Dillon Lehane

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Authorized to work in the US for any employer

SUMMARY

Licensed **Social Studies teacher** (Mississippi Class A, grades 7–12) with student-teaching and substitute experience across the Ocean Springs, Biloxi, and Pascagoula-Gautier districts, including long-term history and inclusion assignments. Requested back by name by teachers across multiple schools. Strengths in engaging, story-driven instruction, classroom management, and reaching diverse learners. Seeking a full-time high school social studies position (open to middle school).

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

- **Mississippi Standard Educator License, Class A** — Social Studies (endorsement 192), grades 7–12; no stipulations. Valid June 2023 – June 2028.
- Driver's License (Class C)

EDUCATION

- **B.S., History & Social Studies Licensure** — University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach, MS, 2023
  - Strong evaluations from student-teaching supervisors and college faculty.
- **A.A., General Studies** — Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, 2021
  - GPA 3.49, Vice President's List (Dean's List equivalent), multiple terms.

EXPERIENCE

Substitute Teacher — Kelly Education / Kelly Services

Ocean Springs, MS, *January 2025 – Present*

- Taught across multiple schools and grade levels in the Ocean Springs, Biloxi, and Pascagoula-Gautier districts, maintaining each regular teacher's plans and classroom routines.
- Reached struggling students by translating material into relatable analogies (e.g. framing a Revolutionary War battle through a video game students already knew).
- Filled multiple inclusion-teacher assignments (longest ~1 month, 8th-grade English), developing strong patience and adaptable strategies for special-needs learners.
- Substitute across all subjects; specifically requested for **long-term history assignments** as the licensed subject-area teacher.
- Requested back by name by roughly **half a dozen teachers at Ocean Springs Middle School**, plus teachers at the high school and in Pascagoula.
- Managed classrooms, delivered instruction, and kept accurate records.
- Assisted library staff with organizing and reshelving collections.

Student Teacher — Ocean Springs School District

Ocean Springs, MS, *August 2023 – December 2023*

- Owned all aspects of classroom management for a full-semester placement.
- Planned lessons and designed assessments to measure skill mastery across units.
- Delivered daily oral and multimedia presentations to engage students.
- Completed two U.S. History placements — 11th grade at Ocean Springs High School, then six weeks of 8th grade at the district's middle school (~25 students per class).
- Built an engaging, story-driven American Revolution unit, digging into the historical roots of traditions students didn't realize had that background.
- Earned strong feedback from the cooperating teacher and college supervisor — during an observed lesson the supervisor said she "didn't see a student — she saw a teacher."
- Communicated with parents and maintained detailed records.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Merchandise Manager**, Dollar Tree (2024) — covered both assistant- and store-manager duties overseeing ~8 staff after the store manager's departure.
- **Building Maintenance Tech / Heavy Duty EVS**, Boomtown Casino Biloxi (2014–2023) — **nearly 9 years** with one employer, moving from EVS into a maintenance role; demonstrates reliability and strong work ethic.
- **Customer Service Representative**, Afni / Verizon (2011–2013) — high-volume communication, retention, and detailed record-keeping.

SKILLS

Lesson planning, Engaging lesson design, Classroom & behavior management, Inclusion / differentiated support, Assessment design, Parent communication, Presentation skills, Technology integration, Google Workspace, Microsoft Office, Record-keeping, Tutoring & mentoring

LANGUAGES

English