

## **Yoncalla Announces Presley Justice as New Fourth-Grade Teacher**

*Yoncalla, Ore.* — The Yoncalla School District has announced the hiring of Presley Justice as a fourth-grade teacher for the 2026–27 school year, welcoming her as a new member of the district’s elementary team.

Justice, originally from La Grande, recently completed her Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education through Western Governors University. She previously earned an Associate of General Studies from Lane Community College and plans to continue her education by pursuing a master’s degree.

Although the upcoming school year will mark her first full-time teaching position, district officials say Justice brings a strong foundation of experience to the classroom. She completed her student teaching in a fourth-grade setting and has spent four years working in childcare programs. In addition, she served as a long-term substitute teacher in a second-grade classroom within the Yoncalla School District.

Justice said the welcoming environment and sense of community were key factors in her decision to join the district.

“What drew me to Yoncalla was the people and the supportive community I’ve already experienced,” she said. “I love working with elementary students because of their curiosity, excitement for learning, and the confidence they develop as they grow.”

Outside the classroom, Justice enjoys staying active and spending time outdoors. Her hobbies include participating in sports, paddleboarding during the summer months, and skiing with her father in the winter.

District staff expressed excitement about Justice’s addition to the school, noting her enthusiasm for teaching and her growing connection to the community.

“We are excited to have Presley join our elementary team,” the district shared in a statement. “We feel fortunate to welcome her into the Yoncalla school family and look forward to the contributions she will make in supporting students’ growth and learning.”

Justice will begin her role at the start of the 2026–27 academic year.