

Regina Splees Tafoya

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Classroom Teacher - Admin.

20+ years of teaching experiences in teacher-led and student-directed private & charter schools in the U.S. and Japan.

- **Humble, respected teacher** valued by students and parents for commitment, caring, and dedication to creating a tightly knit community of learners. Strong focus on CASEL approaches to social and emotional development, self-advocacy, resilience, and compassion for others.
- **Collaborative, inspiring team player** dedicated to mentoring and supporting new teachers.
- **Core strengths in experiential and phenomena-based education, standard and specialized curricula**, assessing student performance in math, science, language arts/English, and history; Differentiated instruction, class work, practice work for a diverse group of learners including ELL, GT, and those with IEPs,
- **Additional strengths** in speech/debate and basic music education. Basic experience in Classroom Websites, Distance learning, and instructional technology to enhance learning outcomes.

Teaching Experience

Waldorf Teacher, Grades 6/7 MOUNTAIN SONG COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Co. Spgs, CO 9/2018 – Present
Tailored lesson plans for 13 diverse grade school students. Instrumental in successful, rapid shift to distance learning following pandemic closures. Trusted by administrator and parents to host small group learning sessions.

Montessori Teacher, Primary Classroom GOLDEN MOUNTAIN MONTESSORI, Co. Spgs, CO 2/2018 – 9/2018
Enhanced communications with students; created an engaging circle time to build class cohesiveness. Facilitated deep, experiential learning based on student interests and abilities.

Montessori Teacher, Primary Classroom MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF MAUI, Maui, HI 2/2014 – 6/2017
Maintained the school's tradition of excellence. Built strong relationships with staff, students, and families.

ECE Teacher, Preschool & Kindergarten CROSSROADS, Maui, HI 4/2011 – 2/2014
Founded and operated an early education program utilizing a Montessori approach, incorporating some aspects of Waldorf School.

Director | Lead Teacher GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL CENTER, Fujisawa, Japan 9/1997 – 5/2010
Founded and implemented a comprehensive, immersive primary educational program integrating key aspects of multicultural, bilingual education, Waldorf, and Montessori traditions.

Speech & Debate Professor KANTO GAKUIN UNIVERSITY, Yokohama, Japan 9/1993 – 5/1996
Taught 20-30 young adults in principles of speech and debate in English.

Education | Licensure | Certifications | Training

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER	4 credits toward M.Ed.
GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY	B.A., Communication
STATE OF COLORADO	Substitute Teaching License; Licensure pending endorsements:
Elementary Education, Multiple Subjects; Middle School Mathematics; Social Studies Content Knowledge	
MONTESSORI CENTRE INTERNATIONAL	Montessori Education Certification
GRADALIS	Waldorf School Training, Year 1
COLORADO SHINES	Early Childhood Education Large Center Director
MUSIC TOGETHER	Certified Early Childhood Music Teacher
ORTON GILLINGHAM	Classroom Educator and Associate level Certified
MAUI MEDIATION SERVICES	Certified Mediator
NEXTGEN MEDIATION	Peer Mediation Facilitator

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Living Values Education Program, Teacher Effectiveness Training, Youth Preparedness Institution, Parent Peer Leadership Program, 10 yrs + Restorative Justice, Oxford University and Jolly Phonics reading programs, Effects of Yoga on Autistic Children's Learning Hong Kong Autistic Society, Educational Research on Nonviolent Education / Culture of Empathy in schools- in conjunction with Swedish Government