



# Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Jeremy Hubbard

SCHOOL: Blue Ridge Elementary

Position: Learning Specialist

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 15 years

Q. What are your primary duties as Learning Specialist?

A. This is my second year as Learning Specialist. My main role is supporting our focus of concern students. These students may have challenges academically or behaviorally.

Q. What strategies or approaches do you use to help them be successful?

A. We form planning teams and meet to discuss what is going well and where is the student struggling. Action plans are created based on the needs of the individual student. We follow up with the family and staff to review the action plan and assess how the student is doing.

Q. What changes have you made to this process?

A. In the past, we would conduct a detailed review three times a year. This could take two or three days. Now we are doing these reviews monthly with each grade level so we are constantly gathering information and data. We are also doing more face-to-face meetings. We feel we are having a bigger impact on students and families with this new approach.

Q. How do relationships support your role?

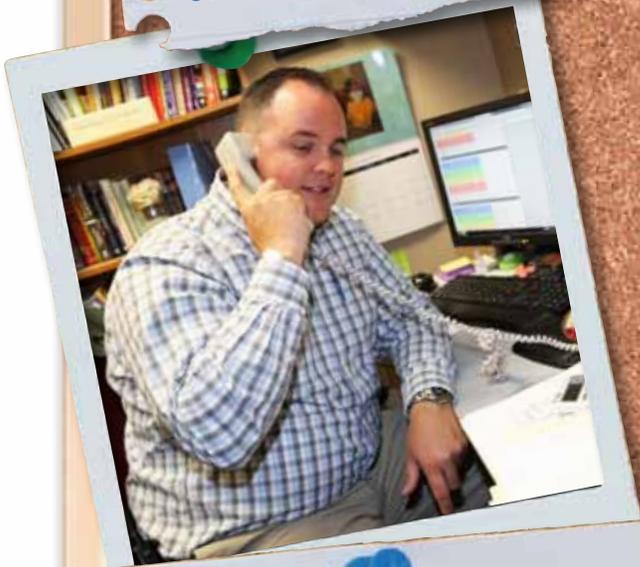
A. You have to build a trusting relationship with students. We are fortunate to have our teachers and staff on board in this process, because it can't be just one person trying to build a trusting relationship. It takes everyone.

Q. How is Blue Ridge addressing district goals to improve literacy and math rates?

A. We are focused on feedback and want to ensure our students are getting academic feedback. We have established weekly goals and review results daily. Teachers continually reflect on ways they can meet the needs of students.

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**Jeremy Hubbard**  
We have hard working dedicated staff and we know our families. Some of our successes don't show up in the media. Our families attend events and will quickly tell you the positive impact Blue Ridge is having on their children.



**MORE COMMENTS FROM Jeremy:**  
In our profession there is no better feeling than seeing a student succeed. It is very rewarding and the reason a lot of us pursued this profession in the first place.

We are fortunate to have The Health Center at Blue Ridge. Already this year we have had more than 100 referrals for emotional support and counseling.



I attended Dayton High School, WWCC and Eastern Washington University. I met my wife Kelley at EWU. She is a kindergarten teacher at Berney. We have two children.