

# Issaquah High Staff Profile

### **Luke Ande** Issaquah High Athletic Director

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

I grew up in Eastern Washington and Marysville. Both places definitely helped shape who I am today.

What's your educational background? Where did you go to school? How do you use your educational experience in your day to day life?

I have a K12 Health and Fitness degree along with a Masters in Education. I graduated from Western Washington University. I believe in making things practical in education so there are direct correlations to day-to-day life.



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

I taught elementary PE in West Seattle. I think I developed a large amount of patience after working with K-5 PE classes. I also developed an appreciation for everyone's differences and different abilities working with so many young students.

## Tell us about your position at Issaquah High. Any highlights?

My position at Issaquah is made up of overseeing the athletic programs. My highlights are centered around student successes and everyday experiences. I value when students just stop by to say hello or chat for a second. My favorite night of the year though is the Special Olympics basketball game. The support that is shown for that program on that night is very special.

# How many years have you worked at Issaquah High?

10

#### Is volunteering part of your life?

I have spent a large amount of time volunteering with special Olympics and refereeing for youth basketball.

# What do you like to do outside of school?

Outside of school I like to play golf, tennis, snowboard, hunt, and fish.

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

Hove working at Issaquah, the staff, students, and community are one of a kind.

