

Northridge Elementary School

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Mission Statement:

Northridge Superstars learn by shining with respect, responsibility, and safety.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Hiring high quality teachers is a priority at our school. Through federal law, you have the right to information about the professional qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals at our school. We wish to share that with you. To be “highly qualified” under federal law, teachers must:

1. have a state teaching certificate or license
2. have a bachelor’s degree, AND
3. for “new:”
 - a. elementary teachers, pass a rigorous test
 - b. middle/senior high teachers, pass a rigorous test or have major/coursework
4. for “not new” teachers, pass rigorous tests, major/coursework, or state evaluation.

Below is a table that lists each teacher at our school for the 2025-2026 school year:

Teacher Name	Grade Level/Subject	Bachelor’s Degree Major and/or Minor	Graduate Degree and Field of Study	Years of Teaching Exp	Meets State Qualifications/Licensing
Ranee Bentz	Kindergarten	Elementary Education/ Early Childhood		10	Yes
Toni Hostetler	Kindergarten	Elementary Education	Reading & Literacy	14	Yes
Kristen Just	Kindergarten	Elementary Ed/Kindergarten/Reading	Curriculum/Instruction	26	Yes
Annie Schmidt	Kindergarten	Elementary Education/ Early Childhood		1	Yes
Sarah Yantzer	Grade 1	Elementary Education/ Early Childhood		17	Yes
Sarah Brilz	Grade 1	Elementary Education/ Special Ed	Curriculum/Instruction	14	Yes
Nicole Nodland	Grade 1	Elementary Education		28	Yes
Tara Steele	Grade 1	Elementary Education/ Kindergarten	Elementary Education	23	Yes
Cindy Allen	Grade 2	Elementary Education/ Middle School Reading	Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment	13	Yes
Lindsay Nagel	Grade 2	Elementary Education		15	Yes
Kimberly Meza	Grade 2	Elementary Education		1	Yes
Bridget Tracey	Grade 2	Elementary Education		7	Yes
Maggie Alexander	Grade 3	Elementary Education	Early Childhood Education	10	Yes
Jamie Senne	Grade 3	Elementary Education/Reading Concentration		5	Yes
Jennifer Roth	Grade 3	Elementary Education	Educational Leadership	17	Yes
Karen Smith	Grade 3	Elementary Education	Elem Administration	22	Yes
Jesse Bennett	Grade 4	Exercise Science		4	Yes
Desiree Lokken	Grade 4	General Studies/Special Education		6	Yes
Andrea Sagsveen	Grade 4	Elementary Education	Education/Reading Credential	27	Yes
Jennifer Walz	Grade 4	Elementary Education	Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment	18	Yes
Olivia Borchers	Grade 5	Elementary Education		4	Yes
Krista Diede	Grade 5	Elementary Education/ Early Childhood	Elem Administration	27	Yes
Lance Kocis	Grade 5	Elementary Education	Elem Administration	21	Yes
Sierra Poitra	Orchestra	Bachelors in Psychology		1	Yes
Kaelee Kuklis	Special Education	Elementary Education/Special Education	Special Education Strategist	8	Yes
Sherry Berreth	Physical	Physical Education/ Health		29	Yes
Justin Miller	Physical	Physical Education/Elementary Education	Leadership and Education	14	Yes
Margaret Brink	Music	Music Education		4	Yes
Jackie Casey	Special Education	Elementary Education/ Special Ed	Special Ed w/LD/ED Endorsements	28	Yes
Mandi Clausen	Library Media	Elementary Education	Library & Information Technologies	19	Yes
Holly Dietrich	Title I Reading	Elementary Education/Reading Credential	Adv Prof Education Program	27	Yes
Trisha Dietrich	Title I Reading	Elementary Ed/ Kindergarten/ Reading	Early Childhood	22	Yes
Trinetta Pretty Weasel	Special Education	Special Ed		1	Yes
Natalie Hadsell	English Learning	Psychology/Elementary Education	Educational Leadership	19	Yes
Garrett Jacobs	Physical	Physical Education		11	Yes
Stacey Leben	Social Work	Social Work/Sociology		34	Yes
Jessica Frohlich	Counselor	Elementary Education/ Psychology		19	Yes

Molly Enockson	Assistant Principal	Elementary Education	Educational Leadership	24	Yes
Angie Monson	Psychologist	Specialist in School Psychology	Specialist in School Psychology	18	Yes
Amy Walker Lysne	K-5 Strategist	Elementary Education/ Special Ed	Ed Psych/ Spec Ed/Ed Diagnostician	27	Yes
Tivona Lamberth	Special Education	Exceptional Children and Youth	Special Education	16	Yes
Kim Stein	Levels of Service	Elementary Education/ Math	Curriculum-Instr/Gifted & Talented	24	Yes
Miranda Stewart	Nurse	Bachelor of Science Nursing	Registered Nurse	11	Yes
Amy Peterson	Speech/Language	Communication Sciences and Disorders/Special ED	Speech-Language Pathology	10	Yes
Kamela Timm	Occ. Therapist	University Studies	Occupational Therapy	9	Yes
Jill Westereng	Title I Math/Behavior	Elementary Education		24	Yes
Shonda Mertz	Principal	Elementary Education	Educational Leadership	26	Yes
Paraprofessional	Title	Education	Years of Experience	Highly Qualified?	
Melissa Baier	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	2	Yes	
Missy Borr	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	15	Yes	
Renee Hardy	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	2-year Degree + Title I Para Certificate	13	Yes	
Rashel Harvey	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	High School Diploma + Title I Para Certificate	16	Yes	
Cassandra Hayes	Instructional Aide – Title I	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	31	Yes	
Claudia Lorenz	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	7	Yes	
Erin Jensen	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Associate’s Degree - Title 1 Para Certificate	3	Yes	
Elizabeth Minter	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	High School Diploma + Title I Para Certificate	10	Yes	
Becca Nosbusch	Instructional Aide – Library	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	13	Yes	
Kelley Melander	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	High School Diploma + Title I Para Certificate	2	Yes	
Michelle Schuler	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	2-year Degree + Title I Para Certificate	7	Yes	
Bridget Streifel	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	7	Yes	
Lexi Martin	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	High School Diploma + Title I Para Certificate	3	Yes	
Aislinn Wutzke	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	High School Diploma + Title I Para Certificate	2	Yes	
Mackenzie Sykes	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	3	Yes	
Brooke Curtis	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	High School Diploma + Title I Para Certificate	2	Yes	
Marcelo Ton	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	36	Yes	
Sean Kiernan	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	1	Yes	
Robert Borr	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	1	Yes	
Kassandra O’Brien	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	4	Yes	

*(more than 28 semester hours)

If, at any time during the school year your child is taught by a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks (such as a long-term substitute teacher) who is not “highly qualified,” you will receive timely notice from our school. Please contact me anytime during the school year if you would like more information about teachers who are working with your children. We wish to keep our parents informed on the quality education we deliver. Sharing staff qualifications is an excellent way to show our commitment to students. Staff members at any school define the education environment. We are devoted to finding the best quality educators to work with your children to ensure that school is a place where they can succeed.

Shonda Mertz, Principal