

# Amanda L. Beck

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## OBJECTIVE

To create a positive and engaging environment that allows students to learn about German language and culture, challenges them to develop their critical thinking skills, and helps them grow their talents to become contributing members to a global society.

## EDUCATION

**Indiana Wesleyan University**, Marion, IN  
*Master of Education* August 2013  
GPA: 4.0/4.0

**Valparaiso University**, Valparaiso, IN  
*Bachelor of Arts* May 2007  
German and Secondary Education  
GPA: 3.78/4.0 Major GPA: 3.8/4.0

- AESSIG *Sprachkurs* at InterDaF: Leipzig, Germany, Summer 2006
  - Achieved "Advanced High" rating on ACTFL Oral Proficiency Exam.
- Overseas Study Abroad Program: Reutlingen, Germany, Spring 2005

## CERTIFICATION

- State of Indiana Senior High School Certification (Pre-K – 12), 2014-2024
- German Endorsement (Rules 2002)

## EXPERIENCE

**William Henry Harrison High School**, West Lafayette, IN  
*Teacher, Grades 9 – 12* August 2007 – Present

- Developed creative and collaborative lessons to engage students with the German language using a variety of activities, methods, and approaches. Successfully managed student behavior to achieve a positive and productive working atmosphere.
- Proficient with incorporating an electronic white board and student devices into daily lessons.
- Aligned the curriculum by writing a standards-based, program-wide curriculum map.
- Implemented dual-credit courses through Indiana University Advanced College Project.
- Led a German American Partnership Program exchange with the Karl-Friedrich Gymnasium in Mannheim, Germany. Independently organized student travel within Germany and traveled with various student groups as a chaperone.
- Regularly collaborated with staff members to develop and share new activities.
- Led training sessions Sony Virtuoso listening and recording software and actively employed it with students.
- Sponsored German Club, German Quiz Bowl, Model United Nations, and an annual field trip to Chicago that allowed students to practice their skills outside of the classroom.
- Served as senior class sponsor and planned and carried out the yearly graduation ceremony. Duties included coordinating with Purdue University and Herff Jones and communicating regularly with senior class members, parents/guardians, administrators, and community members.,2015-present
- Served as world language department chair. Duties included ordering supplies, handling curriculum changes, implementing policies, and organizing a regional quiz bowl competition. 2017-present

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### **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Attended the IFLTA Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2005 to 2017
- Member of AATG, 2005 to present
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- Served as IFLTA Secretary, 2015-2018
- Presented a session at IFLTA conference 2017, 2014, 2006
- Attended AATG immersion weekend 2014, 2012, 2008
- Completed Performance Learning Systems Coursework
  - Achieving Student Outcomes through Collaborative Learning, 2009
  - Classroom Management to Promote Student Learning, 2009
  - Differentiated Learning for Today's Classroom, 2008
  - Teaching through Learning Channels, 2008
- Collaborated with colleagues at the professional workshop "Best Practices Workshop", Valparaiso, Indiana, 2008
- Worked with colleagues at the professional workshop "Mentoring for the Future," 2006