

James Swanson



James Swanson is currently the principal of South Whidbey Middle School on Whidbey Island. In addition to his role as principal, he also serves as the district curriculum coordinator, safety coordinator, and creator of the South Whidbey Virtual Learning program. Before serving in South Whidbey, he worked for two years in the Wenatchee School District as a math teacher, math facilitator, and migrant summer school principal. Prior to his time in Wenatchee, he taught math and coached multiple sports in the Tonasket School District for fifteen years. Throughout his career, he has been in leadership roles and is driven to see excellence in himself and his school community. The cornerstones of his education philosophy are: students first, supporting teachers and staff to the fullest, and contributing as a member of the wider community.

James is a graduate of Moses Lake High School. He received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Washington State University, which he attended through a track scholarship. He also received his teaching and administration certificates through Washington State University. He is currently working toward his Doctorate of Education and consistently strives to improve his practice as an educator, leader, and community member. James loves the outdoors and staying active. His favorite hobbies are mountain biking, hiking, skiing, and guitar. His partner Carrie is a nurse practitioner who has practiced in North Central Washington. James and Carrie consider Leavenworth home and look forward to an opportunity to offer their skills and contribute to this impressive community.