

# Danica Elder

Educator

## Contact

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## Skills

Adaptability

Behavior management

Special education

Child development

Differentiated instruction

Written communication

Group and individual instruction

Servant leadership

## Accomplishments:

Received the WESD Make A Difference Award in 2020

Dedicated and knowledgeable teaching candidate who is passionate about affirming the dignity in all students, personal and professional growth, deep relationships, inclusion, fostering critical thinking skills, intentional instruction, identifying needs, and excellence in implementation.

## Education

2010-01 - 2013-12	<b>Associate of Arts: Emphasis in Child Development</b> <i>Grand Rapids Community College - Grand Rapids MI</i>
2018-06 - 2019-12	<b>Bachelor of Science: Special Education Interdisciplinary Studies</b> <i>Liberty University - Lynchburg, VA</i>
2020-12 - Current	<b>Master of Science: Child and Adolescent Developmental Psychology</b> <i>Northcentral University - San Diego, CA</i>
Projected: June 2021	<b>Interim Teaching Certificate: Elementary Education</b> <i>Teachers of Tomorrow - Michigan</i>

## Work History

2015-12 - Current	<b>One on One Paraprofessional</b> <i>Hart Public Schools, Hart, MI</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Attend daily to the needs of students with behavioral, developmental, and/or cognitive disabilities.</li><li>Support teachers in the implementation of the individual student's behavior management programs and IEPs.</li><li>Ensure follow-through of academic, social, and behavioral goals.</li><li>Keeping the student engaged in classroom learning and activities.</li><li>Keep up current student documentation.</li></ul>
2020-04 - Current	<b>Customer Service</b> <i>Storybook Village, Pentwater, MI</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assisted customers in buying developmentally appropriate books for their children.</li><li>Offered advice and assistance to customers, paying attention to special needs or wants.</li></ul>

2020-03 – 2020-09	<p><b>ESL Teacher</b> <i>VIPKid, Virtual Learning Program</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taught elementary-aged students virtual English lessons over the VIPKid platform</li> <li>• Implemented behavior management, TPR, and quality teaching strategies</li> </ul>
2019-04 - 2021-07	<p><b>Paraprofessional</b> <i>Summer Migrant Program, Hart Public Schools, Hart, MI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported student learning objectives through personalized and small group assistance.</li> <li>• Assisted a student with special needs during a portion of the program.</li> </ul>
2019-01 - Current	<p><b>Direct Care Provider</b> <i>GT Independence</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing respite care- assisting and supporting independence for individuals with special needs.</li> <li>• Providing Community Living Skills- assisting and supporting independence for individuals with special needs; helping clients meet their goals for life and independence.</li> </ul>
2014-09 - 2015-10	<p><b>Program Apprentice</b> <i>Grace Adventures, Mears, MI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oversaw the elementary summer camp program for ages 7-11.</li> <li>• Responsibilities included training counselors, planning and implementing large group activities, group management, behavior management, scheduling each week's activities, providing feedback for counselors, creating a safe, positive, and creative environment.</li> <li>• Facilitated recreational, personal growth, and team-building experiences with a variety of participants, elementary to adult.</li> </ul>
2014-04 - 2021-08	<p><b>High School Coordinator/Health Officer</b> <i>Grace Adventures, Mears, MI</i></p>
2017-05 - 2017-10	<p><b>Program and Accommodations Manager</b> <i>Dunes Harbor Family Camp, Hart, MI</i></p>
2015-01 - Current	<p><b>Teacher, Sunday School</b> <i>First Baptist Church, Hart, MI</i></p>

- Volunteered to teach 1st & 2nd grade Sunday School class, engaging students in learning Biblical concepts.

2008-01 -  
Current

**Volunteer**

*Grace Adventures*