

# Lessons from student teaching >>>>>>>>>>

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"My student teaching is split into two chunks--11 weeks with high school and 6 weeks with elementary. I have a busy schedule teaching 7-12 phy ed and ninth grade health. Teaching health is a blessing. It splits up my day and it's a controlled environment where kids aren't screaming and yelling the whole time. Health is a treat during the day."

"I went to high school in Park Rapids, I graduated from there in 2018. I then went to college in Moorhead at MSUM and I am getting a degree in physical and health education. I will graduate in December of 2022 from MSUM."

"The best part was having a group of 7th grade boys come up to me and ask if I could stay here forever. That was also during the second week of school, so it's been the highlight so far."



"Another favorite moment is the homecoming pep fest. Being apart of a skit was something special and it was a blast."



"Failing at a task during student teaching has been beneficial because I had someone with me that knows what they are doing. My teacher mentors have been able to help me be successful. I'm not saying college didn't help me out, but student teaching is where you really learn."

"I really fell into teaching when I was coaching little league baseball one summer and I realized how much fun it was trying to get the kids moving and teaching them drills and tasks to work on."

"After graduation I plan to look for a teaching job and hopefully find a coaching opportunity also."

**"My experience in New York Mills has been great."**