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Texas Education Agency ESL (grades PK-6)
Texas Education Agency School Librarian (grades EC – 12)
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Art Louisiana Department of Education Teaching Certification (All-level),
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Art Teacher, Northeast Independent School District, (all levels), San
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Museum Educator: The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio Museum of
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Art Teacher, Rapides Parish, Louisiana (elementary, middle, high school)
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Primary Teacher at Children's House (San Antonio, TX)

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Primary Teacher at Country Day School (San Antonio, TX)

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Dean of Students, Pacific Hill School (West Hollywood, CA)

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