



Arch McHie

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Arch McHie

SCHOOL: Walla Walla High School

Position: Agriculture Education

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 10 years

Q. What are some of the skills students in your Agri-Business Careers class learn?

A. This class revolves around all aspects of Agri-Business. We teach marketing, discuss issues and study commodities. Our Agriculture program ranks among the best in the state.

Q. How do the skills students learn extend beyond your classroom?

A. Regardless of whether they are going into agri-business or other agriculture related fields, the leadership skills they are learning like team work, cooperation, time management, and organizational strategies apply across curriculums and in any endeavor they are going to do.

Q. What is the Imagine Tomorrow project the students are working on?

A. This is a competition put forth by Washington State University designed to get students interested in science. One aspect of this contest focuses on sustainable use of energy. This is an area these students will have to think about throughout their lives. We have the talent in this group to put forth a solid effort.

Q. Why does the Imagine Tomorrow project appeal to these students?

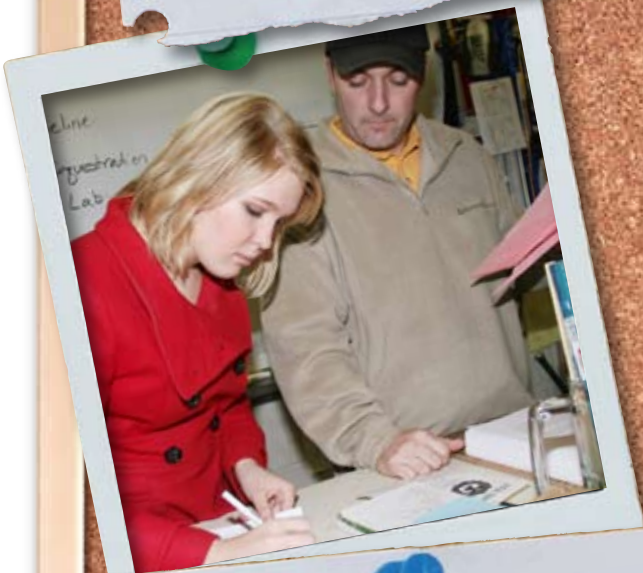
A. These are great kids and they like a challenge. They are very competitive and self directed. This is the type of topic that will bring out their best.

Q. What kind of community support do you receive in your program?

A. We have tremendous support in the community. If the students are interested in something offered at Walla Walla Community College, they are more than welcome to go out there and explore those programs. We have a great working relationship with Key Technology, Nelson Irrigation, and the Farmer's Co-op, When our kids get connected with these community members, great things happen.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
ARCH MCHIE'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM ARCH...

This class is Tech Prep with WWCC. So hopefully when they finish here, they can get up to seven credits at the community college. Our role is to get students connected and hooked, so they can continue their studies as they move on.

Agriculture is changing, like everything else. This class helps students learn skills which will help them change with the times.



We have great kids that make it fun to come to work each day. We have a great thing going on at the high school and I look forward to keeping it going.