

Hi, my name is Judy Balchik and I teach 7th Grade English and the 3rd-6th grade Title 1 program. I hold a Michigan Licence Elementary K-8 all subjects with an Early Childhood and 6-8 Grade Science Minor. I began working with students in 1996 as a senior in high school in a class called Career Exploration. I started working in an all day Kindergarten. Once I graduated in 1997, I went to North Central Michigan College where I received 3 associates degrees. I continued my education at Spring Arbor University and received my bachelors in December 2003 in Elementary Education with minors in Early Childhood, 6-8 Science, and 6-8 Social Studies. In January 2004, I started my first job working in Title with students in Kindergarten and First Grade. Then for the next years I was a Pre-K through 12th Grade substitute teacher for many different districts in the Northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula. In 2009, I started working as the Pre-K/Preschool teacher at All Saints Catholic Academy. For the next 6 ½ years I taught many different grades (Title 1, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, Middle School, Online High School, Music for Pre-K through 12th grade). In January of 2014, I started working for Ironwood Area Schools at their Kindergarten Title Teacher. The next year I became a Kindergarten teacher. For the past 3 years, I have taught 7th grade English and worked as a Title teacher.

I live here in Ironwood with my family. We enjoy camping, fishing, and hiking together. I enjoy figure skating (which I teach 2 nights a week), leading the 4-H Market Animal Club, bowling, and spending time with my kids.

My teaching philosophy is that every student can learn and every teacher need to have an arsenal of strategies that will meet the needs of each student.

This year I am looking forward to being part of your child's educational progress by building a relationship with Him/her while teaching content.