



Keven Peck

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Keven Peck

SCHOOL: Walla Walla High School

Position: Digital Photography Teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 23 years

Q. What do students in the Digital Photography course learn?

A. We have freshmen through seniors enrolled in this class. It is now a Career Technical Education course and it also counts as an art credit. We offer this course five periods a day.

As we have made the switch from film to digital photography, the objectives have changed. We talk about the technical side of photography -- like how to expose images and how to control exposure. But, we spend the majority of our time on composition and using the rule of thirds.

Q. How does this class prepare students for the digital age?

A. Film was a great medium, but it is no longer used on a large scale. It is mainly used for creative art projects. We are teaching students 21st Century skills. We are preparing students for possible internships or to work with a professional photographer or anything in the technical field that involves image manipulation.

Q. How has social media changed photography?

A. With Facebook and all the social media available to students today, it is fun for the kids to be able to use their images and show people what they are doing. I also encourage them to take artistic images as well. If students take a photo of their friend or family member, I want them to make it as artistic as possible.

Q. What other technical skills do your students learn?

A. We use Adobe Lightroom. It is a great photography software because it is designed for organization, manipulation and the control of images.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
KEVEN'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM KEVEN...

My first 15 years of teaching I taught yearbook, two classes of art and two classes of photography. As we expanded our art program, the teachers began to specialize and I took photography. This class is very popular and we have full classes.

I am a graduate of Shadle Park High School in Spokane. I attended Whitworth College and earned a BA in Fine Arts. I went to Western Washington for my teaching certificate.



My wife Allison taught for 15 years and now works in the wine industry. Our daughter Presley is at Spokane Community College and our son Gerrod is a sophomore Wa-Hi.