

Hi, My name is Jason Hofstede. I have taught 6th grade for the past two years and taught 4th grade for two years before that, all here at Ironwood. I graduated from Northland college in 2012, with an education degree and minors in Environmental Education, Psychology, and Social Studies. I am originally from Milwaukee, WI and Duluth, MN. I came to teaching later in life and have not stopped smiling when I get here every morning.

I am honored to help your child foster a love for discovery and education. My main priority is to have your child *want* to be here every day! I try to make my room, and 6th grade in general, a safe and open environment where kids are encouraged to share their opinions and experiences. I hope the students are challenged by and exposed to new ideas as much as possible. I highly value getting kids out of the classroom and the school to learn about the world around them. I am also the Camp Superior coordinator. I love to see the kids push past both physical and mental barriers at camp. The self discovery that happens at camp is awesome to be a part of!

I moved to the area in 1999 with my future wife. I have had a lot of different jobs in the area, and enjoyed working outside most of the time before I started teaching. We lived in Alaska for almost two years before settling here and traveled to many places in, and out of the country. We now live in the township and have two boys, both going to Ironwood. We have always enjoyed outdoor recreation, and spend as much time as possible outside.