

# Duane Sovyn

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I hold a continuous contract within Rocky View currently teaching high school Culinary Arts at W.H. Croxford. I am a trained elementary teacher who has been utilizing his Red Seal papers for the past seven years.

Collaboration has been a pillar of success within my program. I have fostered an environment where the learners are self-directed, innovative and entrepreneurial in a culture of excellence. I strongly believe that teaching is all about creating relationships with students. Understanding the students allows you to create a successful program. I believe that elementary allows you to build those relationships as you have the opportunity of teaching the same group of children all day.

My first three years with Rocky View were spent in a grade four classroom at A.E. Bowers. The environment was nurturing and students felt safe. Through personal connections one of my grade four classes was fortunate enough to have Todd Lockwood, a motivating world-class fantasy artist come in and teach them how to draw dragons. As a result artwork created by my grade four students for the remainder of the year was at par with high-school level creations. Guided by my passions, students embraced being environmental stewards and raised money through the collection of personal cans and bottles to purchase a fantasy based library to accommodate their rising reading levels. I thrive on building healthy relationships with all of my students, their parents and my peers by keeping lines of communication open.

I am a problem solver who is very adaptable and accepts criticism. I am a self-directed learner who brings experience to my classroom and I am able to create lessons on the spur of the moment when teachable moments arise. Understanding that your school is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school, I could be used as a resource for the teacher that will be teaching CTS class.

I am very interested in returning to my primary interest in a grade four classroom. I miss the young minds and 'aha' moments as we recreate create history through dioramas and make life-sized monsters in art.

I welcome a discussion for the opportunity to bring my expertise to your school.

Sincerely,  
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