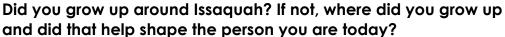


### Issaquah High Teacher Profile

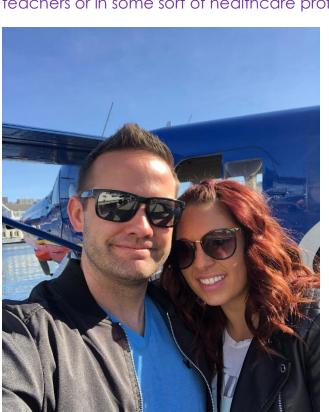
Ranson Ty Gearreald "Ty"
CTF Health Teacher

#### What is your education background?

Graduated HS at Elk City High School in 2001. Graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2006. I finished my Masters of Education in Administration in 2017 at SWOSU as well.



I grew up in western Oklahoma. My family had cattle and farmland, and it was a tough area to grow up in and has made me more resilient today. I had a lot of relatives that were either teachers or in some sort of healthcare profession, so it really influenced me to become a



teacher and help others. My family and I moved to Washington due to my wife Heather's awesome job working for Nintendo. I was and still am excited to teach in such an amazing atmosphere.

# What was your job/career before coming to teach at Issaquah? If you had a prior job/career, how did that job/career make you become a better teacher?

I have always been a teacher/coach. Growing up I was more interested watching the coaches at games than the players.

## How many years have you been teaching at Issaquah?

15 years total teaching and I'm starting my  $2^{nd}$  year at Issaquah.



#### What classes at Issaquah do you teach, and why do you love teaching that subject?

I teach CTE Health and I'm very passionate about all health related topics. I constantly read health/leadership books, listen to podcasts, and experiment with ways to make myself healthier, that way I can share my experience with others. I have taught many subjects throughout my career that include Biology, Anatomy, Zoology, Biotechnology, PE, and Forensic Science. I was planning on becoming a principal before moving to Washington. I try to incorporate all my prior experiences into the Health class to bring a wider scope of experiences that hopefully the students can relate to.

#### Any favorite teaching memories?

There are so many stories but the one that stands out to me the most was winning my first baseball state championship as a coach. It was great to see hard work and sacrifices paying off.

Are you a club mentor or sport coach and if so, what are the best parts of being a mentor/coach for that club/sport? Any memorable experiences you would like to share?

I am a co-advisor for HOSA-Future Health Professionals. In Oklahoma I coached baseball, football, softball, cross country but I no longer coach any sports at the moment other than my kids little league teams.



## What do you like to do outside of school? Please elaborate.

I'm very active. I'm constantly pushing the limits on what I can do. Recently I have been enjoying mountain biking, hiking, and anything on water. I also enjoy music and attending concerts (Pre-Covid). I'm a big fan of trying new experiences. I look at each day as an opportunity to get better. I want to look back on life with no regrets.



↑ first day of school picture

## Is there anything else special about you that you would like to share?

I don't know if there is any one thing that is special about me because I wouldn't consider myself great at any one thing but I'm really good at a lot of random things. I'm constantly learning how to do new things. Some of the recent things are playing guitar, learning a new language, painting, and photography.

