



Vivian Glaeser

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Vivian Glaeser

SCHOOL: Walla Walla High School

Position: Math Teacher

Years in District: 4 years

Q. What are students in your Advanced Math Concepts working on?

A. This is a pre-calculus class. It's a very good class for students who are going on to college. Of the 36 students in this class, I would say all of them will go on to college. Currently we are working on trigonometry concepts. It's their first exposure to these concepts and I'm very proud of them for working so hard.

Q. How do the skills they are learning in your class relate to the world of work?

A. These skills are excellent for those who are going into science fields. Most of the natural world is mathematically based. So anything to do with nature, like oceanography, weather, and physics, is based in calculus. This class offers students a great jump off point to begin developing their next level of math skills.

Q. What efforts are being taken at Wa-Hi to improve math achievement scores?

A. As a district, we have a P-12 math committee working to connect our math from preschool to 12th grade. This connectivity will help teachers know what is needed above them to prepare their kids adequately. We focused on reading to make sure all the students were reading at the levels they need to be at and now the emphasis has turned to math. I'm excited about our future.

Q. Are math standards in our state more difficult than other states?

A. Our state math standards are exceptional compared to most of the 50 states. Our students are scoring much higher based on the amount of math they are capable of doing compared to students in other states.

Q. What message do you have for parents regarding the importance of math?

A. The best advice I can give to parents is to stress to their children that math is an important subject. Teach them from a very young age that math is an important subject and you get good at it through hard work.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
VIVIAN GLAESER'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM VIVIAN..
I'm proud of the diversity we have in this class.
Over half the students are minorities and have
overcome a number of challenges in their lives.
They realize to be successful in life, you have
to be successful in school.

Getting the parents involved
is like the third leg of a stool.
I get them involved early
and they appreciate that we
take the time to make the
connection.



These students are
learning how to problem
solve and the importance
of sticking to it.
They are learning that if
you work hard and keep
trying you can find the
answer.