

# Jacob A. TRUAX

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

### **Computer:**

Windows, Microsoft Office, Internet, Web design (Dreamweaver, Word and HTML code), CPS

### **Training:**

Internet and technology in teaching, TPRS seminar, classroom discipline, gifted education, curriculum planning

### **Languages:**

English: native language  
French: advanced low  
Spanish: novice medium

## INTERESTS

### **Hobbies:**

Home Improvement  
Literature and Writing  
Travel  
Theater  
Woodworking  
Farming

### **Sports:**

Weight Lifting  
Hiking  
Ultimate Frisbee

## METHODOLOGY

I teach using the whole-language TPRS method developed by Blaine Ray from Krashen's Total Physical Response method. This method engages learners with questions and exposure to comprehensible input in the target language. Emphasis is on fluency, competence, and confidence in the spoken and written language rather than perfection in grammar.

## EDUCATION

**2000 & 2013:** *Middle Tennessee State University, Master of Education*

Bachelor in English and French, Master in ESL Curriculum

President of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honors Society

Year of study in Besançon, France 1997-98

Student Teaching: Glencliff High, *Antioch* and Page Middle, *Franklin*

Tennessee State licensure in French, ESL, and English

Tennessee State Teaching Standard in Gifted Education

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### *Gifted Education Facilitator*

**August 2020 to present** *Rutherford County Schools*

Managed caseload of 70 students between three schools: Riverdale High School, Eagleville School, and the Rutherford County Virtual School

Taught life and transition skills

Managed and wrote IEPs for all students on the caseload

Served as chess club sponsor

### *French Teacher*

**June 2003 to August 2020** *Rutherford County Schools (Riverdale High School)*

Taught four levels of French using whole-language TPRS approach

Increased enrolment in all levels of the program from approximately 95 students to 150, and added French III and French IV

Selected Teacher of The Six Weeks in April, 2005

RCS technology "Spotlight Teacher" 2004

Sponsored French Club and fundraising activities

Supervised trips to Europe with student groups in 2006, 2008, and 2016

Organized county-wide Immersion Weekends 2013-2018

Served as building representative for the Rutherford Education Association 2007 to 2013 and as a representative to the Tennessee Education Association in 2011 and 2012

### *English Assistant (EFL: France)*

**Oct. 2000 to May 2002** *Académie de Besançon (Lycées Cournot and Pasteur)*

Organized, prepared, and taught supplemental EFL classes for students from second (sophomore) to BTS 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> year community college)

Corrected homework and tests, including mock BAC exams

Ran an after-school English and theater club at Lycée Cournot

## VOLUNTEER WORK

**1993 to present** *Murfreesboro Little Theater*

Acted in many productions, most recently in spring "Backyard Bard" Shakespeare Productions.

Directed "A Midsummer Night's Dream" 2003

Served on Board of Directors 2002 to 2004

Served as judge of productions 2015 to 2018

**2004 to Present** *Alliance Française de Nashville*

Served on the board of directors 2007 to 2019

Frequently leads français French conversation group

Organized and directed yearly immersion day 2012 to 2019

Served on fundraising board 2014 to 2019