



Issaquah High Teacher Profile

Jake McKinzie

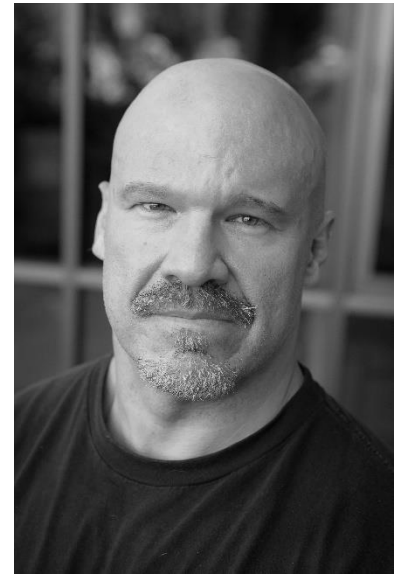
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What is your education background?

Biology degree and education degree from WSU, graduate credits from UW, SPU, and GRCC

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

I have lived everywhere west of the Mississippi River at some point in my life. Made me flexible but made me enjoy stability.



What was your job/career before coming to teach at Issaquah?

Taught for 19 years in Kent.

How many years have you been teaching at Issaquah?

2020-21 is my third

What classes at Issaquah do you teach, and why do you love teaching that subject? Astronomy and Chem. Lab methods. I love teaching any science topic as the ability to learn and expand your knowledge is limitless.

Any favorite teaching memories?

so many.... Forensics tracking field trips, Seattle aquarium field trips, chemistry labs, questions from students that had the whole class in laughter...just the job as a whole over the years

< Jake, his wife and daughter in Kauai

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?
Coached and ran clubs during all my years in Kent. There has not been a need for my skill set at IHS yet.

Is volunteering part of your life? If so, tell us about your volunteering experiences and what you love about them?

People who are there want to be there...it makes for enjoyable shared experiences.

What do you like to do outside of school?

Read, keep fit, adult league sports, spend time with my daughter and wife, travel (road trips).



^ Hiking on Mt Si with former students



< Exploring with his daughter on the Oregon Coast

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

I'm just me...that's it... 🤔

v Road Trip to Nevada

