# KAREN L. JAMES

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## CERTIFICATIONS

*Texas Standard Generalist Certificate, EC-6*, August 2016

## EDUCATION

**University of Houston - Downtown,** Houston, TX

*Master of Arts in Teaching with Curriculum Instruction*, May 2018

**Concentration**: Mathematics Education

**University of Houston - Downtown**, Houston, TX

*Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics with Secondary Mathematics Teacher Certification*, May 2016

**Relevant Coursework**: Foundations of Mathematics, Mathematical Thought, Mathematical Problem Solving

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**River Oaks Elementary School,** Houston, TX

*Mathematics Teacher*, Fall 2016 -Present

- Teach mathematics to class of 24 fifth grade students
- Develop innovative and engaging lesson plans and activities to increase student motivation and mastery of content
- Maintain discipline in the classroom to ensure safety and welfare of students

**George Bush Junior High**, College Station, TX

*Student Teacher*, Spring 2016

- Collaborated with mentor teacher to develop challenging educational programs for gifted and talented students
- Managed after-school math club consisting of 50 students from diverse backgrounds to promote unity amongst those interested in mathematics
- Observed, facilitated, and taught sixth grade pre-algebra honors course

**Knippa Elementary**, Knippa, TX

*Student Teacher*, Fall 2015

- Taught fourth grade mathematics and science lessons to a class of 15
- Created weekly lesson plans and activities focused on Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills preparation to encourage student success
- Drafted and implemented innovative classroom management plan that increased student compliance by 90%

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

**Literacy Council of Harris County**, Houston, TX

*Volunteer ESL Tutor***,** June 2013-Sept 2013

## SKILLS

**Language**: Fluent in Spanish (written and spoken)

**Technology**: Smartboards, Apple devices, 3D printing, Google Classroom