

# BEN BRUST

TEACHER // CURRICULUM DESIGNER

## CONTACT

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## PROFILE

Outgoing, enthusiastic World Languages teacher and curriculum designer, looking to use his teaching and curriculum development skills in new ways and in new scenarios. Advocates for curricula that are inclusive and responsive. Willing to adapt to new environments and work in imaginative ways. Strives to integrate technology and research-based methods into curricula. Highly focused on incorporating best practices into the classroom. Gets excited about good professional development workshops. Able to effectively lead teams of teachers and other staff during development sessions and other cohort activities.

## SKILLS

- Proficient in English (native), Spanish (ACTFL advanced-mid), and Latin (ACTFL superior equivalent)
- Proficient in MS Office Suite/Google Apps Suite and similar software
- Proficient in basic HTML/CSS
- Able to efficiently and effectively navigate bureaucracies and accomplish goals within those frameworks
- Fine attention to detail
- Proficient with common SIS software used by school districts such as Skedula/IO Classroom, Infinite Campus, and PowerSchool
- Proficient with e-learning management systems like Google Classroom, Moodle, Docebo, and similar systems
- Proficient with Smartboard and other similar hardware/software
- Proficient with Adobe Creative Suite software and similar creative software like Articulate's Storyline
- Able to effectively lead and manage teams of people
- Able to work well in groups and collaborate with others to accomplish shared goals or produce a product
- Able to deliver synchronous and asynchronous instruction and training
- Good people skills: aside from teaching and coaching, used to work customer service

## EXPERIENCE

### Maspeth High School: Queens, NY (NYC DOE)

2018 – Present

- Teaches Latin (levels 1 and 2); some co-taught classes; worked with admin to include Latin as an Integrated Co-Taught (ICT) class for the first time in school history
- Head Coach of the Girls Indoor Track Team: increased team size from around 12 to over 30
- Faculty moderator of the Classics Club
- Co-Coordinator of Restorative Justice: designed and implemented the program at MHS
- Developed and implemented a remote learning curriculum for the 2020 COVID closure of schools
- School Reopening Committee: Works with admin, teachers, and community stakeholders to plan for the 2020-2021 school year reopening within the state and city guidelines
- Teacher Trainer: Works with new departmental staff to conduct trainings on the systems used in our school system as well as professional development sessions

### Trumbull High School: Trumbull, CT

2012 – 2018

- Taught all levels of Latin from 1 to AP at various times (2012 – 2018)
- Taught Spanish 2 (2016 – 2018)
- Tech Trainer/Integrator: worked with department staff to help train members on new tech and tech systems (2016-2018)
- Writing Committee: sat on the district writing committee to investigate how to best implement district-wide writing program for K-12 (2018)
- Established and moderated the Certamen team (2017 – 2018)
- Moderated the Latin Club (2014 – 2018)
- PLC Facilitator: managed teams of teachers and lead faculty-centric workshops on curricula and managed the development of departmental rubrics, the design of new gradebook schemes, and the development cross-discipline, performance-based projects for reading in World Language, Social Studies, and English; worked within the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment department to develop staff training content (2014 – 2018)
- Moderated the school's chapter of the NJCL Latin Honor Society (2014 – 2018)

## EDUCATION

University of Scranton: Scranton, PA

2015

MS in Curriculum and Instruction

2012

BS in Secondary Education – Latin  
Minor in Spanish

## JUST FOR FUN

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Marathon runner, coffee enthusiast

- Data Team member: collaborated with colleagues to collect data and offer policy and procedure recommendations to the administration; focused on attendance (2013 – 2016)
  - Gay-Straight Alliance Moderator: lead meetings, booked outside speakers, and lead field trips (2012 – 2014)
  - Curriculum Committee: sat on the curriculum committee for the high school's visit of the regional accreditation body; compiled, catalogued, and standardized existing curricula (2012-2013)
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### Private World Languages Tutor

2010 – Present

- Tutors middle, high school, and undergraduate students in Latin, Spanish, Ancient Greek, ELA, Global History, American History, and various K-12 Science courses
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### Certifications, Publications, And Awards

- Certified to teach in New York, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania
- Selected by Admin to attend the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development conference (2019, Maspeth High School) and South by South West EDU conference (2020, Maspeth High School)
- Wrote the AP Latin Curriculum (2018, Trumbull High School)
- Co-Wrote the Latin 4/4 Honors Curriculum (2016, Trumbull High School)
- Co-Wrote the World Language Department speaking rubrics (2016, Trumbull High School); additionally, got approval to try mastery-based grading
- Collaborated on the District Technology Expectations Matrix (2015, Trumbull High School)
- Received the Excellence in Classical Languages Award (2012, University of Scranton)