

So, you might want to teach?

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“The best teachers are the ones who never planned on becoming one in the first place.”

This is what Jason Crenshaw said after being asked what makes a person want to become a teacher. Mr. Crenshaw has been the social sciences teacher at Joseph Charter School for 12 years now and a teacher for 14 years.

He went to college pursuing a degree in archaeology, which led him to Montana where he worked archaeological digs until he and his family moved back to Wallowa County, Oregon where he started working for an insurance company. After deciding to go back to school to obtain his teaching licence, he began working as a substitute teacher for two years at Joseph, Enterprise, and Wallowa schools after receiving his masters degree and teaching licence.

With his time at Joseph Charter School, Mr. Crenshaw has taught many students and has seen them grow throughout his classes. He gets to see how the students connect events in history and how they affect the events in today's world. He believes that no matter what age or subject one is teaching, they should have a passion behind what they are teaching. He plans on continuing his work at Joseph Charter School and his path of being an educator in today's world. As a person who is interested in pursuing a career in teaching, getting to talk with a person who is a teacher is a great opportunity to know what the process is like and how to be prepared for the path that lies before me.