

Spotlight On: Joanna Cange

Sela Public Charter School | Special Education | 5 Years in Education



Joanna describes her teaching style as collaborative, teacher-centered, and differentiated.

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What inspired you to pursue a career as a teacher?

I love the kids. When I started as a dedicated aide and aftercare teacher, I noticed that a lot of kids were not reading on grade level. I was inspired to help them and get them to where they need to be. I wanted to make an impact.

What is your favorite thing about teaching?

I absolutely love building relationships with kids. Watching the students I work with build their confidence is something I cherish. I have also been able to build basketball and cheerleading programs at our school for the first time. That has been an awesome opportunity.

How has the OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program impacted you?

The program has given me an amazing opportunity to finish my education without worrying about what it will cost. It is giving me the opportunity to go from dedicated aide to actually teaching in my own classroom. I am immensely grateful.

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Joanna's classroom space

What do you wish more people knew about teachers in the District?

I wish that people knew how hard we work, and more importantly, how much we care.

What would you say to someone who is thinking of applying for the OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program?

Go for it if you want to teach! Don't do it because you think it's easy. You need to be committed.

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