

New Teacher Questionnaire

Name: Mitchell Van Beek

Position at George-Little Rock: Science Teacher

Where did you grow up/graduate high school? When? I grew up in Rock Rapids, IA and graduated from Central Lyon in 2017.

College education when/where, degrees earned? I attended South Dakota State University (2017-2018), Northwestern College (2018-2021), and am working on my Master's Program at Morningside University (2025 – present).

Previous experience (teaching or otherwise), when/where? Three years of subbing at Central Lyon from 2022 – 2025; four years of online personal training from 2021-2025.

Why did you choose teaching for a career? What do you enjoy most about teaching? I love learning, and I love helping others love to learn even more.

What do you want parents and students to know about your teaching style/expectations/what you're hoping students will take away from their time in your classroom? I am more focused on building good educational habits than I am on the "grades" that many focus solely on.

How can parents assist you? Push your kids to put in the extra time and focus.

Family: (prefer not to disclose)

Interests outside of school/Involvement in organizations, boards, church, etc: Denver Broncos fan, coaching football and wrestling, disc golf and chess.

What was your first impression of George-Little Rock? It is well organized, and a small town team with great community.

Just for fun: What is your favorite inspirational quote? Or who is/has been your biggest role model? Quote - "Walk the walk." Role model – Keith Van Beek (my dad).