Literacy Instructional Coach

Harry Thompson

Professional summary

Passionate literacy coach with over 9 years of experience in coaching educators to improve literacy instruction in K-8 settings. Specialized in implementing literacy programs, coaching teachers to effectively teach reading and writing, and utilizing data to enhance student learning outcomes. Committed to fostering a love for reading and writing in both students and teachers.

Experience

Literacy Coach

August 2020 - Now Orange County Public Schools / Orlando, FL

- Support 30+ teachers in the implementation of balanced literacy frameworks, increasing student reading proficiency by 15%.
- Facilitate small-group coaching sessions focused on phonics, vocabulary, reading comprehension, and writing strategies.
- Design and lead professional development workshops on current literacy research, evidence-based practices, and assessment tools.
- Analyze student literacy data to provide actionable feedback to teachers, improving classroom instruction.

Elementary School Teacher – Reading & Writing Specialist

September 2016 - June 2020

Sunshine Elementary School / Orlando, FL

- Developed and delivered individualized reading and writing interventions for struggling students, helping over 50 students improve by at least one grade level in literacy.
- Created lesson plans for a range of reading levels, incorporating both fiction and nonfiction texts to support diverse learners.
- Collaborated with classroom teachers to align literacy instruction across the curriculum.

Volunteer Experience

Volunteer Reading Tutor | Orlando Literacy Initiative | January 2018 – Present

• Helped struggling readers in grades 1-4 improve fluency and comprehension through one-on-one sessions.

Workshop Leader | Florida State Reading Association | June 2019

• Facilitated a workshop for teachers on the importance of phonics and vocabulary in early literacy development.



Links

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Education

Master of Education in Literacy Instruction

University of Central Florida – Orlando, FL | Graduated May 2016

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Florida State University – Tallahassee, FL | Graduated May 2014

Certifications

- Reading Endorsement, Florida Department of Education (2023)
- K-6 Teaching Certification, Florida (2016)

Skills

Literacy Instruction & Intervention	****
Curriculum Design & Development	****
Data Analysis for Literacy Improvement	****
Reading Comprehension Strategies	****
Writing Instruction	****
Teacher Training & Support	****