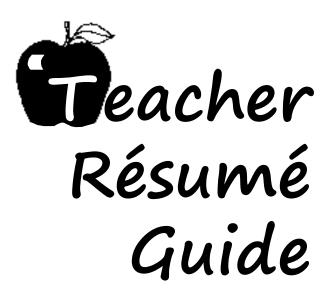
2020 Teacher Résumé Guide

Hanover College Levett Career Center



by Margaret Krantz

Tailoring your Résumé

1. Career Objective

2. **List 10 major tasks** required by your career objective, beginning each with a strong verb (<u>http://onetonline.org</u> can help):

3. **Brainstorm the activities** in which you have actually done these, or related, tasks. List as many titles as possible for each job or activity:

4. Convert the exercise into a résumé:

Beginning with the most recent one, record each job or activity appearing in #3 above, listing under it the tasks that appear in #2. (You may reword the tasks slightly to more accurately reflect your actual tasks, but not so much that they no longer sound applicable to your goal.)

5. Add your accomplishments for each activity:

What was the result of all your efforts? Were you named Employee of the Month? All-conference? Did you increase the participation in an event, raise more money or impact someone's life or future? List these!

1. Write your immediate job objective at the top of a blank sheet of paper. You can't write an effective résumé without knowing your objective, even if you choose to omit it from your résumé. If vou have more than one objective, do this exercise for each.

2. On the left side of the paper, list at least ten specific tasks done regularly on that job. If you need help in identifying appropriate tasks, come to the Career Center for assistance.

3. Beside this column, list each job or activity you have had which required you to perform a task related to the one listed. Draw from anything in your background at this point. Be creative; you can omit things later if they are too far-fetched.

4. Convert this information into the relevant sections of your résumé.



TEACHING **EXPERIENCE:**

Student Teacher, Southwestern Elementary, Fall 2019 • Developed and implemented lesson plans in third grade classroom. • Created learning environment using thematic unit, Writer's Workshop, math manipulatives,

and thematic unit.

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- Participated in parent-teacher conferences.
- Attended training workshops on classroom management.

Substitute Teacher, Madison Consolidated Schools, 2018 – 2019 • Taught lessons in second, fifth and sixth grade classrooms. • Followed established classroom management procedures.

- Volunteer Teacher, Girls Inc., Summers 2017, 2018
- Named Volunteer of the Week twice.

Tutor, Hanover College, 2017 – 2018 • Tutored 2 students in reading and math, evaluated performances, identified and addressed problems areas, interacted with parents. • Students improved grades from failing to passing by terms' end.

Intramural Softball, Soccer and Tennis, 2016 – 2019 Education Committee, Zeta Zeta Sorority, 2019 Captain, Drill Team, Madison High School, 2009 – 2016

ACTIVITIES:



Elementary Education

Job Requirements

Develop lesson plans Adapt technique to range of needs Evaluate student performance Maintain classroom management Conduct parent teacher conference Lead extracurricular activities Integrate computers into classroom Work with children with range of abilities Monitor security procedures Maintain professional development

My background

St. teach, subst., Girls' Inc. Student teaching, subst., tutor Student teaching, Girls' Inc., tutor Stud. teach., Eng. Pk., subst., Girls' Inc. Student teaching, Englishton Park ZZZ, Drill Team Student teaching Student teaching, subst.

Baskin-Robbins Workshops, Conference

• Taught children with learning disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorder. • Implemented classroom management techniques resulting in little need for disciplinary action.

• Selected curriculum and led classes in basic computer skills for girls ages 6 - 13.

Available from the Hanover College Career Center, 517 Ball Drive, Hanover IN 47243

Putting It All Together

Location, Location, Location!

English is read from left to right, top to bottom, so the left margin and top of each section of your résumé is given more attention by the reader. Take advantage of vour résumé's hot spots; at all times, be sure to place the most important section, job, or task first so that it will get the attention it deserves.

Turn vour Notes into a Résumé:

- Use the exercise on the inside cover to learn exactly what an employer in your field is seeking and to identify your own related skills and experience.
- Select the verbs (on the next page) that you wish to include in your résumé.
- Begin to draft your résumé. While they are not required, if you include an objective, make sure that it is clear and focused. Next, list your greatest asset (for college students, it is your education), followed by your next greatest strength. If you have strong, related experience, list it, starting with the most recent job you've had that you included in part 3 of the Tailoring your Résumé worksheet on the inside cover. If your experience is weaker, start with a list of your skills.
- Add other sections in order of their relevance to your goal. Possible sections include other work experience, laboratory or volunteer experience, leadership activities, computer skills, research, honors and awards, etc.
- Be consistent: if you list your job title, employer's name, and employment date, in that order, for one job, do so for all.

