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# LAURA HELMS

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## Visual Arts Educator

2014 - 2020	<p>Texas Standard Teaching Licence <i>Texas Educators Association</i></p>
2008 - 2014	<p>Texas Standard Teaching Licence <i>Texas Educators Association</i></p>
Jan 2009 - Apr 2009	<p>Continuing Education <i>Focus on the Family Institute</i></p>
Aug 2004 - May 2008	<p>BSE in Art Education <i>Oklahoma Baptist University</i></p>
Aug 2010 - May 2019	<p>Art Teacher <i>Allen ISD</i></p> <p>Teaching is passion, patience, excitement and above all it is about empathy.</p> <p>As a high school art teacher, I have found that you have to capture their hearts before you can capture their minds. I strive to provide a rich and meaningful educational experience for all of my students by offering opportunities above and beyond the everyday classroom.</p> <p>Enrichments I supervise for my students include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Online Classroom Management Program, "Canvas"</li><li>Teacher-run Art Blog</li><li>Interactive Discussion Boards</li><li>After School Open Studio Art Activities</li><li>Artist Visits and Lectures</li><li>Art Clubs and National Art Honor Society</li><li>Digital Art and Photography Activities</li><li>Curatorial and Gallery Events on Campus</li><li>Installation Art Opportunities Around Campus</li><li>Over 10 Art Contests and Shows Each Year</li></ul> <p>I am a co-sponsor for the National Art Honor Society, an academic and service society. We have over 100 students enrolled and have won over \$4000 for our students through art contests, scholarships and auctions.</p> <p>I had the privileged to be the UIL Academic Spelling coach for our high school team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>District Team Champions 2013, 2014</li><li>Regional 2nd Place Team, 2013</li><li>Regional 1st Place Team, 2014</li><li>State Qualifying Team, 2014</li></ul>
Jan 2011 - Aug 2013	<p>Continuing Ed Teacher <i>Collin College</i></p> <p>An opportunity to work with adults of all ages who want to enrich their lives through Continuing Education pottery classes.</p>
Aug 2009 - Aug 2010	<p>Assistant Director <i>KinderCare</i></p>

An opportunity to teach, manage people, handle parent concerns, make curriculum, organize events, keep the books, change diapers, drive the school bus, do local and national marketing, and always do my best to make my boss look like a Rock Star.

Aug 2008 - Jun 2009

Substitute Teacher

*Frisco ISD*

An opportunity to test my flexibility and classroom management skills.

Jan 2009 - Apr 2009

Elementary Intern

*The Classical Academy*

A great opportunity to see how a wonderful charter school runs and to do the things I love- encourage kids and teach art.

Feb 2008 - May 2008

Instructor

*Private Painting Lessons*

An opportunity to teach one-on-one with an older student.

Jul 2007 - Jul 2007

Instructor

*University of Oklahoma Precollegiate/ OUTREACH Programs*

A great opportunity to work with professors, teachers and artists to reach the next generation.

Jan 2007 - May 2007

Art Teacher for Alternative Program

*Tecumseh Alternative School*

A fabulous opportunity to learn how to write grants and work with at-risk students, both middle school and high school.

Rapport with Parents and Peers

Organization Skills

Classroom Management

## Lesson Plans

Every school has a different personality and every class a different set of needs. The art classroom is a place to be challenged, a place to explore, a place to share ideas and a place to grow. Teaching is not an easy task but one well worth the work. For more information on lesson plans, please visit [www.laurahelms.wix.com/artonline](http://www.laurahelms.wix.com/artonline)

### High School - Oaxacan Animals Lesson Plan

Easily adapted for younger students, this lesson allows students to visit another culture and imagine.

[Powerpoint Link.](#)

### High School - Collage Self Portrait Lesson Plan

A challenging project that forces students to see collage in a new way.

[Powerpoint Link.](#)

### Middle School - Shoe Drawings Lesson Plan

Let the hand follow the eye across a familiar friend- our shoes!

### Middle School - Texture Beasts Lesson Plan

Finding hidden textures in the everyday world and using creativity to bring out the hidden creatures.

### Elementary School - Fabric Batik Lesson Plan

Creating designs and images in a new way, as well as exploring color.

### Elementary School - Stitchery Lesson Plan

Turning simple fabric and yarn into something worthwhile and full of personality.

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## Teacher Stories

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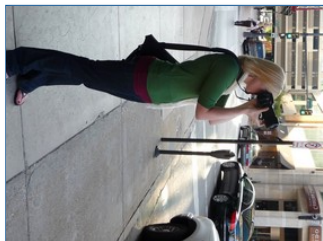
Students have won contests, earned college money, served in the community, taught pottery to the visually impaired, and brought disaster relief to neighboring states. High School students have so much potential!

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## In the Community

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Kids need an opportunity to look beyond themselves and see a greater purpose for their work. It is a joy to create opportunities for kids to grow and shine.



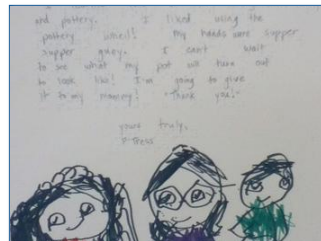
Introduction to Photography



Students in the Community



Art Contests



Art for Everyone



Moore OK



NAHS Scholarships

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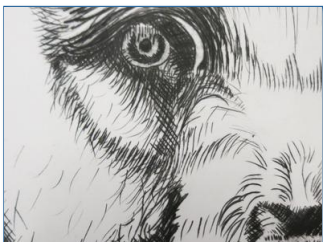
## Student Art Portfolio

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For student art portfolio examples, please visit [behance.net/lhelms](http://behance.net/lhelms)



Expanded Projects



Enrichments



Group Projects

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## My Studio Portfolio

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