Simone Tchagou

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Elementary educator and instructional leader with 31 years of experience in the United States, Cameroon, and the Republic of the Congo. Lead Elementary Teacher at the American International School of Brazzaville since 2019, supporting the elementary team, helping hire new staff, and building the yearly academic calendar. As Events Coordinator, has led International Day for 11 years and FOPAS, the Festival of Performing Arts and Sports, for three years, welcoming 14 partner schools in 2025. Differentiates instruction, builds an inclusive classroom, and uses MAP, DRA, and IXL data to guide teaching, through inquiry-based IB PYP units, integrated technology, and social-emotional learning.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Differentiated instruction
- Inclusive education
- Data-driven instruction (MAP, DRA, IXL)
- Technology integration
- Inquiry-based learning (IB PYP)
- Social-emotional learning
- Unit and lesson planning
- Parent communication
- Staff mentoring and leadership
- Event planning and coordination

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

American International School of Brazzaville, Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo **Aug 2015–Present**
Kindergarten to Fourth Grade Teacher (2015–Present)
Lead Elementary Teacher (2019–Present, alongside classroom teaching)
Events Coordinator

- Created unit plans and weekly lesson plans in all major content areas
- Differentiated instruction, adapting lessons, materials, and support to individual learning needs and levels
- Built an inclusive classroom for diverse, international learners, including English language learners
- Taught inquiry-based IB PYP units and project-based lessons
- Used learning management systems including PlusPortals, ManageBac, and Toddle
- Integrated technology into instruction for research, practice, and diagnostics
- Guided data-driven instruction using MAP, DRA, and IXL diagnostics, weekly tests, one-on-one conferencing, and anecdotal records
- Supported social-emotional learning through the Six Pillars of Character and the IB Learner Profile
- Developed relationships with parents through email, face-to-face contact, phone conversations, and weekly/monthly newsletters
- Motivated students through enthusiastic teaching, creative lessons, technology, manipulatives, and helpful visuals
- Encouraged student participation by creating a supportive and caring classroom environment

Grace Christian Academy, Waldorf, MD, USA **Aug 2014–Jun 2015**
Third Grade Teacher

Merced Christian School, Merced, CA, USA **Aug 2013–May 2014**
Third/Fourth Grade Teacher

American School of Yaoundé, Yaoundé, Cameroon **Aug 2009–Jun 2013**
Second Grade Teacher

Grace Brethren Christian School, Clinton, MD, USA **Jun 1998–Jun 2009**
Kindergarten Teacher (5 years)
Second Grade Teacher (6 years)
Elementary Team Leader (3 years, alongside classroom teaching)

Clinton Christian School, Waldorf, MD, USA **Aug 1996–Jun 1998**
First/Second Grade Teacher

LEADERSHIP AND EVENTS, AISB

Head of Elementary (2019–Present)

- Member of the school leadership team
- Assisted the director with interviewing new staff
- Assisted the director in creating the yearly academic calendar
- Supported, mentored, and advised fellow teachers
- Scheduled regular duties for the entire staff
- Scheduled and conducted regular elementary meetings
- Collected and kept track of relevant inventory
- Communicated with the administration about classroom and teacher needs

Events Coordinator, initiated or led:

- Talent Show (2016–2019)
- Bazaar (2017–2020)
- International Day (2015–Present): 110+ students and families, with ambassadors and business leaders invited
- Cheerleading Squad (2021–2022)
- FOPAS – Festival of Performing Arts and Sports (2024–Present): 14 partner schools in 2025

EDUCATION

M.S. in Elementary Education, Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, FL, USA (1996)
B.S. in Commercial Writing, Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, FL, USA (1994)

CERTIFICATIONS

Standard Professional Elementary Certificate, K–8, Arizona Department of Education (2026–2039)
Professional Lifetime Certificate, Elementary Teacher, Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) (2008–Lifetime)

PERSONAL STRENGTHS

31 years of educational experience • Open-minded, collaborative, and innovative • Third-culture person who thrives in a diverse atmosphere • Regularly first on campus and last to leave • Calm under pressure • Detail-oriented • Effective communicator • Team player

References

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