



Issaquah High Teacher Profile

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Issaquah High School CTE/Science teacher



What is your education background?

I have a BA/BS from UC Davis in Biology and Psychology and a MS from Brandeis University in Molecular and Cellular Biology. I also have a Master in Teaching from Western Washington University.

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 right here in the PNW---in Bellevue to be exact.

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?

After receiving my MS, I worked as a scientist at the University of Washington. I really enjoyed my work there and the people that I met, however I knew that I wanted to go into education. While working at UW, I attended night school to get my teaching credential. Prior to coming to IHS, I taught chemistry and biology at Kent Meridian High School.

All of my previous work in the laboratory has helped me become better at explaining complicated material and techniques to my students---this is particularly important for many of the biotechnology and forensic science topics.

How many years have you been teaching at Issaquah?

I'm happy to say that I'm starting my eighth year at IHS.

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

Currently, I'm teaching the Science of Forensics and Material Science. I love these courses because they allow students to look at the details of the science and relate it to the real world (and I get to learn something new every time I teach these courses).

What do you like to do outside of school?

I love to spend time with my family and friends. Traveling (domestically and internationally) is one of my favorite hobbies. My last big trip was to Spain in 2019 where I enjoyed learning about the history of Madrid and Southern Spain. I love to take walks in both the city and on trails. For a little adrenaline rush, you will find me waterskiing on Lake Sammamish. I also enjoy paddle boarding to relax. In addition to spending time on/near the water, I like to read books and volunteer at a local biotech company.



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