

Dear Hiring Committee,

I am interested in the Curriculum Developer and Teacher Educator position. With more than twenty years of experience in K-12 education, I have built my career around designing engaging learning experiences, developing instructional materials, and supporting both students and teachers in meaningful learning.

Throughout my career, I have combined my interests in science, technology, and education. As a middle school science lead, I supported curriculum development and instructional planning to strengthen science learning across grade levels. I also founded an elementary Coding Kids program during the early years of Hour of Code, introducing students to coding and computational thinking through engaging, hands-on experiences. More recently, I have continued this work through robotics, educational technology, and technology-integrated instruction.

In addition to my classroom experience, I have supported educators through coaching and professional learning. As a Special Populations Liaison with Loyola University, I worked alongside teachers in an inquiry-based science program to support effective instructional practices and better meet the needs of diverse learners. I have also served in leadership roles on district committees, collaborating with colleagues to develop resources and systems that support educators.

What most excites me about this position is the opportunity to combine curriculum development, teacher education, and STEM learning. I am eager to learn more about NetLogo and agent-based modeling while contributing my experience in science education, curriculum design, computational thinking, educator support, and professional learning.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jen Gilbert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jen" being more prominent and the last name "Gilbert" following in a similar style.

Jen Gilbert