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EDUCATION

- Master of Arts in Museum Studies
  Western Illinois University
  Macomb, IL | 2012 – 2014

- BFA in Studio Arts
  Illinois State University
  Normal, IL | 2008 – 2012

KEY SKILLS

- Curriculum Alignment to State Visual Arts Education Standards
- Studio Safety and Kiln Management
- Cross-Curricular Lesson Design
- Procreate
- Moodle
- Formative and Summative Assessment Design
- Exhibition Curation and Installation
- Department Budget Administration
- CRPBIS Instructional Methodologies
- Portfolio Review and Critique

Irene Mendez

Art Department Chair

ABOUT ME

Art educator with National Board Certification and 12 years of experience spanning elementary through high school instruction, holding a Master of Arts in Museum Studies. Grew annual art exhibition attendance from 178 to 537 visitors by securing an off-campus gallery space and promoting the event through school and municipal channels. Led cross-curricular projects across multiple departments while delivering up to 26 weekly instructional hours in drawing, painting, ceramics, and digital art.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Art Department Chair | Spoon River Consolidated High School, Macomb, IL
2020 – Present

- Grew annual art exhibition attendance from 178 to 537 visitors by securing an off-campus gallery space and promoting the event through school and municipal channels.
- Scheduled and delivered 26 weekly instructional hours across drawing, painting, ceramics, and digital art courses for grades 9 through 12.
- Led 7 cross-curricular projects linking visual arts with English, history, and biology departments, each running 3 to 5 weeks of integrated instruction.
- Managed a department supply budget of $9,400 per year, ordering clay, glazes, and paper for 5 art teachers and finishing each year under budget.

Art Teacher | Prairie Trace Middle School, Bushnell, IL
2016 – 2020

- Delivered 22 weekly instructional hours in watercolor, charcoal, and mixed-media classes across 5 sections of grades 6 through 8.
- Led 4 cross-curricular projects per year with the social studies team, connecting art history timelines to studio assignments over 4-week units.
- Planned and installed a spring student showcase that drew 283 visitors, coordinating lighting, signage, and reception logistics over 9 days.
- Created Procreate-based portrait assignments and guided tablet critique sessions for a 6-week digital illustration elective.

Art Teacher | Heartland Prairie Elementary School, Canton, IL
2014 – 2016

- Taught 18 weekly instructional hours of drawing, tempera painting, and paper sculpture for grades 3 through 5.
- Led 2 cross-curricular projects with the reading specialist, pairing illustrated book covers with independent reading units across 3 grade levels.
- Organized an end-of-year art walk attended by 214 family and community members, displaying work from every classroom section.

CERTIFICATIONS

- National Board Certification, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, 2019