

Spotlight On: Michael Hammond

Bridges Public Charter School | Elementary Education | 11 Years in Education



Michael describes his teaching style as unorthodox, relevant, and informative.

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What inspired you to pursue a career as a teacher?

“My inspiration for teaching comes from the opportunity to positively influence and shape the bright minds of the future. I am passionate about education, and the profession continually motivates me to grow and become the best version of myself for my students, my school, and my community.”

What is your favorite thing about teaching?

“My favorite part of teaching is seeing students’ growth from the beginning of the school year to the last day. Watching students take ownership of their learning brings so much joy to my heart.”

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How has the OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program impacted you?

“The OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program has impacted me by connecting me with other brilliant minds and fostering meaningful collaboration on effective teaching approaches. Additionally, the courses I am enrolled in at UDC align closely with my day-to-day experiences in the classroom, which has been extremely beneficial.”

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

“I wish more people knew that teachers in the District are deeply committed, diverse, and passionate professionals who work tirelessly to support the bright minds of the future. We bring creativity, resilience, and care into our classrooms every day, often going above and beyond what is seen. Our dedication extends far beyond academics—we nurture, inspire, and advocate for our students in every way we can.”

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

“I would encourage them to go for it. The OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program provides invaluable hands-on experience, meaningful mentorship, and a supportive community of educators who are just as passionate as you are.”

For more information about the OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program, please visit osse.dc.gov/page/osse-apprenticeship-teaching.