



Marci Knauff

# Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Marci Knauff

SCHOOL: Lincoln High School

Position: Special Ed Behavior Program

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 17 years

Q. What is the high school Behavior Program and who does it serve?

A. I co-teach with Brandi McIntire in the Special Education Behavior Program for high school students. We offer this districtwide program at Lincoln High School. We serve 14 to 21-year-olds and currently have 25 high school students.

We teach reading, math, writing, social skills and some of the electives for students who are not able to go out and access general education classes.

Q. What are some of the disabilities of students in your program?

A. The students we work with usually have some type of disability that impacts their performance and keeps them unsuccessful in the general education programs. Some of the students have bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and other disabilities that really impact their education and they just can't be in a regular classroom.

Q. What strategies do you use to build positive relationships with your students?

A. It's really important to get to know the kids and their families and find out what interests they may have. Once you have these relationships established, you can really make progress.

I work with a wonderful team and we are able to come up with all types of solutions and interventions we can put in place to provide incentives for learning.

Q. Why is the job shadowing program so important for your students?

A. Most of my students will be entering the work force directly from high school. We take the kids out volunteering at least once a week or at least 40 hours a school year. Our older students are often placed in job shadow assignments and internships to get job experience. We help them write resumes, provide job references and support the application process.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM  
MARCI KNAUFT'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM MARCI...

I believe many of my students would drop out of school if we didn't offer this program. We provide the consistency and support they need to be successful. We gain their trust and look at their individual needs with everything we do.

We communicate frequently with parents. They play a key role in their child's learning program. They are a great resource for letting us know what works best for their child.



I love the staff at Lincoln. They are dedicated and very supportive.

Principal Jim Sporleder has helped us create a learning environment that values all of our students and staff.