



Issaquah High Teacher Profile

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CTE 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.

Did you grow up around Issaquah? If not, where did you grow up and did that help shape the person you are today?

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 2nd 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.



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.



^ first day of school picture