

# HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

## STAFF BIOGRAPHIES



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Mathematics

9 years at High Point

1 year prior at Stroudsburg High School and Junior High

B.A. in Secondary Math Education East Stroudsburg University (2006)

M.A. in Integrating Technology Into the Classroom Walden University (2010)

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Success in Mathematics is a critical and challenging aspect of the high school experience, and student success often depends upon relationships. For nearly a decade Mrs. Empirio has been an outstanding Math teacher at High Point, and her success has been rooted in her warm, passionate, caring approach to her students. She works tirelessly to ensure her students are in a position to succeed, and she cares about their overall success as well.

Mr.s Empirio's friendliness, coupled with her drive to ensure that her students succeed, has propelled her to be viewed as a leader among her teaching peers. She regularly collaborates with other teachers and is always willing to strategize on how to work with her peers to help every student succeed.

In her own words...

- **What was your motivation to become a teacher?:**
  - *I have always loved the subject of Math, but originally wanted to go into Pre-Medicine. I then started tutoring a young girl named Olivia in all subjects, but we mostly worked on Math. Olivia had Down's Syndrome, but was mainstreamed in all of her core subjects. The day that she passed the HSPA was the day that I realized that the path for me was helping young students. I knew that teaching Math was where I could do that.*
  
- **What is your favorite part of teaching?:**
  - *My favorite part of teaching is seeing students enjoy a subject that may not have always come easy to them. Math is not a subject where a lot of students feel comfortable in, but to see a student start to understand something that they thought was impossible is where I get the most satisfaction from.*
  
- **What do you find unique and special about High Point?:**
  - *I love the people that I work with. My Department is a special place for me. Within my Department, there are so many people that give up so much time to help their students. We have the best students at High Point as well. There are so many that do so many nice things for others. It is nice to be around this type of student.*
  
- **Outside of High Point, what are your interests and activities?:**
  - *I love to play golf, kayak, go to the beach, and do most anything that keeps me active. I also love spending time with my husband, and my two little boys, Jerry (6) and Austin (4). I am a huge Green Bay Packers fan. I was lucky enough to get to visit Lambeau Field this year with my husband and two of my very good friends.*