

# Melissa Camilien

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## BIO

I'm a creative and student-centered visual arts educator with experience teaching K-12 learners through project-based and interdisciplinary approaches.

Skilled in digital illustration, curriculum design, and fostering engaging, inclusive learning environments that build both technical and creative confidence.

## EDUCATION

### Lesley University, 2023

MEd. Art Education

### Saint Peter's University, 2015

B.F.A. Graphic Arts

Photography Concentration

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign  
Lightroom, Acrobat, Procreate,  
Canva, Microsoft Word, Powerpoint,  
Google Workspace

## STRATEGIC SKILLS

- Data-driven instruction
- Academic advisory
- Professional development
- Classroom management
- Curriculum analysis
- Parent & community engagement

## EXPERIENCE

### Space of Mind

Lead Coach, Grades K-12, 2024 – Current

- Developed project-based art and math lessons for K-12, bridging creative homeschool thinking with key academic concepts
- Planned programming and themed decor for 12+ community fundraising events, adding to community turnout, and overall event experience
- Designed creative assets, including event flyers, signage, programs, and tickets, ensuring cohesive visual communication across needed touchpoints

### The Woodward School for Girls

Head of Visual Arts, Grades 6-12, 2022 – 2024

- Instructed Studio Art and Specialized Studio (Independent Study) classes, guiding students in concept development and portfolio-ready work across acrylic, watercolor, charcoal, and digital media
- Led Art Department operations and flagship events including Woodward's 'Night of the Arts', increasing work visibility, student participation, and community engagement
- Worked closely with the school's Marketing Team to create visual, photo, and video content for social media and print campaigns

### KIPP Academy Boston

Visual Arts Teacher, Grades 5-8, 2021 – 2022

- Designed and implemented creative, inclusive mixed-media art lessons, fostering skill development and individual artistic expression
- Oversaw student progress and delivered regular, constructive feedback to help nurture growth and confidence
- Managed studio operations and curated art displays, showcasing student work and refining overall studio environment

### Achievement First Apollo

Lead Teacher, 2nd Grade, 2019 – 2020

- Co-taught a homeroom of 35 students, supporting daily instruction and classroom structure
- Led social-emotional learning, math, and humanities classes, adapting instruction to diverse student needs
- Implemented tools for classroom management and delivered effective, individualized student feedback