



William Calhoun

# Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: William Calhoun

SCHOOL: Walla Walla High School

GRADES: 11-12

CLASS: Algebra 3-4

Q. What have your students been working on recently?

A. Right now we're working with quadratic equations to learn how we can use them in real life to track trajectories of moving objects. We will eventually take this learning and use it with more complex systems of mathematics.

Q. What range of math is available to Walla Walla High School students?

A. We teach Algebra One through our Advanced Placement Calculus program. Students are exposed to all the math skills that they need to meet national standards.

Q. What progress are you seeing your students make?

A. We are seeing the kids working really hard. Even some who have not passed the WASL are still doing great jobs and are getting their credits through other means. Not everybody achieves to the same level and we need to have gradients of achievement in mathematics.

Q. What do you tell your students who say math is not an important subject?

A. You never know what you are going to do in life. I started off as an accountant and now I'm teaching math. You can't dismiss something just because you don't know when you'll use it.

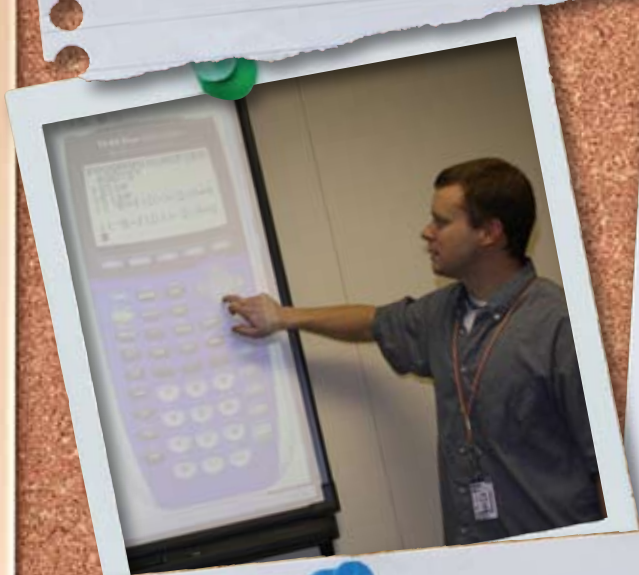
## COMMENTS FROM WA-HI PRINCIPAL DARCY WEISNER:

"Bill uses technology to enhance our students understanding of math by demonstrating a high degree of originality and creativity. Bill effectively organizes, assembles and arranges resources to meet our learning goals for all students."

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## MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM WILLIAM CALHOUN'S ALGEBRA CLASS:



### COMMENTS: FROM WILLIAM CALHOUN...

"I love the kids and I love to get up and talk about math. I love being able to show them the new ways of doing the same problems we have been doing for years. We then apply them to things they will be doing in the future."

"Technology gives me the ability to use different representations so that different learners can learn in different ways all at the same time in a group setting."



"I use my classroom website to give information to parents and students can also look up homework. I also post all my PowerPoint slides and class notes so it's a great resource for students when they are not in class."