



Whittier City School District

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The Whittier City School District is extremely proud to announce Mr. Clayton Mark, a 5th grade teacher at Mill School & Technology Academy as our 2018 Teacher of the Year. Mr. Mark has served as a teacher at Mill School & Technology Academy for 15 years. Mr. Mark exemplifies our District's motto, 'Students First. Every Decision- Every Day', as his commitment to nurturing the talents and interests of his students are at the forefront of everything he does in his classroom.

Mr. Mark was hired at Mill School & Technology Academy in 2004 to serve as an Option 2 teacher. He has taught 2nd grade, 3rd grade, and 5th grade. Mr. Mark builds excellent relationships and is known for his genuine, generous nature with every one of his students. He takes a great deal of time to get to know each student he serves, their families, and their interests. Mr. Mark values the connections he has with students and uses their interests to develop thoughtful instruction to engage and support both their strengths and needs.

Mr. Mark is an avid learner who is committed to growing as a professional and supporting those around him. He constantly seeks out new learning opportunities and is a leader at Mill School in many areas including technology, reading, writing, and math. He is open to learning from others and to sharing his ideas. Mr. Mark is incredibly reflective and thinks carefully about all of his decisions. He asks for feedback from his Principal and colleagues and constantly works to refine and grow his instructional practices.

Mr. Mark is a very valued member of the Mill and Whittier City Team. Clay has served on the Instructional Leadership Team and as the site's Technology Lead Teacher and is currently a member of the PBIS Team. He gives his time in the summer to work on Curriculum Improvement Teams and volunteers to present at our Parent Academy, Technology Conference, and GATE Conference. He is a team player who gives a great deal to support the excellence throughout the District.

We are very excited to recognize Mr. Mark as Whittier City School District's 2018 Teacher of the Year. This recognition is very well deserved as his commitment to students, the District, and his professional growth and development are to be commended. He is a role model for students and to his colleagues. Congratulations, Mr. Mark!