

STANDARD APPLICATION

For Teaching Positions in Pennsylvania Public Schools

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

POSITION(S) DESIRED Chemistry and General Science 7-12

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LAST FIRST MIDDLE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER¹

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LIST, IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE, THE GRADES, SUBJECTS AND/OR POSITIONS FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

1. Chemistry 7-12 2. General Science 7-12 3. _____

CERTIFICATION

(LIST ALL AREAS IN WHICH YOU HOLD VALID PENNSYLVANIA AND/OR OUT-OF-STATE TEACHING CERTIFICATES. NOTE: APPLICANTS HOLDING A CERTIFICATE FROM ANOTHER STATE MUST OBTAIN A PENNSYLVANIA CERTIFICATE IN ORDER TO TEACH IN PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.)

AREA OF CERTIFICATION	ISSUING STATE	DATE ISSUED
Chemistry	PA	12/2010 (anticipated)
General Science	PA	12/2010 (anticipated)

HAVE YOU ACQUIRED TENURE IN PENNSYLVANIA? No

IF YES, IN WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICT? N/A

DATE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT DECEMBER 10, 2010

IF YOU ARE NOT EMPLOYED FULL TIME, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING PLACED ON OUR SUBSTITUTE LIST? ☒ YES ☐ NO
LONG-TERM ☒ YES ☐ NO SHORT-TERM ☒ YES ☐ NO

¹ Federal Privacy Act [5 U.S.C. § 552A NOTE] Statement. Authority for requesting social security account numbers: Public School Code of 1949 [24 P.S. § 12-1212, 24 P.S. § 1224] Principal Purpose: To verify certification. Other Purposes: Identification and collection of criminal/disciplinary records for certified educators. Disclosure: Mandatory. Failure to provide the Social Security Number will result in an applicant not being considered for employment.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

	SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	MAJOR/ MINOR	DIPLOMAS, DEGREES OR CREDITS EARNED	GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)
HIGH SCHOOL	Hamburg Area High School		Diploma	3.8
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	Albright College	Biochemistry	B.S.	3.05
GRADUATE STUDY	Albright College	Education	15	3.89
GRADUATE STUDY	University of Phoenix	Education	3	3.33

EXPERIENCE

(PRESENT OR MOST RECENT FIRST)

Dates		Name of Employer and Address		Your Title
From	7/2010	Albright College 13 th and Bern St Reading PA. 19612		Summer Start Student Assistant
To	8/2010	(Area Code) Telephone: 610-921-2381		
Work Performed:		Reason for Leaving:		
Teacher, Counselor, and Resident Assistant for Incoming At-Risk College Freshmen		Contract Finished		
Name & Title of Supervisor:	Rodney Warfield, Summer Start Director/Professor of Education and Special Education		Final Yearly Salary:	\$2500
Dates		Name of Employer and Address		Your Title
From	10/2009	Schuylkill Valley School District 114 Ontelauntee Dr Leesport PA, 19533		Substitute Teacher
To	6/2010	(Area Code) Telephone: 610-926-1706		
Work Performed:		Reason for Leaving:		
Substitute Teacher for Middle and Elementary Schools		End of School Year		
Name & Title of Supervisor:	Michael T. Mitchell, Jr., Principal of SVMS		Final Yearly Salary:	Approx: \$2500
Dates		Name of Employer and Address		Your Title
From	9/2009	Hamburg Area School District 701 Windsor St. Hamburg PA, 19526		Substitute
To	12/2009	(Area Code) Telephone: 610-562-2241		
Work Performed:		Reason for Leaving:		
Substitute Teacher for Tilden Elementary and HAHS		Better Employment Offer		
Name & Title of Supervisor:	Shawn Fitzpatrick, Tilden Elementary Principal		Final Yearly Salary:	Approx: \$600

Please list activities that you are qualified to supervise or coach:

Coaching: Track and Field

Supervising: Intramural Sports

If you have not been previously employed in a teaching position, please complete the following:

STUDENT OR PRACTICE TEACHING

GRADE OR SUBJECT TAUGHT	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL	1. COLLEGE SUPERVISOR 2. COOPERATING TEACHER
8 th Grade Physical Science and 7 th Grade Earth Science	Oley Valley Middle School	1. Thomas Blocher
	3247 Friedensburg Rd.	
	Oley PA, 19574	2. Patricia Rettstadt
High School Chemistry and Honors Biology (starting 10/20/2010)	Boyertown Area Senior High	1. Thomas Blocher
	120 North Monroe St	
	Boyertown PA, 19512	2. Patricia Wilkins

Student Teaching References:

Please attach photocopies of letters of reference and/or evaluations from college/university student teacher supervisor and cooperating teacher(s).

