

Parents and Students,

Hello everyone! I wanted to take a few minutes to introduce myself. My name is David Jones. I have been a teacher here in Lakeland SD for 29 years. Most of that time has been split between Spirit Lake Elementary and Athol Elementary, although some years, I go where I am needed most. This year, it is here, at the Lakeland Online Academy. I'm a husband and father of teens. I'm really a farmer at heart and love growing plants, animals, and striving for a simple, fulfilling life. Music is a large part of my existence and soothes my soul in the hard times.

I will be teaching 7th and 8th grade history, 7th and 8th grade PE, and a 7th and 8th grade class that will allow your student to earn elective credit.

The history classes will consist of steady progress through the textbook following district approved scope and sequence. I believe with a good attitude and an inquisitive mind, history can be enlightening, entertaining and fun.

Our desire for the PE class is to allow students to obtain credit for physical activity they are already participating in. Football, soccer, dance, martial arts, cross country, basketball, walking the dog.....if it is an activity that gets your student doing physical activity it can be applied to their PE grade. I have a Google Classroom setup for this class already, and invitations have been sent out to your students homeroom. Please encourage your student to accept the invite and join my PE classroom.

I am still working out the details of the Elective class. It is my desire to make this a class of personal exploration of subjects that are of personal interest to my students and their futures as young adults. The journey and exploration is what will be the important part of this class and the end result will simply be the documentation of the journey. Please ask your student to watch for more details early next week.

I look forward to the chance to get to know your student. Please, feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I am here to help.

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