
- Exhibited paintings and drawings in various galleries at Bethel University, St. Paul, MN
- Exhibited drawings at San José State University, San José, CA

### High/Middle School Visual Art Teacher, Centennial Schools; Circle Pines, MN - 2001-02

### Elementary School Visual Art Teacher, Valentine Hills School; Moundsview, MN - 2001

- Created and led broad learning experiences in drawing, ceramics, and introductory art
- Established relationships with students to effectively manage and motivate the classroom
- Taught K-5 students on rotation for 50 minute periods; flexibly transitioned between classes
- Effectively transitioned teaching style & lessons to be appropriate for each age group
- Innovated original lessons that required minimal budget & used existing supplies
- Coached a speech team of 60+ students in public address speaking (informative, persuasive oration, extemporaneous) & interpretive speaking (dramatic, humorous, duet acting, original writing, poetry), achieved high state & national honors- 1996-2002

### Theatrical Training & Teaching; Twin Cities, MN - 1984-2001

- Performed in 54 amateur and professional productions. Major accomplishments include professional roles in *The Sound of Music*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *August Snow*, *The Crucible*, *Harold and the Purple Crayon*, *The Secret Garden*, and *Harriet the Spy*
- Toured China and the Philippines performing *Good Sam*, *Pirate's Treasure*, and *Stomp*; Led drama workshops focusing on character development and scene work; designed costumes & props



## *Credentials Held*

### **California Professional Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential in Art**

Valid 08/01/2006 to 09/01/2011; Document #060279950

### **Clear Crosscultural, Language, and Academic Development Certificate**

Issued 08/01/2006; Document #060254666

### **National Board of Professional Teaching Standards - November 2005**

Certified in Art Education, Early Adolescent to Young Adult

### **Minnesota State Teaching License in Visual Art (K-12)**

Certified in Visual Arts, K-12; Document #396548

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## *Education*

San José State University, San José, CA - expected graduation May 2007

Master of Arts in Instructional Technology, currently hold 4.0 g.p.a

University of San Diego, CA - 2006

Completed coursework for CLAD credential; 4.0 g.p.a.

Foothill College Krause Center for Innovation, CA - 2004-05

Earn While You Learn, Focus: Project-Based Learning & Technology in the Visual Arts

Bethel University, St. Paul, MN - 1997-2001

Bachelor of Arts in Art Education (K-12), 2001

Minors & Additional Study: Studio Art, Theater, & Communications

Continuing Education - Coursework, 2001-07

- Schools: San José State University, California State University Sacramento, Foothill College, University of Phoenix, University of Santa Cruz Extension, University of San Diego
- Topics: Teaching the English Language Learner, Project Based Learning for the English Language Learner, Curriculum Modification of the English Language Learner, Step Up to Writing, Reading Comprehension Strategies, Reading Integration, Teaching Students with Special Needs, Gifted and Talented Art Education, Creative Assessments in the Arts, The Arts Across the Curriculum, Writing Across the Curriculum and Reading Across the Curriculum

## *Awards, Publications, e<sup>3</sup> Affiliations*

- Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation Teacher Innovation Award Winner, 2007
- KBAY Radio Teacher of the Month & Grant Recipient, April 2007
- Hyde Middle School Site Teacher of the Year, 2006
- ePortfolio web site work featured in *The Art Teacher's Guide to the Internet* by Craig Roland, Davis Publications Inc., Worcester, MA, 2005
- Featured articles in San José Mercury News, Los Altos Town Crier, Cupertino Courier
- Rambus/Krause Center of Innovation Award - for ePortfolios: Growing Artists project <[www.hydeart.com/eportfolio/](http://www.hydeart.com/eportfolio/)>, 2005
- PTSA Teacher of the Year, Hyde Middle School, 2005
- Active Member of National Middle School Association, National Art Ed. Association, California Art Ed. Association, iCUE Silicon Valley, International Society for Technology in Education
- California Multimedia Festival - Multimedia Division Winner, 2005