

OUTSTANDING AGED TEACHER



STACY FRITZ
CHATFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

OVERVIEW

Chatfield public schools is a two site K-12 district with 897 students enrolled, approximately 450 of those in grades 7-12. Agricultural education at Chatfield is a 7-12 grade program with two full time teachers and an extended summer program. The high school runs on a trimester schedule with a 5 period day. Agriculture is required for grades 7-9. A diverse group of specialized courses are offered for grades 10-12. Several courses in the program met high school graduation requirements such as Food Chemistry, Energy, Power and Transportation, and CIS intro to Animal Science.

Stacy has two important things she does as an Agricultural Educator; build relationships and provide opportunities in an inclusive way for all students. She starts off the beginning of each class building relationships and establishing what the culture is within the classroom. She checks in with students daily, learns things about them which maximizes the relationships she builds. These relationships then lead into conversations about opportunities. Stacy firmly believes that with this foundation and relevant hands on curriculum, her students have the best chance at growing in their studies and utilized the concepts that they learn as future consumers and workers in the Industry of Agriculture.

I'll be honest- I can't keep track of the innovations and new initiatives that Stacy Fritz brings to our school and its students. Her approach to educating young people is based on giving them every opportunity for learning. She is constantly identifying new ways that students can engage in learning. Perhaps Stacy's greatest innovation is the change that she fosters in Chatfield's students.

~Eric Nelson, Chatfield Principal

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