

Celebration of Excellence

Employee of the Month

CES – Amanda Elder

College attended: SFA

Years in education: 5

Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration? My husband is my greatest supporter and inspiration. He is always encouraging me to be the best teacher I can be. He is my inspiration because he never does anything halfway. He is 100% devoted to whatever he does and he always puts forth his best effort no matter what.



Why did you choose to become an educator? I've known I was going to be a teacher for as long as I can remember. I have never wanted to do anything else.

What makes a good teacher? Someone who really cares about the students and what is best for them. A good teacher knows his/her students personally. It is important to know what students are interested in and what motivates them to want to learn. A good teacher shows excitement for learning and really celebrates when the kids make progress.

A good teacher is also someone who believes that every child can learn. I truly believe that the expectations of the teacher is one of the most determining factors of a child's success.

A career in education means constant growth. What is one area in which you wish to improve? Classroom management and writing. Teaching writing is difficult.

What do you love about CISD? I fell in love with CISD from the moment I stepped in the door. Everyone is so warm and welcoming. There is just a vibe at CISD that says that what's best for kids is top priority.

From around campus:

“She ALWAYS puts her students first. She is always willing to help out her team members, whether it be with teaching advice, just to listen to someone vent, or to offer comedic relief. She is an all around great example of what an educator should be!”

“She goes out of her way to think of creative ideas to help her students learn new things. She is always willing to help other teachers and share her ideas with us. She takes on challenges with a positive attitude. She is a caring, loving, and encouraging teacher that puts students first. I am so happy that she came to CES!!”

“She has a kind heart and will help other teachers with anything. She is always positive even though she has a very tough class this year. Amanda is worthy of this reward!”

“She is a wonderful teacher. Her students love her and she always has wonderful ideas. She is always willing to help others. She is a positive person and very creative. I am so glad that she teaches in first grade with me.”