

Brent Hester



Fourth and Fifth Grade – Spanish Immersion

¡Hola! My name is Brent Hester, a.k.a. Señor Hester, and I am the 4th and 5th grades Spanish Immersion teacher. I have been a teacher at the John Stanford International School since 2001 and feel very fortunate to work with such a great staff and community.

I am a Seattle native. Having grown in up in the Burien area I attended school in the Highline School District. I received my B.A. degree from The Evergreen State College in 1993 and my teaching certificate and Master of Arts in Education from Antioch University in 1999. I began learning Spanish while I was working as a volunteer English teacher in a public school in Costa Rica throughout 1995. I really love the language, and have continued speaking and studying it ever since.

It's hard for me to believe that I've already been working in schools for over 13 years! My first experience in a school was in 1993 as a volunteer tutor at what is now known as Thurgood Marshall. That same year I also worked as a classroom assistant at a Montessori School in West Seattle. I started working for Seattle Public Schools in 1996, first as a Bilingual Instructional Assistant and interpreter, and then as a classroom teacher. While I have worked in more than 15 buildings around the school district, most of my time before coming to JSIS was spent at Hawthorne Elementary, High Point Elementary, and Graham Hill Elementary. I also worked for two years with Seattle's Migrant Education Program.

Although I love teaching, I do have a few outside interests. I spend a lot of time working on my house in the Georgetown/Beacon Hill area, which I own with two other Seattle Public Schools teachers. I also try to find time to enjoy the local music scene, local theater, film festivals, and, of course, as much traveling as I can afford.

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