



Chris Young

Support Staff Spotlight

NAME: Chris Young

POSITION: Trades Assistant

Department: Facilities Support

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 8 years

Q. What is your role as a Trades Assistant?

A. I do a variety of jobs for the district. I maintain playground equipment, irrigation, HVAC, and plumbing. I basically help anyone who needs assistance. My job is fun because of all the different types of projects I get to do.

Q. How did you develop these skills?

A. I have six years of experience in HVAC prior to coming to the district. In that particular trade, you have to know almost all of the trades. I learned wiring, plumbing, framing and carpentry through my experience with HVAC.

Q. How does working for the school district differ from working in private industry?

A. We put a lot of emphasis on preventive maintenance, so we are maintaining equipment and facilities before they fail. Often in private industry, we are called to the job because something has already failed.

Q. What is it like being part of the facilities support team?

A. We have a good team and we can count on each other. We get to do many different projects together, so we rely on each other's strengths to get the job done effectively and efficiently.

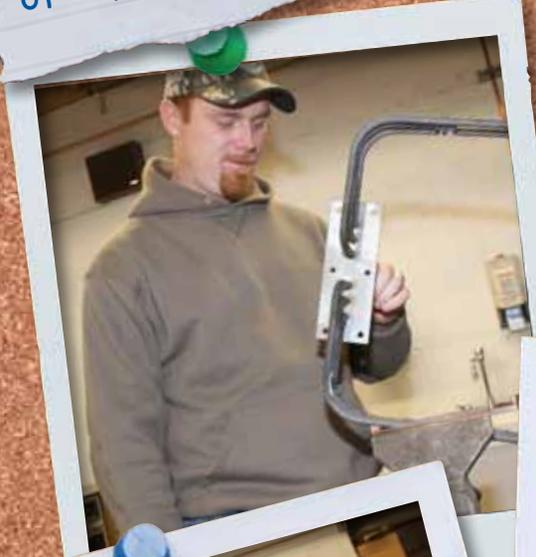
Q. How does the new support services facility compare to the old Park St. complex?

A. We don't contract out as many projects as we did before we had this facility because we have the equipment and resources here to complete the jobs on our own. The old shop was dilapidated. We didn't have enough room, storage was limited, and it was difficult to operate in. We are more efficient in the new facility and it helped improve the morale of the crew.

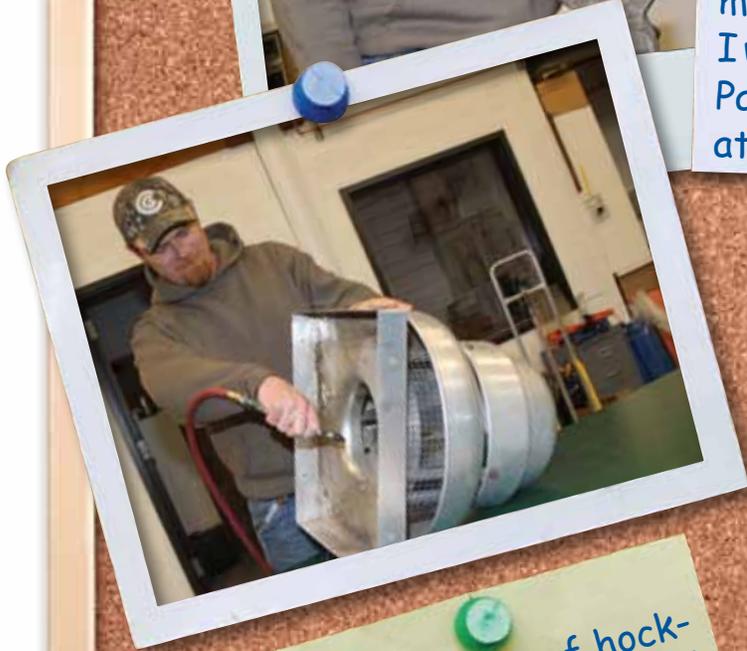
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NOTES:
I take pride in the fact we are maintaining a safe and comfortable environment for the kids to learn and grow. I have two children of my own and I understand the importance of supporting children.

Highlights Chris Young



I was born in Arkansas and moved to Walla Walla when I was five. I attended Green Park, Pioneer and graduated from Wa-Hi in 1999.



I love to hunt, fish and golf.

I played a lot of hockey growing up and still play for recreation. I have two sons, ages five and three. My wife Stephanie works for Key Tech. We do a lot as a family.