

Spotlight On: Tia Moore

Friendship Public Charter School—Blow Pierce | Early Childhood Education | 21 Years in Education



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What inspired you to pursue a career as a teacher?

My inspiration came solely from a desire to make a meaningful impact on others’ lives. I think my love for children, passion for teaching, and given opportunity to help students grow and achieve their full potential also inspired me.

What is your favorite thing about teaching?

One of my favorite things about teaching is the pure joy of discovery on students’ faces and the connections I’m constantly building. To me, helping someone grasp a new concept, solve a problem, or just see the world from a new perspective is incredibly rewarding. It’s like unlocking doors to potential and creativity; and with every interaction, I’m given a chance to learn something new myself. The shared “Aha” moments are just pure magic!

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How has the OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program impacted you?

The OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program has impacted me most by helping me gain practical teaching strategies, classroom management techniques, and curriculum design skills that have made my classroom teaching more effective. I've also built connections with educational professionals, mentors, and peers who have provided me support and opportunities for collaboration.

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

Most teachers chose the profession because they genuinely care about students and want to make a positive impact on children's lives. I'd also like people to know that teachers are advocates for students. Teachers often address issues students face, such as mental health challenges, bullying, or family struggles. We as teachers frequently act as a bridge between students and families, providing aid through additional resources and support.

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

I'd say to anyone who is interested in applying for the OSSE Apprenticeship in Teaching program to reflect on the "Why." Teaching requires patience, adaptability, and a genuine interest in helping students succeed. If you're passionate about making an impact on the whole child and in education, then this program can be a great fit for you!

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