

# Tara Park

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## Education

*Widener University, Chester, PA*

Master's Program- Instructional Technology

*West Chester University, West Chester, PA*

BSED, Elementary Education- Honors 2001

## Certifications and Awards

- Blackboard Hall of Fame Award 2012: Bloom with STEM
- PA Teacher's Certification- Elementary Education
- PA Teacher's Certification- Middle School English
- PA Teacher's Certification- High School English (in process)
- PA Teacher's Certification- Middle School History

## Experience

Blackboard MVP and Ask the Doctor's Expert 2012-present

Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School- Virtual Educator K-8

- Awarded ITL Grant 2011-2014: Created virtual STEM program: Bloom with STEM
- Worked with students with a variety of needs, providing individualized instruction as well as support for the academic coach differentiating for each student.
- Special Project Leader- Technology Alignment Project. Organized a variety of stakeholders ranging from students and parents to teachers and administrators to align curriculum to technology standards and create a plan for budgetary review and future implementation.
- Planned, organized and implemented Online Summer SLAM (Science, Language Arts and Math) tutoring program.
- Staff Professional Development

Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School- Middle School History 7/8- 2007-2009

- Provide daily instruction for students in World History A and World History B.
- Provide individualized instruction as outlined on student's personal learning plan as well as keep accurate records of student achievement.
- Worked on PSSA committee and managed testing location as site coordinator 2007-2011.
- Created Middle School History Enrichment Program for advanced and gifted students.

Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School- Elementary- K-2, K-4- 2004-2007

- Assess student's ability level through research based assessments and develop a strategic plan to promote early literacy for students.
- Work closely with academic coach to ensure strong foundation of basic skills.
- Supported incoming staff members as a mentor.

Chester Charter School- Grade 5- 2003

- Support Special Education and Behavioral Support Class by carefully implementing individualized instruction and behavioral support.
- Chairperson, yearbook committee.
- Afterschool tutor grades 5-9- assisted students in a variety of areas, depending on the individual need.