



**Hope Hendershot****WHS****Science Teacher**

Ms. Hendershot earned a Bachelor’s degree in Biology from Appalachian State University in 2023. She completed her student teaching at South Caldwell High School during the fall semester of the 2023-2024 school year. Hope has been employed as a Science Teacher at West Caldwell High School since January 2024. Ms. Hendershot holds a valid North Carolina Professional Educator’s Certificate in the area of 00310 – Biology (grades 9-12).

**Emily Hurd****Hardin Park****Grade 2 Teacher**

Ms. Hurd earned a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University in 2024. She completed her student teaching at Blowing Rock Elementary School during the spring semester of the 2023-2024 school year. Emily has worked as a first grade teaching assistant at the Boone United Methodist Church Summer Literacy Program during this past summer. Ms. Hurd will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator’s Certificate in the area of 00025 – Elementary Education (K-6).

**Maria Tapia Barraza****WHS****Interim Math Teacher**

Ms. Tapia Barraza earned a Bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education – Mathematics from University of Maryland, College Park in 2016. Maria was a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Education at Montgomery College in 2013. In 2014, she was a Middle Grades Teaching Assistant in Maryland. Ms. Tapia Barraza is currently a Lead Teacher at Boone United Methodist Pre-School. Maria will apply for a North Carolina Professional Educator’s Certificate in the area of 00200 – Mathematics (grades 9-12).

**Re-Employment of Retiree**Rhonda Campbell  
Gail RichardsGreen Valley  
Green ValleyPart-Time Math Teacher  
Part-Time Math Teacher**Classified Personnel****New Employment**

Mary Fitzgerald

Mabel

Part-Time Tutor

**Long-Term Substitute**Bob Kogut  
Roberta KogutBlowing Rock  
Blowing RockMusic  
Music**Athletics**

Melina Jackson

Blowing Rock

Volleyball Coach