Include:

- Keywords that relate to teaching
- Phone numbers for home and school (be sure that your voice mail message is clear and won't embarrass you)
- Unusual activities you've done, especially offcampus study, travel, Richter grants, independent study, volunteering
- Special skills including computer abilities, foreign language skills, and extracurricular background
- Grade point average if it is over 3.0. If it falls below that mark, calculate your major GPA and include it if it is above 3.0.

Appearance Matters:

- Use a clear, legible font (e.g. Arial, Calibri, or Times New Roman). Avoid fonts that are difficult to read.
- Use 11 or 12 point font size for the entire text except your name, which can be emphasized through 16 or 18 point lettering.
- Use bold, italics or uppercase for emphasis but avoid underlining, which is difficult to skim.
- Create bullets using the tips on the back page of this guide. Leave one space after each bullet, then begin the first word with a capital letter.
- Add one space before and after every dash that stands for a work like "through" or "to" as in 2018 – Present. (Do not do this in other cases as in phone numbers or in hyphenated words like "entry-level".) Make sure all your hyphens match each other. When you type "2018 – Present" with the spaces around the hyphen to begin with. Word converts it to an en-dash (wider and thinner). If you forget the spaces at first and add them later, it will stay a normal hyphen: "2018 -Present."
- Print each copy out individually on a laser printer on good quality paper of a conservative color (white or ivory).
- When emailing it, include your name in your document title: "M Jones Resume.docx."

Omit:

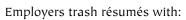
- Pronouns, articles, and subjective adjectives (e.g. "warm" atmosphere)
- Information that is not related to your goal (see exercise on inside cover).
- Personal information such as height, weight, health, marital status, and social security number.
- Specific references to political parties unless applying to work for that party. Limit references to religious or greek organizations unless you are applying to work specifically for them.

Personalize This List!

Using 2 different colored pens, highlight:

- Verbs describing your own work experience, and
- Verbs required by your career goal.
- Then use the verbs that overlap on vour résumé!

Will this happen to your résumé?



- Typographical errors
- Disorganized presentation
- Unclear goal or focus
- A lack of focus, or one that doesn't match their openings

Keywords for Teachers

Teach, instruct, advise, feedback, motivate, enthusiastic, tutor, adapt, evaluate, inclusion, guide, stimulate, motivate, audiovisual, megaskills, rubrics, dependable, whole language, life-long learner, self-evaluation, positive classroom management, write lesson plan, integrate computers into curriculum, lead parent-teacher conference, coordinate field trips, prepares course objectives, faculty meetings, sponsors extracurricular activities, athletics, coaching, transitions, socioeconomic groups, cultural diversity, ADD, ADHD, MIMH, LD, develop thematic units, CORE, trade books, text books, resource materials, academic honors, demonstrate competency, portfolios, develop long-range goals, assessment strategies, adapt to appropriate instructional level, create displays, critical thinking, participate in community events, after-school program, camp counselor, student assistance, staff development, school council, role play, cooperative groups, integrated classrooms, teamteach.

Great Verbs for Résumés

Accomplished Acquired Adapted Addressed Administered Advertised Advised Allocated Analyzed Answered Appraised Approved Arbitrated Arranged Assessed Assigned Authored Boosted Briefed Built Certified Chaired Charted Clarified Coached Collaborated Collected Communicated Instructed Compiled Composed Conducted Configured Consulted Contracted Convinced Cooperated Coordinated Corresponded Counseled Created Critiqued Delegated Delivered Demonstrated Designed Determined Developed Devised Directed Discovered Documented

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Résumé Formatting Tricks

The résumé on pages 8 - 9, is filled with devices to draw the attention of the reader, as is illustrated below. Incorporate these techniques into your résumé to ensure it has the impact you desire.

The Hot Zone

We read English from top to bottom and from left to right. Therefore, to emphasize key ideas, place them near the top left, as in the example to the right.

In your lists of tasks (not jobs), always begin and end with the two most related to your goal, as readers are more likely to notice and remember the first and last listed items. If your reader is only skimming, you will still make your point effectively.

Student Teacher, Lydia Middleton Elementary School, Fall 2019

- Adapted teaching techniques to work with range of abilities in
- Developed and taught thematic unit on Sounder
- Led children in Writer's Workshop activities, published projects
- · Participated in Parent-Teacher conferences
- Evaluated students' performances using variety of methods;
- Worked with children diagnosed as having Attention Deficit

Practicum Teacher, Southwestern Elementary School, Fall 2018

- Taught math, science and language arts lessons to second graders
- Developed and led a science unit about photosynthesis

Length

The more space you spend describing an activity, the more you ensure that the reader will notice it and the more important the activity will seem. Be sure only to describe those things readers need to know to decide to hire you for their position.

