



Northridge Elementary School

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Mission Statement:

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

Shonda Mertz
Principal

Lance Kocis
Assistant Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,

2020-2021

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 test, major/coursework, or state evaluation.

Below is a table that lists each teacher at our school:

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		5	Yes
Macie Harris	Kindergarten	Elementary Education/Early Childhood		5	Yes
Kristen Just	Kindergarten	Elementary Ed/Kindergarten/Reading	Curriculum/Instruction	21	Yes
Sarah Yantzer	Kindergarten	Elementary Education/ Early Childhood		11	Yes
Sarah Brilz	Grade 1	Elementary Education/ Special Ed	Curriculum/Instruction	9	Yes
Amy Walker Lysne	Grade 1	Elementary Education/ Special Ed	Ed Psych/ Spec Ed/Ed Diagnostician	22	Yes
Nicole Nodland	Grade 1	Elementary Education		23	Yes
Tara Steele	Grade 1	Elementary Education/ Kindergarten	Elementary Education	18	Yes
Cindy Allen	Grade 2	Elementary Education/ Middle School Reading		8	Yes
Lindsay Nagel	Grade 2	Elementary Education		10	Yes
Ashley Pulver	Grade 2	Elementary Education		7	Yes
Molly Enockson	Grade 3	Elementary Education		12	Yes
Toni Hostetler	Grade 3 District DL	Elementary Education	Reading & Literacy	9	Yes
Jennifer Roth	Grade 3	Elementary Education		12	Yes
Karen Smith	Grade 3	Elementary Education	Elem Administration	17	Yes
Carissa Stafslie	Grade 3	Elementary Education	Education	18	Yes
Jessica Frohlich	Grade 4	Elementary Education/ Psychology		14	Yes
Andrea Sagsveen	Grade 4	Elementary Education	Education/Reading Credential	21	Yes
Jennifer Walz	Grade 4	Elementary Education		13	Yes
Krista Diede	Grade 5	Elementary Education/ Early Childhood	Elem Administration	22	Yes
Lance Kocis	Grade 5	Elementary Education	Elem Administration	16	Yes
DeAnn Monson	Grade 5	Elementary Education		27	Yes
Ross Baumgardner	Orchestra	Music Education		4	Yes
Debra Beck	Special Education	Special Education/Elementary Education	Severe & Multiple Handicaps	42	Yes
Sherry Berreth	Physical Education	Physical Education/ Health		23	Yes
Kristin Burlack	Music	Music Education		12	Yes
Jackie Casey	Special Education	Elementary Education/ Special Ed	Special Ed w/LD/ED Endorsements	23	Yes
Mandi Clausen	Library Media	Elementary Education	Library & Information Technologies	14	Yes
Holly Dietrich	Title I Reading	Elementary Education/Reading Credential	Adv Prof Education Program	21	Yes
Trisha Dietrich	Title I Reading	Elementary Ed/ Kindergarten/ Reading	Early Childhood	17	Yes
MaryJo Guilbert	Special Education	Elementary Ed/Special Ed		2	Yes
Stacey Leben	Social Work	Social Work/Sociology		29	Yes
Bobbi Leier	Counselor	Elementary Education/Special Ed/Counseling	Counseling	33	Yes
Hannah McDonald	Speech/Language	Speech-Language Pathology	Speech-Language Pathology	2	Yes
Angie Monson	Psychologist	Specialist in School Psychology	Specialist in School Psychology	15	Yes
Kari Peterson	K-5 Strategist	Elementary Ed	Curriculum, Instruction & Assess	22	Yes
Jenifer Porter	Title I Reading	Elementary Education/ Early Childhood	Education/Reading Emphasis	14	Yes
Allexis Sandwick	Special Education	Social Work	Special Education	2	Yes
Kim Stein	Levels of Service	Elementary Education/ Math	Curriculum-Instr/Gifted & Talented	19	Yes
Tara Streed	English Learning	Elementary Education/ELL Endorsement	Reading Education	20	Yes
Miranda Stewart	Nurse	Bachelor of Science Nursing	Registered Nurse	6	Yes
Jeromie Taylor	Physical Education	Physical Education/Elementary Education	Educational Administration	16	Yes
Kamela Timm	Occ. Therapist	University Studies	Occupational Therapy	4	Yes
Beth Villbrandt	Speech/Language	Speech-Language Pathology	Speech-Language Pathology	7	Yes
Jill Westereng	Title I Math/Behavior	Elementary Education		18	Yes
Shonda Mertz	Principal	Elementary Education	Elem Administration	21	Yes

Paraprofessional	Title	Education	Years of Experience	Highly Qualified?
Jesse Bennett	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	1	Yes
Missy Borr	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	9	Yes
Lesley Braun	Instructional Aide – Title I	2-year Degree + Title I Para Certificate	12	Yes
Megan Carter	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	3	Yes
Lisa Dollinger	Instructional Aide – Title VI	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	12	Yes
Renee Hardy	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	2-year Degree + Title I Para Certificate	9	Yes
Rashel Harvey	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	High School Diploma + Title I Para Certificate	11	Yes
Todd Iszler	Instructional Aide – Special Education I	Some college* + Title I Para Certificate	10	Yes
Jeff Jung	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Some college + Title I Para Certificate pending	1	pending
Karli Krantz	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Some college + Title I Para Certificate	1	Yes
Claudia Lorenz	Instructional Aide – Special Education I	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	2	Yes
Libby Minter	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	High School Diploma + Title I Para Certificate	5	Yes
Becca Nosbusch	Instructional Aide – Library	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	8	Yes
Michelle Schuler	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	2-year Degree + Title I Para Certificate	2	Yes
Melissa Shope	Instructional Aide – English Learner	2-year Degree + Title I Para Certificate	2	Yes
Cora Strand	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	High School Diploma + Title I Para Certificate	6	Yes
Bridget Streifel	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	1	Yes
Hope Twitero	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	2-year Degree + Title I Para Certificate	4	Yes
Jim Vandal	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	Bachelor’s Degree + Title I Para Certificate	2	Yes
Kari Zacher	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	High School Diploma + Title I Para Certificate	10	Yes
Kara Zachmeier	Instructional Aide – Special Education II	2-year 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