

# THERESA CICCHINELLI

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## Summary

Dedicated, culturally responsive educator of K-12 students. Credentialed in both California and Wyoming. Experienced in all core subjects, including Common Core Math/English and NGSS frameworks. Passionate about integrated curricula, STEM subjects, and Outdoor Education. Accomplished in providing nature-based activities to enhance academic concepts, fostering healthy relationships with the natural world and building community.

## Special Skills

- Student engagement
- Interdisciplinary teaching
- Differentiated learning techniques
- Place-based outdoor education
- Integrating music, art and poetry into instruction
- Language skills: Spanish, French, Italian, Latin

## Experience

- Education Consultant** **10/2016 to Current**  
**Circle of the Heart: Education Consulting** **Laramie, Wyoming**  
Private teacher and tutor providing one on one and small group instruction in core subjects, Spanish, and SAT/ACT preparation. Adept at teaching both online and in person. Compassionate and available for urgent student needs including homework issues, test preparation, and report card crises. Guided a student with severe math anxiety to an awesome SAT score and entrance to Harvard University.
- 5th and 6th Grade Teacher** **08/2016 to 06/2020**  
**Pacific Elementary School** **Davenport, CA**  
Taught a combination 5th and 6th Grade self-contained class. Taught all core subjects as well as honors math, bilingual Eng/Sp math, art, music, and PE. Created and led two history or science-based camping trips per year. Developed and led meditation practice with 5th/6th Graders and "Kinder Buddies". Served as advisor for Language Ambassadors Program, encouraging multilingualism in K-6 graders. Provided bilingual support for Spanish speaking students and families. Served on Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Committee.
- Math/Science Teacher** **08/2015 to 06/2016**  
**EA Hall Middle School** **Watsonville, CA**  
Taught 7th Grade math and science. Implemented Common Core Standards for math and Next Generation Science Standards. Developed scaffolding strategies for instructing ELD students, remedial students, and students with behavioral issues. Integrated Chromebooks/Google Classroom into instruction.
- Tutor** **11/2009 to 05/2016**  
**KRH Education Consulting** **Scotts Valley, CA**  
Tutored students from 7th to 12th grade in math, science, history, composition, government, Spanish, French, SAT/ACT preparation, and the college admissions process. Provided both academic and emotional support and encouragement. Successfully supported teens with special emotional and/or learning needs, anxiety, and ADHD. Guided a student from F's to B's in one semester.
- Math Specialist/Assessment Coordinator** **08/2014 to 06/2015**  
**Monterey Bay Charter School** **Pacific Grove, CA**  
Created and led an honors math program for Grades 5-8, taught remedial math (RTI) for Grades 3-8, taught special ed. math for Grades 6-7. Created and implemented a schoolwide (K-8) assessment program for math and English language arts. Reported to school board on assessment results.
- Class Teacher** **08/2011 to 06/2014**  
**Monterey Bay Charter School** **Pacific Grove, CA**  
Taught consecutive, self-contained 5th, 6th, and 7th Grades in Waldorf-inspired Charter School. Created personalized curriculum to meet both Waldorf and CA State standards. Created and led an honors math program for Grades 5-7.

## Education and Training

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| <b>Master of Science: Science And Mathematics Teaching Center</b><br>University of Wyoming <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Focusing on place-based STEM education models</li><li>Currently beginning the research year</li></ul>  | <b>Expected in 05/2025</b><br>Laramie, WY |
| <b>Place-based Education Certificate Course</b><br>Teton Science Schools (TSS)<br>TSS Graduate Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>certificate course in outdoor, place-based, science education</li><li>focus on teaching ecology and environmental studies with children</li></ul>   | <b>05/2023</b><br>Kelly, WY               |
| <b>Wilderness First Responder (WFR)</b><br>National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)<br>Completed WFR, CPR, First Aid, and Epinephrine Trainings  | <b>06/2022</b><br>Lander, WY              |
| <b>Professional Development Seminar Series in Social Justice</b><br>University of California, Santa Cruz<br>California Reading and Literacy Project<br>Culturally Responsive, Anti-Racist Book Club 2020-2021   | <b>06/2021</b><br>Santa Cruz, CA          |
| <b>Professional Development Seminar Series in Literacy</b><br>Santa Cruz County Office of Education<br>Text Complexity for English Learners   | <b>12/2018</b><br>Santa Cruz, CA          |
| <b>Transformative Movement Education</b><br>Movement As A Path of Transformation (MAPT)<br>Year-long seminar in movement education through the age groups   | <b>11/2018</b><br>Orcas, WA               |
| <b>Professional Development Seminar Series in Literacy</b><br>University of California, Santa Cruz<br>California Reading and Literacy Project<br>CRLP Results: Reading Foundational Skills 2017-2018  | <b>06/2018</b><br>Santa Cruz, CA          |
| <b>Waldorf Teacher Trainings</b><br>Rudolf Steiner College<br>2011-2014: Completed annual seminars in <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Art of Teaching 5th Grade</li><li>Art of Teaching 6th Grade</li><li>Art of Teaching 7th Grade</li></ul> East Bay Waldorf School <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Speech and Chalk Drawing Seminar</li></ul> Movement Academy Project, San Francisco <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rods and Staves Workshop</li></ul> | <b>06/2014</b><br>Fair Oaks, CA           |
| <b>CalStateTEACH: Teacher Certification Program</b><br>California State University - Monterey Bay<br>K-12 Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, 2011<br>Single Subject Credential in Foundational-Level Mathematics, 2016   | <b>07/2011</b><br>Seaside, CA             |
| <b>TOEFL-A Certification Course</b><br>English International<br>Teacher of English as a Foreign Language to Adults  | <b>08/1994</b><br>San Francisco, CA       |
| <b>Bachelor of Arts: English Literature</b><br>Stanford University<br>Completed an Interdisciplinary Emphasis in Native American Studies  | <b>06/1989</b><br>Stanford, CA            |