



## Shawn Sheehan

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Norman Public Schools

### 2016 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALIST

"I want my students to know that I'm authentic and that my stories of challenges and successes can be similar to theirs. It is my goal to serve as a role model to my students inside and outside of the classroom, so I place the most value on leading by example."

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### Current Teaching Position

9th Grade; Algebra I

### Years of Experience

4 years in present position

4 years total

### Educational Preparation

M.Ed. in Special Education, University of Oklahoma

B.A. in Journalism, Arizona State University

### Philosophy of Teaching

"It's the art in what we do that provides the greatest rewards and it is so important that we teachers keep sight of that. It's at the core of what will attract people to our profession, what will keep teachers in our field, and what will keep kids excited about coming to school and pursuing knowledge."

### Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Message

"If I were selected as Oklahoma's Teacher of the Year, my message would be simple: find a way to rally around public education. We need to find a way to get all hands on deck to create positive changes for our education system in the long run."

