Abby Schlackman

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Certifications

NYS Childhood & Special Education Grades 1-6 (Pending), Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI), Basic Life Support (BLS), Anaphylaxis and Epinephrine Auto-Injector

Skills

Whole/Small/1:1 Instruction, Lesson Planning, Differentiation, Classroom Management, Behavior Management, Data Collection and Analysis, Curriculum Development, Individualized Education Program (IEP) Implementation, Discrete Trial Learning, Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), Communication, Advocacy, Collaboration, Cultural Responsiveness, Flexibility, Problem Solving, Canva, IEP Direct, eSchoolData, Frontline Education, macOS, Windows, Microsoft 365, Google Workspace, Roller Skating

Experience

Teacher

Huntington Learning Center • East Northport, NY
02/2025 - Present

- Provide one-to-one tutoring services to students ages 4-14.
- Teach literacy and mathematics skills and concepts through targeted instruction.
- Implement student-specific programs.
- Assess and provide feedback.
- Evaluate and report student performance.
- Maintain behavioral expectations of the center through a token earning system.

Preferred Substitute Teacher

Sachem Central School District • Holbrook, NY
01/2025 - Present

- Provide high-quality instruction in place of absent teachers across grades K-5, including ICT, 15:1, 12:1:1, 8:1:1, and special area classes.
- Enforce and maintain classroom and building expectations.
- Follow IEP's, 504's, and BIP's of students in each classroom.
- Provide differentiated and individualized instruction.
- Design supplementary instruction and activities for each grade level.

1:1 Paraprofessional (8:1:1)

Half Hollow Hills Central School District • Dix Hills, NY
02/2022 - 12/2024

- Conducted discrete trial learning.
- Collected student data to analyze progress and modify programs.
- Supported AAC use to improve language skills.
- Created instructional materials, including worksheets, crafts, visuals, and digital tools.
- Assisted with basic needs care, including toilet training.

Extended Day Instructor

Half Hollow Hills Central School District • Dix Hills, NY
09/2023 - 08/2024

- Delivered weekly in-home instruction per IEP, using discrete trial learning to reinforce school-taught skills.
- Supported AAC device development and use.
- Enforced the behavior plan and other expectations set in the classroom.
- Liased between home and school teams to support positive communication.

Science Instructor

Extreme STEAM Science Kids at Park Shore • Dix Hills, NY
06/2022 - 08/2024

- Designed and taught the summer robotics and engineering curriculum, incorporating NGSS cross-cutting concepts and block themes.
- Designed lessons that were leveled for three sections of elementary-level classes.
- Maintained open communication with parents.
- Organized showcases and presentations.

Curations and Publishing

Artrepreneur.com • New York, NY
05/2020 - 02/2022

Curated artwork for affordable housing properties to bring beauty to communities. Managed operations, including purchases, communication, and installation. Contributed to the educational blog as a writer and editor.

Theatrical Lighting Designer

Freelance • Philadelphia, PA
09/2015 - 03/2020

Collaborated with 30+ theater companies to design and install lighting designs for plays, musicals, and immersive productions. Created concepts, light plots, and documentation to determine the placement, color, motion, and timing using CAD-like software and lighting consoles.

Student Teaching Placements

Merrimac Elementary School, Sachem Central School District

- Placement 1: Grade 5 (15:1)
- Placement 2: Grade 2 (ICT)

Education

M.S. in Childhood Education & Special Education Gr. 1-6

Touro University Graduate School of Education • NY
01/2025
GPA: 3.96

BFA in Theater Design & Technology

The University of the Arts • Philadelphia, PA
05/2019
GPA: 3.59

Next Goal: Extend my certification to include Kindergarten and begin classes in the Fall of 2025.

Languages

English, American Sign Language (Beginner)