Intern, E.O. Muncie Elementary School, November – December 2018 • Used the Stevenson Method of reading to tutor LD and ADD children

Teacher-Therapist, Englishton Park Children's Program, Summer 2017,

- Taught geography and crafts classes to ADD and ADHD children
- Counseled emotionally handicapped at-risk children

Consistency

Choose a style and stick with it. Your heading for each job should give the same information in the same order with the same punctuation in each case. Watch details such as matching dashes, consistent use of commas to separate information, and final periods.

Skilled in using Adobe InDesig Experienced in preparing, rew Have written over 75 research Familiar with Chicago Manual	riting and editing copy papers at least 5 m length
Bachelor of Arts Hanover College, expected gra Major: English, Minor: History Senior Thesis: "The Rabbit's H	
Intern, Louisville Courier-Journ • Wrote copy for sales materials • Proofread and edited copy • Developed newsletter topics	
News Editor, The Hanover Co • Assigned stories to reporters • Oversaw layout and editing • Developed story ideas	ye <i>Triangl</i> e, 2017 – 2018 wrote copy on QuarkXpress ws section nember
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Visual Accents

Visual accents are like seasoning in a bland dish: they add appeal, but only if used with restraint and balance. Draw attention to key points through use of:

- bullets,
- boldface type, and
- uncommon punctuation (quotation marks, etc). Break up text blocks with white space and bold type. Note: See the back cover for tips on making bullets that don't include problematic formatting.

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Repetition

Like a hammer pounding a nail, repetition drives your point home. Be sure to restate your strengths in varying ways whenever possible, while avoiding repetition of things not related to the position. Bear in mind that referring to any skill twice emphasizes it; adding a third mention of it makes it a focal point.

Practicum Teacher, E.O. Muncie Elementary School, Spring 2019

Intern, E.O. Muncie Elementary School, November - December 2018

Teacher-Therapist, Englishton Park Children's Program, Summer 2017

Tutor, Hanover College, 2018–2019

Résumé Quality Control

General Comments

- Check to see if your résumé is clear and well organized, and tailored to teaching.

Content

- Be sure to state your career objective clearly at the top.
- Be parallel in structure, and be sure each bullet begins with a verb.
- Use strong, active verbs. "Assist", "help" and "aid" are not descriptive; "attend" and "observe" are passive.
- List your tasks in order of impressiveness to a future employer in the education industry.
- Vary descriptions if you've done the same task in more than one job so that your résumé isn't boring.
- Put jobs you are currently doing in present tense and those you have completed in past tense. (Never mention anything you plan to do but have not yet begun.)
- Omit GPAs if they fall below 3.0.

Format

- depends both on your audience and on the depth of your related experience. The basic rule of thumb: the more applicants there are for a particular job, the less patient an employer is with long résumés.
- "Filling the page" means horizontal space as well as vertical. Combine bullets, if related, using a semicolon.
- 2017 Present. (Do NOT do this in other cases, as in phone numbers or in hyphenated words like "entry-level".
- the back page of the Teacher Résumé Guide.
- Don't skip a line of qualification space if you use a stacked heading; instead, let the first line of the heading fall opposite the first related position (see pages 8 - 9 for examples).
- Use reverse chronological order when listing experience.
- Tab to the second margin; don't use the space key.
- Verify your addresses and phone numbers. Include a cell phone until you graduate (and make sure you have a professional sounding answering machine message before you give your résumé to a potential employer!)
- will stay a normal hyphen: "2017 Present".
- Avoid unexplained abbreviations.
- 10-point fonts are hard for old eyes to read.

One Page or Two?

School officials typically request that résumés be limited to one page because they have limited storage space. However, anecdotal evidence strongly suggests that they are more likely to invite you to an interview if you expand your résumé to two qualification-packed pages.

Bear in mind that if employers are too busy to read both pages, they may read the first page only. To be safe, be sure that your best assets are clearly stated there. If the hot zone is the left and top of page one, and the cold zone the right and bottom of that page, the second page is the arctic circle, meant for background or older information that is still important for them to know.

• Proofread your résumé carefully before you send it out: read the entire document out loud to find typos, verb tense disagreements, incorrect dates or phone numbers, duplicate words, awkward phrasing and missing information.

• All content should relate to your goal (remember, it's either evidence in support of your goal or evidence against it).

