



Issaquah High Teacher Profile

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Issaquah High Math Teacher

What is your education background?

Graduated from Kent school district and then became the first in my family to go to college. I went to CWU for my bachelors in secondary mathematics and then WGU for my masters in curriculum and Instruction. Then last summer I went back to CWU for my CTE certificate.

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 Covington, so close to Issaquah.



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?

Before teaching in Issaquah I taught middle school in Federal Way. Teaching in a different community gave me multiple opportunities to learn and see how I might help a more diversity of students.

How many years have you been teaching at Issaquah?

This is my fourth year at Issaquah High

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

I teach Algebra 1 and Applied Algebra 2 this year. I really enjoy teaching the applied algebra 2 course because students are relating the math to real-life and are not so pressured on the paper tests because their projects are the same weight as tests. I enjoy teaching Algebra 1 because it is just introducing new topics to the students and really challenging them to think outside the box at times.



Any favorite teaching memories?

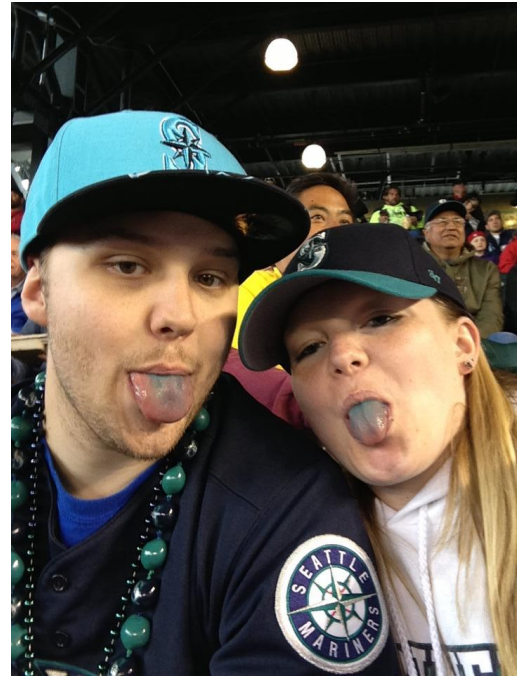
I would say some of my favorite moments are at the end of the year in my applied algebra 2 class when students get a good grade and they are so proud of themselves because they have typically struggled in math before. This moment also comes at different times of the year when they are so excited, they understand a topic just because it was taught in a different way. To see the students gain that confidence really inspires me to keep thinking out of the box and reaching more of the students. I also really enjoy when past students come to visit to just let me know how they are doing.

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 often keep score at basketball or soccer and then sell tickets for the football games. I enjoy watching our students in a different atmosphere rather than just in the classroom and them showing their school spirit.

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

When growing up I volunteered with several different communities. I have volunteered through Kent parks at several different events, but one of my favorites was Kent kid arts day where I would teach children how to sew bean bags. While in college, I volunteered through the college for several different events that we put on for the college students, other k-12 students in the area, along with several different cleaning the roads events.

**What do you like to do outside of school?**

Outside of teaching, I spend most of my time with my husband and our two little ones, Derek is 4 and Ryleigh who will be 2 in a couple of months. We like to go hiking, go to the zoo or the beach, and our most favorite thing to do is go to Disneyland.

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

When in high school, I went to Holland and Australia as an athlete and student with the People to People program. Then in college, I went to Washington DC as a student through a CWU program. I was on the equestrian team at CWU and actually owned a horse till last year.