



# Biography

## 307BW/STARBASE Louisiana

### Laurie Salvail, Program Instructor

Laurie Salvail serves as an instructor for the STARBASE Louisiana program, sponsored by the Department of Defense at Barksdale Air Force Base. She helps to implement rigorous STEM lessons that encourage students to persevere when faced with a problem. Through this program, Laurie is also able to guide students as they learn to use PTC CREO computer-aided design and LEGO Mindstorms EV3 robotic programming software.

Mrs. Salvail was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana. At the age of five, her family moved to Houma, Louisiana where she graduated from Vanderbilt Catholic High School. Laurie then attended McNeese State University where she attained her Bachelor of Science in Business Management. After working as a successful account manager, Laurie was able to follow her heart and become a teacher in Desoto Parish. She received an alternate certification in Elementary Education from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. She is currently working on her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Louisiana Tech University. Laurie believes that learning is fun and should be challenging, but exciting for students.



### Teaching History

2014 – Present STARBASE Program Instructor

20120-2014 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math and Science Teacher – St. Joseph Catholic School, Shreveport, LA

2009-2012 Mentor Teacher at Mansfield Elementary School, Mansfield, LA

## **Education**

Bachelor of Science in Business Management – Magna Cum Laude Graduate, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA

Alternate Certification in Elementary Education 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, LA

## **Honors and Memberships**

Beta Gamma Sigma National Scholastic Honor Society

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Beta Lambda, Future Business Professionals

ETS Recognition of Excellence for scoring in the top 15% of all past test takers on the Praxis

Chairman of the Mansfield Elementary School Organizational Environment Team

## **Special Trainings/Certifications**

Leader 1 Common Core Blackbelt Certification through the Common Core Institute

Certified to conduct Formal Teacher Evaluations for Desoto Parish Schools through the TAP System for Teachers and Students Advancement

Served on the Desoto Parish Curriculum Planning Team