• Try to keep your descriptions worded in a way that sounds true both of what you have done and what you will do.

• All résumés should completely fill the first page. Don't run out of things to say (consider "related course work", "other experience", or "skills" sections to add length if necessary). Beyond that, the appropriate length for your résumé

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	Nayber, PA 23056	F-8	
	rogersf20@hanover.edu	Other	Teacher, Lide White Boys
	Home (543) 223-5678 Cell (812) 701-8888	Experience:	• Taught children aged 8 –
	Home (343) 223 3070 Cen (012) 701 0000	Experience.	 Developed activities to de
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objective.	To become a teacher and active facality member at the elementary fevel.		Tutor, Hanover College, 20
Education:	Bachelor of Arts, Hanover College, Graduation: May 2020		Tutored a Learning Disab
Euucation.	Major: Elementary Education, Completed Indiana CORE Assessments		 Identified and discussed a
	Will be certified to teacher grades $K - 6$		a lucitimed and discussed a
	Grade Point Average: 3.15/4.0		Day Comp Counselor Fo
	e e		Day Camp Counselor, Eag
	Twelve hours of Special Education credit		Planned and prepared ran
	Botswana, Africa - Richter Independent Research Grant, Spring 2019		• Supervised children durin
	Taught "Life in America" course to elementary-aged children for four weeks		• Interacted with parents from
	Workshops: Project Wild, Literacy Collaborative		
			Nursery Supervisor, Fit as
Related	Student Teacher, Lydia Middleton Elementary School, Fall 2019		• Planned athletic games fo
Experience:	• Adapted teaching techniques to work with range of abilities in fourth grade classroom		
	• Developed and taught thematic unit on Sounder	General	Bloom's Taxonomy
	 Led children in Writer's Workshop activities, published projects on computer 	Skills:	C.L.A.S.S. Project
	Participated in parent-teacher conferences		Megaskills
	 Evaluated students' performances using variety of methods; developed grading rubrics; 		Writer's Workshop
	ran pre-test/ post-test projects; prepared self-evaluations		Classroom Management
	 Worked with children diagnosed as having Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder 		
	and Learning Disabilities	Computer	Microsoft Office (Word, Ex
		Skills:	ClarisWorks, The Writing C
	Practicum Teacher, Southwestern Elementary School, Fall 2018		
	• Taught math, science and language arts lessons to second graders	Extracurricular	Hanover College
	• Developed and led a science unit about photosynthesis	Activities:	Captain, Varsity Men's Soc
	• Team-taught with another education student		Love is Needed by Kids (L
			Intramural volleyball, softh
Special	Special Education Practicum Teacher, E.O. Muncie Elementary School, Spring 2019		College Mentors for Kids
Education	• Worked with third grade students individually and in groups, keeping them on task		Emerging Leaders Program
Experience:	• Planned and led language arts lessons		Campus Activities Board
Lapertence	• Led students in cooperative group activities		Peer Advisor
	• Participated in IEP meetings with parents and lead teacher		
	Tarticipated in 121 meetings with parents and read teacher		Revere High School
	Intern, E.O. Muncie Elementary School, November – December 2018		National Honor Society
	• Used the Stevenson Method of reading to tutor LD and ADD children		Math and Science Tutor
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	Teacher-Therapist, Englishton Park Children's Program, Summer 2017, 2018		Reporter, Revere's Call
	• Taught geography and crafts classes to ADD and ADHD children		Arraitable from at T area
	Counseled emotionally handicapped at-risk children	Credentials :	Available from the Levett (
	• Individually tutored children in mathematics and language arts		Hanover College, 517 Ball
	• Implemented a behavior modification system using a token economy		
	• Held case conferences for each child with parents, foster parents, and caseworkers		

ys and Girls Club, 2018 – 2019 – 13 basic computer skills for thirteen weeks demonstrate computer programs

, 2017 – 2018 sabled sixth grade student in full elementary curriculum d academic difficulties with primary school teacher

Eagle Peak Camp, Summer 2017 ange of activities for groups of children ring play frequently

t as a Fiddle Fitness Center, Summer 2016 s for children of all ages

> Gardner's Multiple Intelligences Inquiry-based Science Computer Integration Thematic Units

Excel, PowerPoint, Access) g Center

Soccer (LINK) Big Brother Big Sister program oftball, and soccer

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Speech Team Spanish Club Student Council Academic Bowl

