



Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Lindsey Butcher

SCHOOL: Walla Walla High School

Position: CTE Agriculture teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 8 years

Q. What courses are you teaching?

A. I am teaching Animal Science, Agricultural Food and Natural Resource Science. I also teach Veterinary Assistance. These two classes are from the Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) program. I have approximately 28 students in each class.

Q. Why does working with students inspire you to do your best?

A. I enjoy seeing all kids find connections through agriculture. At first they may think agriculture is just farming, but they soon discover it is a lot more than that. A lot of the students have not grown up on a farm, but they connect to agriculture in some way through this program. Marketing, sales, and science are in agriculture to help them find a connection.

Q. Why is this program important to have at Walla Walla High School?

A. It helps teach students about setting goals and commitment. Students work year-round at the FFA farm to take care of the facilities and animals. Year-round we have sheep and Alpacas. They have to be fed and cared for during winter break, spring break and summer break. This summer we had 35 market lambs in addition to the 20 breeding stock. We also had 15 pigs during the summer.

Q. Why do you teach?

A. I joined FFA in high school and my agriculture teacher told me I would make a good teacher some day. I had not considered teaching prior to her encouragement, but it inspired me to pursue a career in teaching at Washington State University. I'm very passionate about agriculture and working with students. I enjoy the hands-on opportunities to teach students.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES
I grew up on a family farm in Snohomish, WA raising beef cattle. My grandpa was an auctioneer and we had many types of animals including chickens, goats, sheep, and horses.



COMMENTS FROM LINDSEY:

I love teaching. No day is ever the same. It's hard to believe I'm in year eight. It goes by quickly. Agricultural classes help students make the connections between the academics they learn in other classes and the real world.

I went to Monroe High School and WSU for my undergraduate degree. My Master's Degree is from Gonzaga University.



I enjoy seeing students work in collaboration with the staff and our community. This helps my students be successful. I want to foster this approach for the rest of my career.