

Lisa (Thomas) Boyd

City and state: Lakewood, WA

High school attended: Lakes High School

Graduation year: 1981

Colleges attended/degrees earned:

- Bachelor of Arts in education from Fayetteville State
- Master of Arts in educational administration from Central Washington University
- Superintendent certification from Seattle Pacific University



Current career/job:

Principal of Harrison Preparatory School

Describe your current career/job:

Middle/high small school principal in Clover Park School District

Describe the path you took from high school graduation to where you are today:

I received an associate's degree in human services from Tacoma Community College and worked for the state of Washington. From there I earned my teaching credential in North Carolina and taught for five years. I have been an administrator for the past seven years.

How did your experiences in Clover Park School District help prepare you for this path?

My experiences in Clover Park School District helped me to successfully overcome adversity and instilled in me the fortitude to reach and achieve high academic goals.

Who was the most influential teacher or administrator to you as a student in the district? Why?

Mrs. Olsen. She was my choir teacher and helped me to believe in the possibilities.

What was the most valuable thing you learned while attending school in Clover Park School District?

I learned that high achievement starts with a personal belief system.

Do you have any favorite memories from when you attended school in Clover Park School District?

Singing in the jazz and concert choirs at Lakes under the direction of Mrs. Olsen.

What advice do you have for Clover Park School District students?

Understand that even hard things are achievable and it's in the achievement of them that you find your most value.

What opportunities exist in your career sector for new graduates? Is post-secondary education required for this field?

High school math teacher positions! Get your teaching degree if you have a love for math and science, there's no better, more rewarding way to pay that love forward for generations to come.