



Laura Jeanne ("Jeannie") Penrod

TEACHER

Profile

Laura Jeanne ("Jeannie") Penrod's journey as a high school educator has spanned 17 years in the Clark County School District. Jeannie teaches disciplines ranging from Special Education to English Language Learners and varying levels of English Language Arts. She facilitates meaningful learning experiences with students using project-based learning (PBL) and social-emotional learning (SEL) to foster student reflection and advocacy. Passionate about teacher leadership, Jeannie has engaged in local, statewide, national, and global fellowships.

Teaching Experience

Resource/Special Education Teacher, El Dorado High School, Las Vegas

JUNE 2006 – JUNE 2009

- Read 180 program teacher and model teaching team for Clark County School District.
- Created a positive learning environment grounded in SEL practices, fostering student engagement
- Developed, implemented, and advocated for inclusive learning within individualized education plans for students
- Teacher leader for dedicated 9th-grade campus, leading and collaborating with colleagues for school climate and curriculum— meeting the needs of diverse learners

English Teacher, Southwest Career and Technical Academy, Las Vegas

AUGUST 2009 – PRESENT

- Develops culturally comprehensive curriculum in Project Based Learning (PBL)
- Collaborates and leads colleagues to develop interdisciplinary and school-wide PBLs, enriching student learning and engagement.
- Facilitates meaningful discussion and critical thinking activities for community/legislative impact focus to develop students' oral and written communication skills.
- Advanced Placement Literature and Composition teacher with pass rate of 92%
- Teacher leader in professional learning, PBL Coach, mentoring new/veteran educators, Equity and Diversity Committee, and School Climate Leader

Student Activities Advisor

National Honor Society Advisor, Southwest Career & Technical Academy

AUGUST 2017 – PRESENT

Student Council Class Advisor, Southwest Career & Technical Academy

AUGUST 2009 – JUNE 2020

Key Club Advisor, Southwest Career & Technical Academy

AUGUST 2011 – JUNE 2015

Leadership and Fellowships

Teach Plus Nevada Fellow & Senior Policy Fellow

JULY 2019 – JUNE 2023

- Write opinion education pieces for *The Nevada Independent* as a contributing columnist.
- Attend and present at education and policy-driven conferences (Teach to Lead, Nevada Policy Summit, Nevada Future of Learning Network)
- Moderator of panel discussions and focus groups with community, educators, and students
- Panel member for education conferences, legislation events, and Nevada Portrait of a Learner engagements

Details

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NATIONALITY

Hispanic

Personal Publications and Media

["Students should help shape the 'Future of Learning' "](#)

["Advocacy Lesson extends beyond students' classroom"](#)

["Reimagining Teaching"](#)

["Teacher Leadership: Working from the Seats We are In"](#)

["A learner portrait: Future Ready"](#)

["Teachers are Blown"](#)

["Taking Time Out: Pause. Rest. Revitalize. Recharge."](#)

["Shifting Mindsets in Nevada"-Knowledgeworks Interview](#)

["Schools are Ditching Homework"-Wall Street Journal Feature](#)

["Equitable Grading"-Newsnation Interview](#)

[Educated Podcast Interview](#)

[Avoid "Grade Burnout": Inspiring kids to love high school Parenting Up - Parenting Down Podcast Interview](#)

Skills

Teacher Leadership

Student Leadership

Teacher Mentorship

Project Based Learning

Differentiated Learning Instruction

SEL Practices

Classroom Management

Excellent Communication Skills

AP English Literature Test Prep

ACT Test Prep

Languages

Spanish

English

- Collaborated with educators on research, writing, and publishing memos surrounding education policy initiatives in Nevada
- Collaborated and informed legislation through collaborative meetings with legislators state-wide for policy impact in Nevada

National Teach Plus CEO Teacher Cabinet with Roberto Rodriguez

AUGUST 2020 – JUNE 2021

- Thought partner with educators and Roberto Rodriguez nationally informing Department of Education policy during COVID-19 and Post COVID-19 learning.

InspirED, Nevada

JULY 2020 – JUNE 2021

- Immersion with Singapore's education system using design thinking to create policy impact statewide in Nevada
- Designed and implement a year long project for impact on education in Nevada
- Thought partner and advocate in the development of Portrait of a Nevada Learner with the Nevada Department of Education

InspirED 2.0 Critical Process Friend , Nevada

AUGUST 2021 – JUNE 2022

- Coached groups as a critical process friend surrounding education priorities and year-long education-focused projects.
- Mentored and coached learner-led/educator-led groups for policy impact on co-collaborative systems and project-based learning.
- Supported, coached, and mentored educator projects, empathy interviews, and development/implementation of education projects.

EdX Fellow, Nevada

MARCH 2022 – JUNE 2022

- Collaborated with education leaders, educators, and community to inform the Portrait of a Nevada Learner with the Nevada Department of Education

SEL Teach Plus National Fellowship

FEBRUARY 2022 – JUNE 2023

- Collaborated with educators nationwide to support and design Social Emotional Projects in each state
- Implemented school-wide SEL practices through project initiatives.

Nevada Future of Learning Network Policy Fellow , Nevada

MARCH 2023 – JUNE 2023

- Designed and collaborated with educators to create learning competencies for the Portrait of a Nevada Learner with the Nevada Department of Education

Teach Plus Teacher of Color Alumni Network

SEPTEMBER 2021 – AUGUST 2023

- Led focus groups to capture retention and recruitment of teachers of color
- Engaged monthly with teachers of color to collaborate on best practices

National Teach Plus CEO Teacher Cabinet with Kira Orange Jones

APRIL 2023 – PRESENT

- Thought partner with educators and CEO informing policy for the Department of Education and Teach Plus initiatives.
- Education leadership projects individually and co-collaboratively with educators nationwide through the cabinet

Nevada Future of Learning Network Ambassador , Nevada

AUGUST 2023 – PRESENT

- Collaborating with Knowledgeworks, Ed.X, and the Nevada Department of Education to inform policy for the Nevada Portrait of a Learner
- Present and lead workshops informing the Portrait of a Nevada Learner for community engagement, voice, and understanding

We Are America National Fellowship, Las Vegas, Nevada

AUGUST 2023 – PRESENT

- Creating, crafting, and cultivating student voices about their lived experiences being American through written stories published in book format