



## Jack Reavis

Muskogee High School  
Muskogee Public Schools

### 2016 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALIST

"Any good teacher will have high academic and classroom standards, but an excellent teacher will know how to get a child to participate in one of the most important steps in the learning process: asking questions."

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### Current Teaching Position

11th-12th grade; AP United States History, AP United States Government and Politics

### Years of Experience

10 years in current position  
20 years total

### Educational Preparation

M.A. in American Studies, Northeastern State University  
B.A. in Educational Social Studies, Northeastern State University

### Philosophy of Teaching

"[This] is what excellent teaching is about — helping make this world a better place and developing a student who does not merely regurgitate rote memorization for knowledge ... but rather a student willing to keep an unfettered mind and a willingness to examine the facts which leaves the opportunity for change, for personal progress to become a more ... self-actualized person."

### Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Message

"My message is simple: 'Timshel.' ... Public education, an education that is offered to all, is the great and powerful equalizer in the struggle for our country to live up to the ideals stated in the Declaration of Independence. 'Timshel!' We have a choice."

