



Yoncalla Elementary School Names Taylor McHugill as First-Grade Teacher

Yoncalla, Ore. — Yoncalla Elementary School has announced the hiring of Taylor McHugill as a first-grade teacher for the upcoming school year, welcoming her to the district's growing elementary team.

McHugill brings a strong academic and professional background in education. She holds a master's degree in Curriculum and Teaching, along with an endorsement in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). Her training includes student teaching in a blended first- through third-grade classroom, where she worked with students across a range of academic levels.

In addition to her classroom experience, McHugill has also served as a teacher assistant in a special education setting, supporting students with diverse learning needs. District leaders say this experience positions her well to meet the individual needs of young learners.

McHugill said she is passionate about working with students and is committed to helping each child succeed by meeting them at their current level.

"I believe in supporting students where they are and helping them grow," McHugill said. "It's important to create an environment where every child feels supported and able to succeed."

She also emphasized the importance of collaboration in education, noting that strong partnerships between educators, families, and the community are key to positive student outcomes.

"Student success is strongest when schools, families, and the community work together," she said. "I am committed to building a nurturing, inclusive classroom where those partnerships are valued."

McHugill said she was immediately drawn to Yoncalla because of its close-knit, community-focused environment.

"I was excited by the small, community-based feel," she said. "It's exactly the type of place I want to be a part of."

After visiting the area, she also noted the region's natural beauty as another factor that strengthened her interest in joining the district.

District officials expressed enthusiasm about McHugill's addition, highlighting her commitment to inclusive practices and collaborative learning environments.

"We are excited to welcome Taylor to Yoncalla," the district shared in a statement. "Her passion for education and dedication to supporting students will be a valuable addition to our school community."

McHugill will begin her role at the start of the upcoming academic year.