

# Jennifer Rath

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## Objective: High School Teaching Position in French

Creative, enthusiastic professional with a passion for immersing adolescents in the French language and culture. Skilled in the development of engaging, challenging, and innovative lessons for students at all levels. Superior communication skills in both English and French. Active team member who excels at fostering positive relationships with students, parents, staff, and community members. Versatile, reflective life-long learner committed to professional development. Experienced educator with proven success in motivating students to reach and expand their academic and personal goals. Specific aptitudes include:

- Curriculum Design
  - Standards-Based Assessment
  - Multicultural/Anti-Racist Teaching
  - Differentiated Instruction
  - Educating At-Risk Youth
  - Conflict Resolution/Restorative Practices
  - Disciplinary Literacy
  - Google and MS Windows
  - Gradual Release of Responsibility
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## Education and Certification

**WI Professional Educator Licenses: 21 Middle/Secondary; 355 French**

**73 Early Adolescence to Adolescence; 952 Alternative Education**

**Master of Science** in Cultural Foundations of Education; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2014)

**Bachelor of Arts (cum laude)** in French and Educational Studies; Knox College, Galesburg, IL (1997)

**Certificate of Completion** in Instructing Online Courses for K-12 Students; Viterbo University, LaCrosse, WI (2012)

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## Teaching Experience

**French Teacher;** Butler Middle School, Waukesha WI (2013-Present); Morse-Marshall School for the Gifted and Talented (2011-2013); Milwaukee High School of the Arts (2006); Webster Middle School (2002-2005); Steuben Middle School (1998-2002)

- Designed interactive, engaging, and rigorous lessons, projects, and activities
- Utilized technology to enhance instruction, increase student engagement, and provide personalized and differentiated learning experiences
- Fostered a positive, supportive learning environment in which students felt comfortable communicating in the target language
- Collaborated with school and district world language teachers to analyze common assessment data, make and revise goals, and share pedagogical ideas and resources
- Immersed students in cultural experiences through food sampling, holiday celebrations, art, music, film, and field trips to UW-Milwaukee (French Day), ethnic restaurants, and museums in Milwaukee and Chicago
- Extended French language learning and cultural understanding to the school community by organizing school-wide responses to recent terror strikes and conducting school-wide National French Week activities
- Organized a student trip to French-speaking Canada in collaboration with the other two district middle schools

**World Geography Teacher;** Morse-Marshall School for the Gifted and Talented (2012-2013)

- Supplemented the existing curriculum with rigorous, in-depth lessons on major current and historical events in the Middle East, Africa, East and Southeast Asia, and Central America
- Guided students through the process of producing evidence-based, proficient written responses to Document Based Questions using primary and secondary sources
- Challenged students to expose and rebut cultural stereotypes to promote global unity and perspectives

**Math and English Teacher and Math Teacher Leader;** Loyola Academy Partnership School (2010-2011)

- Designed lessons to target specific areas of weakness as identified in students' MAP and CABS data
- Communicated district objectives and strategies for teaching mathematics to Learning Team members
- Advised students in the planning and execution of student-developed service learning projects

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**Program Coordinator:** Outpost Alternative Education Center, South Division High School (2008-2010)

- Restructured the existing off-site program into an independent learning program targeting at-risk students' specific academic and behavioral needs
- Developed curricula and assessed student work for over twenty courses
- Worked with Transition High School, the Latino Community Center, and other community organizations and businesses to maximize students' options for credit recovery, including online and work-study opportunities

**Reading and English Teacher:** South Division High School (2006-2008)

- Successfully launched the Read 180 Program for ninth grade students
  - Utilized the Six Traits of Effective Writing to improve students' writing abilities
  - Activated students' critical thinking skills by examining stereotypes in popular literature and films
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## Travel and Study Abroad

**Canada** (2016) – School-sponsored student trip to Québec and Montréal (Group Leader)

**France** (2002, 2007, 2014) – Personal trips to Paris, Besançon, and the Dordogne, Provence, Languedoc and Auvergne regions

**Morocco** (2013) - International Student Exchange (ISE) Immersion Program for French Teachers (Multiple Cities)

**France** (1994-1995) - Knox College Study Abroad Program in Besançon

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## Related Experience

**French Club Adviser:** Butler Middle School (2013-Present); Webster Middle School (2002-2005); Steuben Middle School (2001-2002)

**Chess Coach:** Varsity/Head – Butler Middle School (2015-2016); Morse-Marshall School for the Gifted and Talented (2011-2013), Loyola Academy (2010-2011), South Division High School (2009-2010), Honey Creek School (2005-2007), Webster Middle School (2003-2005); Assistant – Riverside High School (2005-2006)

**Volleyball Coach:** 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Morse-Marshall School for the Gifted and Talented (2011-2013); Varsity – Vincent High School (2011), South Division High School (2007-2009); JV/Freshmen – Rufus King High School (2010)

**Site Coordinator – Volleyball:** U.S. Youth Games – Hosted by Milwaukee Recreation Department (2010)

**Ninth Grade Orientation Camp Organizer:** South Division High School (2009)

**Basketball Coach:** JV/Assistant – South Division High School (2007-2009), Honey Creek School (2008-2009)

**Peer Mediation Adviser/Trainer:** Steuben Middle School (2000-2002)

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## Professional Training and Organizations

**Conferences and Trainings:** WAFLT Fall Conference • Anti-Racist Teaching Conference • Quarterly SWAAF Meetings and Trainings • SDW Disciplinary Literacy Summer Institute • Aligning Instruction with the ACTFL National Standards • Effective Assessment in the Foreign Language Classroom • Educating Gifted and Talented Students • Using Google Apps in the Classroom • Restorative Justice Circle Training • Violence Prevention Through Peer Mediation • CPR/First Aid

**Affiliations:**

- Wisconsin Association of Teachers of French (WAFLT)
- Southeastern Wisconsin Academic Alliance in French (SWAAF)
- Educators Network for Social Justice (ENSJ)