

# Leanna Pesta

## Educational Leader

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### Objective

Use my skills and experience to promote a positive learning environment and higher quality education among children. Seeking a challenging and responsible position to use my abilities and experience effectively to lead and guide educators and administrators. Use my acquisition for learning to develop new skills.

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### Experience

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#### Lake Travis Independent School District / Assistant Principal

JULY 2019 - PRESENT, SPICEWOOD, TEXAS

Participate in development and evaluation of educational programs. Encourage and support the development of innovative instructional programs. Promote a positive, caring climate for learning. Participate in the development of campus improvement plans with staff, parents, and community members. Observe employee performance, record observations, and conduct evaluation conferences. Comply with federal and state laws, State Board of Education rules, and board policy. Articulate the school's mission to the community. Demonstrate awareness of school-community needs and initiate activities to meet those needs. Use appropriate and effective techniques to encourage community and parent involvement.

#### Manor Independent School District / Teacher

AUGUST 2015 - JULY 2019, MANOR, TEXAS

Mentor new teachers and support their learning in their first year of teaching. Develop and implement lesson plans that present subject matter according to guidelines established by Texas Education Agency, board policies, and administrative regulations. Create a classroom environment conducive to learning and appropriate for the physical, social, and emotional development of students.

#### The Children's Courtyard at Riverplace / Campus Director

OCTOBER 2013 - AUGUST 2015, AUSTIN, TEXAS

Ensure effective operation of the childcare center as well as lead school staff. Hire, train, and grow teachers in educating preschool children. Build enrollment to operate the school at capacity. Implement curriculum and program philosophy. Ensure facility maintenance. Oversee all operational functions of the school. Demonstrate knowledge of legal regulations and standards. Mentor newly hired campus directors.

### **The Children's Courtyard at Riverplace / Preschool Manager**

APRIL 2013 - OCTOBER 2013, AUSTIN, TEXAS

Maintains student files, keeping them up to date and in compliance. Enrolled new families in all programs. Promote childcare centers through local marketing events. Substitute taught in all classrooms. Design classrooms to reflect learning. Guide teachers in creating displays of learning boards and portfolios. Trained new employees in various areas including classroom environment, supervision, and safety. Fulfill fiscal and budget responsibilities. Maintain positive and open communication with families. Promote positive staff morale. Assisted the director in keeping all operations within licensing and company standards.

### **South Hills Child Development Center/ Teacher**

AUGUST 2010 - MARCH 2013, AUSTIN, TEXAS

Used centers for math, science, fine motor, large motor, art, multicultural, and writing to complement the child-based hands-on curriculum. Implemented a positive discipline plan. Promoted student responsibility, problem-solving skills, and student accountability. Developed thematic units around major instructional goals using Reggio Emilia's theory. Completed thorough student assessments several times throughout the year. Assisted in completion of NAEYC reaccreditation documentation. Individually assessed by NAEYC Evaluator for reaccreditation. Received a score of 97% on individual assessment by NAEYC. Implemented daily an action-based learning lab that connects kinesthetic activity to neurological development.

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## **Education**

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### **Concordia University / Doctor of Education in Educational Administration**

AUGUST 2016 - AUGUST 2020, AUSTIN, TEXAS

### **Gannon University / Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction**

JULY 2012 - MAY 2014, ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

### **Mercyhurst University / Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education**

AUGUST 2006 - MAY 2010, ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

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## **Certifications**

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K-12 Superintendent Certification, K-12 Principal Certification, EC-6 Generalist Teacher Certification, English as a Second Language Teacher Certification, Professional Development and Appraisal System Certification, Instructional Leadership Development Certification, Texas Teacher Evaluation, and Support System Certification