



Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Jill Meliah

SCHOOL: Walla Walla High School

Position: English/Psychology Teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 12 years

Q. What courses are you teaching this year?

A. I'm teaching Freshman Honors English, College Prep Senior English and Advanced Placement Psychology.

Q. What do you cover in AP Psychology?

A. We focus on the historical background of psychology and the different approaches. Currently we are looking at the biological basis of behavior which includes the brain and nervous system, and nature versus nurture. We also have a unit on sensation and perception, development, memory and intelligence. It's all fascinating.

Q. How does the Advancement Placement course differ from the general class?

A. Advanced Placement Psychology is a full year class. The general psychology class is only one semester. We move a lot faster and we go more in depth. The students also have an opportunity to take an AP test in May. If they pass the AP test, they can earn college credit.

Q. How do you integrate technology into your classes?

A. This generation of students is technology based and they know how to work their way around chromebooks really well. The use of technology has been a great way to engage the students. They like to have the Chromebooks out and it's also a great way to get them to collaborate. Matt Shaw and I have implemented daily Chromebook lessons. Students can share documents, edit each others' work and discuss what they are doing without even sitting next to each other. It is a great tool to enhance learning and engage students.

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It would be wonderful to see all students have a chromebook to use every day. The facility itself is not set up for this level of technology, because we don't have outlets and drops in our classrooms to support it.



MORE COMMENTS FROM JILL:

The classroom space itself is also very cramped and there is little room for the students to move around. It can also be very hot during the fall and spring because we do not have air conditioning.

We have high expectations for all students. It would be really nice to support the future of education by giving students a better facility more conducive to their learning.



I went to Prospect Point, Garrison and Wa-Hi. I played basketball at Colorado State for three years. I received my Bachelor's degree from Florida State and Master's from EWU.