

Dear Parents,

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to you. My name is Melissa Reagan, and I am the Gifted Intervention Specialist for Field Local Schools.



All About Me

I have been teaching at Field Local Schools for almost my entire career. I previously taught English Language Arts (ELA) in grades 4 & 5 at both Brimfield and Suffield Elementary. My undergraduate degree came from Kent State University, and I am certified to teach ELA and Math grades 4-9. I earned my master's degree in Reading and Literacy, Grades K-5 from Walden University. I obtained my gifted endorsement from the University of Cincinnati. I attended Suffield Elementary as a young child and graduated from Field High School. I still live in the district with my husband and three little girls.

Teaching is my passion, and I am so excited for the year ahead. I am committed to helping students expand upon strengths and develop higher level thinking skills.

Our Gifted and Talented Program

At the elementary level the focus this year will primarily be on enrichment in ELA and Math in the general education setting through the classroom teacher. A variety of models for enrichment will be used this year as well to provide gifted services to students. These will include pull-out and co-teaching, as well as online resources and sessions for virtual learners. In our pull-out program, students receive special instruction in an alternative setting. In the co-teaching setting, two teachers collaborate to develop and deliver instruction that will meet the needs of each diverse learner in the general education setting.

At the middle school and high school level students will receive gifted services through course placement in Honors Courses, AP courses, and/or CCP courses.

All students will engage in learning that is Common Core standards driven, as well as additional opportunities that expand upon and enrich their abilities and thinking. In ELA, students will work with a number of culturally relevant texts, explore themes through a variety of genres, and work extensively on building vocabulary. In Math, students will be challenged in higher level thinking and problem solving scenarios that will include complex mathematical strategies and skills.

General Information

My goal is to work in partnership with families and teachers to provide students with challenging and enriched learning opportunities, while creating motivated, engaged, and enthusiastic life-long learners. Mrs. Jean Pauna, Gifted Coordinator from Summit County Educational Services, will be assisting with our enrichment services. I will be placed at Brimfield Elementary on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Suffield Elementary on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Fridays I will be at the Middle School and will be available for office hours to provide support to teachers and families.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns. I look forward to this school year being filled with exciting and challenging learning opportunities as students grow and expand during the learning process. Also, look for your student's WEP or WAP to be mailed home during the first quarter.

Sincerely,

Melissa Reagan, Gifted Intervention Specialist

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Suffield Elementary

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