



Anthony Barba

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Anthony Barba

SCHOOL: Lincoln Alternative HS

Position: Math Teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 5 years

Q. What are students in your Algebra II class working on?

A. We are working on graphs and the squaring of numbers as it relates to their graphs. This is one of the more difficult classes offered at Lincoln and I'm really proud of my students for challenging themselves by taking this course.

Q. How do you use technology to impact their learning?

A. Everything in this class is supported by technology. From the moment the students get to class they begin using technology. We have response systems so students can see a problem on the screen and instantly enter an answer. It's a great learning tool because they get instant feedback.

Q. Since you are considered a "techie", does this give you more credibility?

A. It certainly allows the students to see how I use technology on a daily basis. Today's students have grown up using technology and are comfortable with it. I think it's important for teachers to model using technology by finding ways to peak the interests of our students through its use.

Q. How do you connect a student to a complicated subject like algebra?

A. We use a lot of real life examples from Walla Walla. We might take something like drag racing which has a lot of appeal with students. We'll have the students look at the car's speed and distance traveled and do some math problems. By analyzing the data the math comes out of that process.

Q. Have you had to adjust your teaching strategies at Lincoln?

A. I taught at Pioneer Middle School before transferring to Lincoln. What I've learned here is you have to build trust with the students and show them you really care. I know that is important at all schools, but it seems to be even more important here.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
ANTHONY BARBA'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM ANTHONY...

Our students have a lot of issues in their personal lives which impede their ability to learn. The more we show them we love them, the more they respond. We are a family at Lincoln.

This year we collaborated with School Board member Dr. Jim Lehmann and scientists in Ecuador to study how ocean water temperature impacts hump back whale populations.



We have worked hard to increase parent involvement this year. We have been inspired by Superintendent Miller's encouragement to send more letters and notes home.