

Celebration of Excellence

Employee of the Month

CHS - Doug Moore

College attended: Stephen F. Austin State University

Years in education: 24 years

Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration?

Away from school, my biggest supporter and inspiration is my wife, Donna. Easily one of the smartest people I know, she keeps me grounded and sane. In school, there are several here that I keep as role models: Chris Watlington for his energy and commitment to CHS and the city of Center, Pam Franklin with her drive to get the best out of her students, and Dan Hodge who never lets me get too full of myself.



Why did you choose to become an educator?

I decided to become a teacher a bit later than others. I didn't start teaching until I was 35. There is a tenet of the Sierra Club (or perhaps the Scouts...or probably both) that says you should leave your campsite better than how you found it. I reached a point in my life where I wanted to make a difference. I had started education classes when I was in college but decided that making money was more important. What I have discovered is that, for me, doing something to make my world a bit better is more important.

What makes a good teacher?

When you finally figure out that it isn't about you.

A career in education means constant growth. What is one area in which you wish to improve?

Good gosh, there are lots of areas I need to improve in. Organization, time management, getting paper work done in a timely manner, learning to enjoy grading papers...

What do you love about CISD?

The people I work with. For the most part, kids are kids no matter what school you work at. Plus, you are only renting them for four years at the most and then they graduate and move on with their lives. The constant is the people you work with, see year in and year out, share common frustrations, successes, and all the little things that make this the best job in the world.

From around campus:

"He really wants his students to be college and life ready and he incorporates this in math with his vast knowledge and unique humor."

"He has the patience of Job! Love his attitude and I admire his passion and purpose of education for all that he is involved with both academically and extracurricular."

"I look up to Mr. Moore for a thousand reasons, but I particularly admire his passion for UIL academics and his message that, 'if it is good for one, it is good for all.' I am a newbie teacher, and I will both remember and implement that for the duration of my career."