REFERENCES

References should include superintendents, principals or professors who have first-hand knowledge of your professional competence and your personal qualifications. Experienced teachers should include the superintendent and principal of the two most recent schools in which employed. If any person(s) listed should not be contacted for reference at the present time, indicate in the left-hand margin the date contact(s) may be made.

NAME	POSITION	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Thomas Blocher	Supervisor	Albright College	610-306-7001
Patricia Rettstadt	Cooperating Teacher	Oley Valley Middle School	610-987-4116 x4118
Rodney Warfield	Professor and Supervisor	Albright College	610-921-7791
Daniel Marks	Principal	Oley Valley Middle School	610-987-4100 x4316

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Summarize special job-related skills and qualifications acquired from employment or other experiences (including U.S. military service) and/or state any additional information you feel may be helpful in considering your application, i.e. honors, awards, activities, technology skills or professional development activities:

Chemistry Industrial Work: Berks Packing Inc. (0.4 years)

Chemistry Laboratory Experience: Laboratory Teacher's Assistant at Albright College (3 years)

Mathematics and Chemistry Tutoring: Albright College (1 year)

GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

You must give complete answers to all questions. If you answer "Yes" to any question, you must list all offenses, and for each conviction provide date of conviction and disposition, regardless of the date or location of occurrence. Conviction of a criminal offense is not a bar to employment in all cases. Each case is considered on its merits. Your answers will be verified with appropriate police records.

Criminal Offense includes felonies, misdemeanors, summary offenses and convictions resulting from a plea of "nolo contendere" (no contest).

Conviction is an adjudication of guilt and includes determinations before a court, a district justice or a magistrate, which results in a fine, sentence or probation.

You may omit: minor traffic violations, offenses committed before your 18th birthday which were adjudicated in juvenile court or under a Youth Offender Law, and any convictions which have been expunged by a court or for which you successfully completed an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program.

Were you ever convicted of a criminal offense? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you currently under charges for a criminal offense? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you ever forfeited bond or collateral in connection with a criminal offense? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Within the last ten years, have you been fired from any job for any reason? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Within the last ten years, have you quit a job after being notified that you would be fired? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you ever been professionally disciplined in any state? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Professional disciplined means the annulment, revocation or suspension of your teaching certification or having received a letter of reprimand from an agency, board or commission of state government, such as the Pennsylvania Professional Standards and Practices Commission.

Are you subject to any visa or immigration status, which would prevent lawful employment? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Note: If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please provide a detailed explanation on a separate sheet of paper, including dates, and attach it to this application. Please print and sign your name on the sheet, and include your social security number.

ACT 34 Clearance (PA State Police Criminal Background Check)

Each applicant must submit with his/her employment application a copy of a Criminal History Record from the Pennsylvania State Police. Prospective employees must submit ORIGINAL report, which may not be more than one (1) year old.

ACT 114 (Federal Criminal History Record)

Each applicant must submit with his/her employment application a copy of a Federal Criminal Record from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Prospective employees must submit ORIGINAL report, which may not be more than one (1) year old.

ACT 151 Clearance (PA Child Abuse History Clearance)

Each candidate must submit with his/her employment application a copy of an official clearance from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. Prospective employees must submit ORIGINAL report, which may not be more than one (1) year old.

ESSAY

Please write an essay as described on page six. For your convenience, you may attach a sheet; however, your essay may not exceed one page. At the bottom of the attachment, please print and sign your name.

CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I certify that all of the statements made by me are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I further certify that I am the sole author of the essay. I understand that any misrepresentation of information shall be sufficient cause for: (1) rejecting my candidacy, (2) withdrawing of any offer of employment, or (3) terminating my employment.

I hereby authorize any and all of my previous employers and/or supervisors to release any and all of my personnel records, and to respond fully and completely to all questions that officials of the hiring school district (school district) may ask regarding my prior work history and performance. I will hold such previous employers and/or supervisors harmless of any and all claims that I might otherwise have against them with regard to statements made to this school district. I further authorize these officials to investigate my background, now or in the future, to verify the information provided and release from liability all persons and/or entities supplying information regarding my background. However, I do not authorize the production of medical records or other information, which would tend to actually identify a disability nor do I authorize inquiries which would include information related to any medical condition or medical history. Further, I do not waive any rights which I may have under state or federal law related to my right to challenge the disclosure of unlawful or inaccurate information, whether by the school district or by entities or persons providing such information to the school district, including any and all claims concerning allegations of employment discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, age or disability.

Date

Signature of Candidate (in ink)

[Must be original]

Pennsylvania school districts shall not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ancestry or any other legally protected classification. This policy is in accordance with state and federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. Information relative to special accommodation, grievance procedure, and the designated responsible official for compliance with Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504 may be obtained by contacting the school district.

ESSAY

We are interested in your ability to organize and express thoughts on a specific topic in a succinct manner. Please select one of the following topics and write an essay in the space provided on this page.

1. The Most Important Qualities of an Outstanding Educator.
2. My Philosophy of Student Discipline.
3. The Importance of Continuing Professional Development and How I Plan to Incorporate It Throughout My Career.
4. Essential Elements of Instruction, Administration or Area of Certification.
5. How Information Technology (i.e., computers, Internet) Can Be Integrated into the Instructional Process and Curriculum.

The Most Important Qualities of an Outstanding Educator

Everyone remembers who their favorite teacher was in school. My favorite was my high school chemistry teacher, Mr. Wolfe. He had so many qualities of a great teacher and is someone that I strive to be like.

The most important quality of an educator is respect. It is important that I respect my students and let them know that I respect them. Students always say they don't like a teacher because he/she "hates them." When I hear this, I immediately know that this particular teacher doesn't show respect to the student or even one of their peers. Respect is difficult to obtain from the students and easy to lose so an outstanding teacher must be genuinely respectful to all of his/her students.

The next important quality for a teacher is to know their students. This doesn't just mean knowing their name, IEP, or that they are in band, it means knowing about their life at home, their community, and their activities in and out of school. A great teacher can relate to all of his/her students and know something about their lives. A student who is asked, "How did your event go last night?", is going to remember that more than what is being taught in class. It shows that someone actually cares about them which in some cases does not ever happen, even by their parents.

Some teachers are notorious for leaving the exact minute their contract says they can and not doing anything else regarding the school or their students for the rest of the day. An outstanding educator is someone that continues to work with their students and co-workers. A teacher who goes to a chorus concert, a sporting event, a competition, or even a practice for anything is someone who will gain more respect from the students and be a much better educator in return. Even spending five minutes at an event outside of the school day will make students appreciate that teacher. I realize that it is difficult or even impossible for teachers to go and see each and every student outside of school, but even if it has a positive influence on one student it is certainly worthwhile.

There are so many qualities that make up an outstanding educator which leads me back to my opening statement, we all have our favorite teacher and know the qualities that they possess. Teachers need to constantly strive to be a great educator which isn't something that is learned or achieved overnight.

Signature Ryan T. Thomas (electronic signature) Name Ryan T. Thomas

Note to applicants: This application can be downloaded from the Department of Education's home page which is accessible at: <http://www.state.pa.us>.

This application was developed, in accordance with Section 1204.1 of Act 107 of 1996, by the Pennsylvania Department of Education in consultation with organizations representing school administrators, including personnel administrators, teachers and school boards. Questions should be referred to PDE School Services Unit at Voice Telephone (717) 787-4860, Text Telephone TTY (717) 783-8445 or FAX (717) 783-6802. If you need accommodation in completing this application, including alternate format, please contact the school district.