



**SHRINE**  
CATHOLIC  
Grade School

## **Melissa Liford**

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Art Teacher - Grades 1-6

### **Education**

B.A. Major: Education/Art, Minor: Social Studies, Marygrove College, Detroit  
Masters Curriculum Development, University of Phoenix, Troy

### **Endorsements**

Professional Certificate: Elementary K-5 All Subjects (K-8 All Subjects Self-contained)  
Art Education (LX) K-12

### **Teaching Experience**

Shrine Catholic Grade School, 1998-Present  
Shrine Catholic Academy, 2000-Present  
Rochester and Troy Public Schools, Substitute Teacher, 1995-1998

### **Why I Like Teaching at Shrine**

I used to be intimidated in art class in school. I was creative, but by no means great! I could always help others understand directions, then they "over achieved" with their ideas. This frustrated me terribly until my high school art teacher told me I was great at retelling the directions and helping other students understand. I was GREAT at something?! So began my recognized love of teaching art, my passion! At Shrine, I love that I get to see the growth of the students artistically, physically, and academically for 8 plus years! I love being the familiar face when our Grade School students begin their adventure at the Academy!