



Sophie Meryash

Seasoned elementary education specialist and curriculum developer with an MA from Teachers College, Columbia University. Focused on literacy intervention, K-5 curriculum design, and differentiated supports that enhance student outcomes. Adept at utilizing SIPPS, Orton-Gillingham, and UDL methods to advance learning.



Personal Information

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Selected Experience

Education Specialist Education for Change Public Schools

08/2020 – 06/2025 OAKLAND, CA

- Launched a systematic phonics program blending SIPPS, game-based multimodal activities, and UDL for 18 students; each advanced ≥ 1 grade level in 4 months (Fastbridge/WJ/SIPPS data).
- Designed and implemented K-5 math intervention curriculum (aligned to EngageNY/Eureka & Kathy Richardson) for 25 students; 100% mastered foundational skills including three-digit addition/subtraction with regrouping within 1-2 semesters.
- Raised \$5,000 and founded a decodable book library supplying engaging decodables to every 3-5 ELA classroom.
- Delivered 4 family workshops (30+ participants each) on supporting emergent readers and foundational math skills; coached paraprofessionals in IEP accommodations, BIP delivery, and data-driven instruction.
- Adapted assessments and accommodations for nonverbal and Spanish-speaking students; administered SIPPS, WJ, and Fastbridge quarterly to monitor progress.
- Authored differentiated literacy curricula, and individualized tutoring plans for K-5 clients; caseloads of 8-14 students with average gains of +1 reading level in 12 weeks.
- Formalized progress-monitoring systems aligned to state standards, reducing grading turnaround and increasing instructional responsiveness. Authored and implemented IEPs; facilitated multidisciplinary IEP meetings; designed BIPs, health plans, assistive-technology supports, and curriculum modifications.
- Piloted targeted interventions and collaborated on curriculum modifications for students with dyslexia.

Curriculum Developer Education for Change Public Schools

2020 – 2025 OAKLAND, CA

- Developed a three-year SEL and social-action curriculum for over 500 K-5 students, training teachers through workshops, PDs, and individual coaching.
- Designed and implemented K-5 SEL curriculum across 5 schools (in-person and via Zoom during COVID), reaching 2,000+ students and increasing classroom participation and restorative practices.

Elementary Classroom Teacher Cox Academy

2017 – 2021 OAKLAND, CA

- Taught inclusive 2nd-grade classrooms; accelerated IEP goal mastery year-over-year and received the Education for Change award for highest classroom reading growth (2019).
- Piloted small-group interventions for decoding and comprehension; documented average gains of 1-1.5 reading levels over 8-12 weeks.

 Core Skills	– CORE SKILLS UDL Orton-Gillingham Wilson IEP writing Curriculum writing Assistive technology
 Certifications & Professional Development	MA Elementary Education & Teaching Students with Disabilities Teachers College, Columbia University 2016 Multiple Subject Teaching Credential California Commission on Teacher Credentialing 08/2024 Education Specialist Instruction Credential California Commission on Teacher Credentialing 10/2024 Supporting Statewide Literacy: Systems & Tools for Struggling Readers; Children with Dyslexia Center for Collaborative Classroom & Consortium on Reading Modifying Curriculum Certificate El Dorado Charter Trauma-Informed Teacher Training Seneca
 Selected Achievements & Metrics	- Typical caseloads: 8–18 tutoring/intervention students; demonstrated average +1 reading level in 4–12 weeks depending on intervention. 100% of 11 SPED students met academic and social goals (2021). - Raised \$5,000 for decodable library; SEL curriculum reached 2,000+ students.
 Publications & Projects	Developed social-action curriculum used in National City Unified School District. Author, upcoming emergent-reader comic "Night Night" (promo video) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xvHPq0Ki4A
 References	Available upon request
 Interests	Educational equity advocacy Children’s literature curation DJing