

JULIA KESTER

Art Teacher

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Throughout my journey as an artist working in diverse creative spaces, I've valued collaboration and exploration— principles I now bring into the classroom to inspire creativity, confidence, and a lasting love for the arts in the next generation.

ART EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Full-Time Substitute Teacher

Beginning June 2025

Commack School District

- Supporting teachers' plans and students' learning by upholding classroom routines, following through on lesson plans, and maintaining a respectful, focused atmosphere.

Student-Teacher (Grades 8 - 12)

April 2025 - June 2025

Commack High School

- Designed engaging cross-curricular art lessons that incorporated emerging technologies and trends in visual culture while mentoring students in portfolio development. Ensured the growth of technical skills and individual style.

Student-Teacher (Grades K - 5)

Dec. 2024 - March 2025

North Ridge Primary School & Burr Intermediate School

- Created exciting art lessons that built foundational skills and prioritized exploration and play while ensuring student accommodations were met. Incorporated local geography, seasonal events, and cultural celebrations to enhance student understanding.

Student Observer (Grades 5 - 8)

Oct. 2024 - Nov. 2024

East-Northport Middle School

- Observed middle school art classes, focusing on the structure and flow of lessons, classroom management techniques, and student engagement strategies.

Student Observer (Grade 3 Special Education)

May 2024 - June 2024

Burr Intermediate School

- Observed the modification of lesson plans to accommodate students with IEPs. Learned about the autism spectrum, intellectual disabilities, and specific learning disabilities.

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Installation Artist and Decorator

May 2022 - June 2024

Less Than Three Studios | Brooklyn, NY

- Utilized skills in painting, prop making, florals, interior decorating, and carpentry to create immersive installations in restaurants and markets across New York City.

Freelance Artist for Film and Television

Sept. 2021 - Jan. 2024

Art and Props Department

- Worked on sets of film and television productions to create, source, and manage props and scenery. Props and scenery require skills in many medias including sculpting, painting, etc.

EDUCATION

CUNY Brooklyn College | Master of Arts in Art Education

Jan. 2024 - May 2025

Current GPA: 4.0/4.0

Pace University, NYC | Bachelor of Fine Arts in Production & Design

Sept. 2018 - May 2022

GPA: 3.9/4.0 (Summa cum laude)

Commack High School | High School Diploma

Sept. 2014 - June 2018

IB Certificate Recipient

CERTIFICATION & SKILLS

NYS Teaching Certification in Visual Arts (K-12) #PENDING

Skills: Curriculum design, classroom management, culturally responsive teaching, Google Workspace, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, etc.), drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, mixed media, collage, ZBrush

References available upon request



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