

# Elise Cortez

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Seasoned high school sports coach with 10+ years of experience delivering high-quality sports sessions to diverse cohorts in California schools. Extensive knowledge of best teaching practices for a wide range of sports with a focus on basketball. Proven track record for improving winning percentages of sports teams using well-planned drill practices, encouraging teamwork and nurturing individual students to meet their full potential.

## Key Skills

- Goal-focused approach to coaching
- Inspiring and nurturing leadership style
- Proven track record for improving win percentages
- Clear communication skills
- Strategic planning ability

## Professional Experience

### Lead Basketball Coach

*Galileo High School, San Francisco, CA | September 2016-Present*

- Implement drill routines to improve zone strategies and player-to-player plays, increasing win percentage by 23% in 2020
- Liaise with students, parents and colleagues to ensure excellent academic outcomes for all team members, achieving a 70% or higher passing grade for all subjects
- Coordinate 12 home and away games, including transportation and snacks
- Support eight-member coaching team to improve their teaching practice through a high-quality range of professional development and training sessions

### Assistant Softball Coach

*Gateway High School, San Francisco, CA | September 2011-August 2016*

- Maintained high safeguarding standards and monitored student well-being, discussing concerns with colleagues and parents when necessary
- Planned and delivered engaging and challenging sessions to drive progress for all students regardless of ability
- Adapted teaching plans to meet the needs of individuals with SEN or physical disabilities
- Supported the lead coach to source the most cost-effective equipment suppliers, reducing the overall spend by 31% without compromising quality

## Education

### Bachelor of Science in Physical Education

*University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, September 2007 - June 2011*