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Amelia Q. Bedelia

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- **Objective:** To obtain a secondary teaching position in English. Interested in coaching basketball, volleyball or tennis.
- **Education:** *Bachelor of Arts,* Hanover College, May 2020 Major: English; Emphases: Spanish, Art Cumulative Grade Point Average: 3.37 Senior Thesis: "Teaching Hamlet in a Small-Town High School" Study Abroad: Stratford-Upon-Avon, England

Teaching Student Teacher, Madison Consolidated High School, Fall 2019Experience: Developed and implemented daily lesson plans in English department

- Managed classroom including students with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Developed units to teach grammar, poetry, short stories, and drama
- Initiated a journal writing program; participated in a team-taught class
- Attended ISTA Convention, Indianapolis, October 2019
- Actively participated in parent-teacher conferences
- Prepared students for Academic Superbowl

Substitute Teacher, Lawrence Township, 2017 – 2019

• Maintained classroom management; carried out lesson plans

Volunteer Teacher, Girls, Inc., 2017 - 2018

- Developed and taught creative writing course
- Instructed class promoting literacy in lower socioeconomic group
- **Coaching** Summer Camp Student Coach, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, 2016 2018
- **Experience:** Trained middle and high school students in basic drills
 - Refined fundamental skills of students
- OtherEnglish Department Assistant, Hanover College, 2017 PresentExperience:• Compiled list of library resources applicable for introductory-level student use
 - Worked with MS Excel and Word

Honors andDean's List (3 terms)Activities:Varsity Volleyball and Tennis 2016 - 2018
Intramural Basketball and Volleyball (2 years)

Varsity Basketball 2016 – Present Activities Chair, Chi Omega (2 years) Academic Superbowl (3 years)

Credentials: Hanover College Levett Career Center, 517 Ball Drive, Hanover College, Hanover, IN 47243 (812) 866-7127

Catch the Superintendent's Eye

n order to compete successfully in a tight market, it is important to take full advantage of the skills you bring to a job. Here are some of the things schools may value in new teachers' résumés:

Sports – Sports are a particularly highly sought activity in many school systems. Even if you are applying for elementary positions, you may be hired to coach sports at the middle school or junior high school level. New teachers are generally hired as assistant coaches, and are paid additional salary.

Computers – Competence in integrating technology into the classroom is essential to a new teacher's qualifications. If possible, give your computer skills their own section. In any case, mention several times in your résumé the specific ways that you have used computers while teaching.

Extracurriculars – List any and all extracurricular activities you have participated in (including during high school) that you are willing to lead now. Sometimes a chance mention of an activity you did years ago can give you the edge you need in the job search.

Special Education – If you have worked with diverse learners of any type, be sure to mention it. If relevant, cluster all this information into its own section, referring specifically to the diagnoses you worked.

Don't forget to include:

Certification – Before you graduate, include your degree and its date, your major, and that you have completed the Indiana CORE Assessments when applicable. After you become certified, drop that information and instead give your certification areas (or license when you earn it).

Versatility – Mention a broad range of skills so that you will fit more openings. For example, if you mention teaching a particular grade level, it is important to balance that information with references to the other grades you have taught.

Experience – Strongly consider mentioning any time you taught any age group (child or adult). Don't limit your experience to that gained in a classroom.

Type Bullets Anywhere!

In general, you are better off not using your word processor's bulleted lists option when writing your résumé, as the software will insert unwanted formatting along with the bullets. Instead, use your keyboard shortcut to type bullets anywhere, as below:

Experience: • Tutor college students in calculus and statistics

Mac Users: Type Option + 8. Windows Users: Alt + 0149 or 0183

To indent wrapped text (as above), drag the



lower triangle in the tab bar to the right (as shown to the left here).

After You Graduate, Keep It Up-to-Date

 As you continue along your career path, be <u>sure</u> to add each new job to your résumé. Save your job descriptions to help with wording.



• Drop specific references to old college activities as you replace them with leadership experience within your job and volunteerism in the community.

• After you get your first job, remove your grade point average and specific scholarships, but continue to provide more summary statements, such as "Bachelor of Arts *Cum Laude*".

Additional Levett Career Center Resources

Purchased for Teacher Candidates

Annual Job Search Handbook for Educators

Levett Career Center Guides for Teacher Candidates

Levett Career Center Services for Teachers Teacher Interview Guide Cover Letter Guide The Professional Portfolio The Art of Interviewing Teacher Résumé Guide

Additional Levett Career Center Guides

Developing your Professional Competencies Dining with Style Evaluating your Professional Competencies (e-tools) Finding Jobs at a Distance Graduate School Guide How to Handle References Informational Interviews Job Search Guide Liberal Arts Skills at Work Résumé Guide

Levett Career Center Website:

http://careercenter.hanover.edu