

It is my honor and privilege to be a part of this wonderful school which is so rich in history and innovation. Our academic programming here 7-12 builds on a rigorous, interdisciplinary vertical-teaming approach which challenges our students yet also builds skills that will enable them to leave Gilbert as more well-rounded, global citizens prepared for the world of work, the military or post-secondary education. The foundation for all of this systematic programming starts with a teacher created curriculum that is ever-changing and developing to meet our students' needs all while encompassing the state and national standards required.

As a former English teacher of fifteen years, I realize that no matter how stellar a curriculum is on paper, the ability to execute it within the walls of the classroom is far more pivotal. Hence, across grade levels and departments, there is an intense focus on instructional strategies, individual and departmental professional development, and interdisciplinary literacy for our teaching staff. The key to a student's academic experience begins with the teacher, so our teachers are invested in our curricular and professional development at all stages in order to empower them as the great agents of change that they are. Our teachers have taken part in training in a myriad of instructional techniques to keep their pedagogy fresh and engaging, all while many were also trained in Pre-AP and AP in order to incorporate challenging concepts as early as 7th grade. Our philosophy to teach the whole child has prompted keynote training from Flip Flippen himself and many other exciting opportunities near and far. We as a school community are deeply rooted in our commitment to being innovative, creative, and dedicated educators who will continue to adapt and expand our program to meet our students' needs and to ultimately provide an enriching program to promote their successes after leaving high school.