

# Anastasia Gustafson

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **English Teacher**, Carmel Catholic High School

*August 2022-Present*

- Composed and taught a rigorous English curriculum
- Facilitated full-group prayers and discussed Biblical perspectives in an English classroom
- Coached girls basketball

### **Substitute Teacher**, Trinity Oaks Christian Academy

*May 2022-June 2022*

- Led K-12 classes in various subjects and contexts
- Facilitated full-group prayer and conflict resolutions
- Differentiated lessons for diverse learners

### **Student Teacher in English**, Round Lake High School

*January 2022-May 2022*

- Designed and taught curriculum grounded in socially just English Language Arts in a high school context
- Crafted standards-based assessments to demonstrate student growth in literacy and writing
- Fostered an educational environment beneficial to all learners
- Volunteered to collect clothing for students in need

### **News Reporter and Blogger**, The Vidette

*January 2020-January 2022*

- Wrote blogs, features, and news articles
- Interviewed subjects and composed photos
- Formatted writing to fit APA guidelines

### **English Tutor**

College Nannies+Sitters+Tutors

*May 2020-May 2021*

- Partnered with Lake County families who had children aged 3-14 through tutoring work
- Generated critical literacy skill-building activities through homework and e-learning assignments
- Assisted in and writing and revision work

### **Managing Editor**, The Chronicle

*August 2018-December 2019*

- Collaborated with large staff during the production of the school newspaper
- 2019 Illinois Editorial Writer of the Year title by the Illinois Community College Journalism Association

## EDUCATION

### **Northwestern University**

M.A. in Writing

- To be completed by Spring 2026
- Specialization in popular fiction
- Emphasis in the teaching of writing at college level

### **Illinois State University**

*B.A. in English with Sequence in Teacher Education*

- Graduated with Honors Distinction.
- Earned Summa Cum Laude with 4.0 GPA
- Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society Member
- National Council of Teachers of English Member
- National Art Educators Association Member

### **College of Lake County**

*Associates of of Arts and Sciences*

- Graduated with 4.0 GPA
- Member of merit-based Honors Scholars Program

### **Endorsements and Certifications**

- Secondary English Language Arts
- Middle-Level English Language Arts
- K-12 Visual Arts
- Short-Term Substitute License

## RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

- **"Missing In Action: YA Fiction That Captivates"**, *Author*. To Be Published On [Literacy & NCTE blog](#), November 2022.
- **"Unmasking The Mythical Narrative Surrounding The Five-Paragraph Essay"**, *Author*. On [Literacy & NCTE blog](#), November 2021.
- **"Why I Cook: (Book)"**, *National Day on Writing Event Coordinator And Editor in Chief*, [Why I Cook: Book Wesbite](#), 2021
- **"Community, Agency, and Voice: Creating Authentic Writing Opportunities"**, *Co-Author*, Published Essay, [Ethical ELA Website](#), 2021 .
- **"Apricity"**, *Author*. Self-Published Graphic Novel, [AnastasiaGustafson.com](#), 2018-Present.
- **"A Letter"**, *Author*, Published Narrative, College of Lake County [Prairie Voices](#), 2018.
- **"The Lamentable"**, *Author*. Copyrighted Novel, [Library of Congress](#), 2016.
- **"1/10th Of A Second,"** *Contributing Artist*, [Amazon Documentary](#), 2015.

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

### **Pontiac Township High School**, (Teaching ELA)

- Developed and taught lessons on cover letter production

### **Bloomington Regional Alternative School** (Teaching Art)

- Designed and taught 3-week long unit on watercolor skills and paintings
- Facilitated student-centered visit with famous artist, Dean Mitchell
- Coordinated Art Show at the Bloomington Public Library at end of the unit
- Created all teaching materials, rubrics, and assessment tools (summative and formative)

### **Roanoke Benson High School** (Teaching ELA)

- Designed and taught lessons on revision work and socially-just ELA
- Crafted teaching materials and graphic organizer formative assessment tool
- Led students in writing and revision activities

### **Illinois State University Lab High School** (Teaching ELA)

- Coordinated and taught 3-day micro-unit aligned with Common Core Standards
- Created engaging assignments, standards-based assessments, and accessible games that aligned with micro-unit goals, objectives, and standards

### **Prairie Crossing Charter School** (Teaching Art and ELA)

- Guided Common Core related lessons in ELA setting
- Taught art lessons in Kindergarten setting

### **Grant Community High School** (Observing Art and ELA)

- Collected data on student achievement, growth, and Individual Education Plans (IEP's)
- Facilitated small group discussions in ELA and Visual Arts classrooms

### **Juvenile Detention Center**, McLean County (Teaching Art)

- Organized Common Core-aligned lessons for Visual Arts classes
- Observed different approaches to behavior redirection

### **Bloomington School District 87 High School** (Observing ELA)

- Oversaw large-group instruction tactics in diverse settings

## SKILLS & PROFICIENCIES

- Teaching multiple grade levels and across a variety of subjects
- Creative Fiction Writing
- Curriculum development
- Coaching basketball
- Copywriting and copy editing
- Visual product development
- Digital illustration
- Writing in multiple contexts, such as journalism, poetry, creative writing, graphic novel composition, non-fiction writing, and critical essays
- Fluent in the creative platforms CANVA, Adobe Suite, Google Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, and iMovie

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## COACHING EXPERIENCE

### **2022-23 Carmel Girls' Basketball Freshmen Assistant Coach**,

- Managed daily practices and designed plays
- Facilitated all team-building activities, such as parties

### **2018 Middle School Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach**, Wauconda Middle School

- Designed and taught skills, drills, and plays
- Facilitated team-building exercises and opportunities, such as team dinners and parties