

Hi, I'm Chris Samardich and I teach Sixth Grade. I began my career teaching Sixth Grade at the Ashland Middle School, where I taught for seven years. Since 2000 I have been at Ironwood Area Schools where I have been a Title I Reading and Math Teacher and a Sixth Grade Teacher.

I grew up in Gile, WI, and graduated from J.E. Murphy High School in Hurley. I attended UW-Oshkosh and UW-Stevens Point, where I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Education, as well as a Middle School Minor, where I took courses specifically focused on the Middle School Concept and the needs of early adolescents. I also have a Minor in Mathematics Education.

I'm very active and enjoy many outdoor activities including running, walking, biking, snowshoeing, and especially spending time with my dogs, Bosley my Black Lab and Hurley, my Puggle. I appreciate living in such a beautiful area.

Although I have taught other grade levels and subjects, Sixth Grade seems to be my niche. I understand that the middle years are a very impressionable and often challenging time for adolescents as they undergo so many physical and emotional changes. I thoroughly enjoy working with this age group and encouraging my students to not only take chances, but to be themselves and truly appreciate their uniqueness. I look forward to another exciting year and witnessing the progress of my students, both academically and personally!