



Patch High School
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It is such a pleasure to come to work every day as the principal of Patch High School. We have wonderful students, talented teachers, and a supportive community. The climate and culture at PHS is extremely positive and welcoming. The characteristics of our campus and student body are similar to that which is experienced at a small college. Students are “trusted” to do what is right and have proven themselves capable of handling a very high degree of freedom while compiling an enviable academic record.



Students are actively recruited to take Advanced Placement courses and any student who would like to experience an AP course is encouraged to do so. Approximately a third of our 10th – 12th grade students take at least one AP course and over half of our students are currently enrolled in advanced classes. Patch High School students successfully earn college credit in AP courses at a much higher rate than their peers in DoDEA and the US. They also perform well above the DoDEA and National averages on Terra Nova and PSAT assessments

If you are new to Patch High School, here is a brief overview of my biography:

I was born in Covington, Kentucky to a young couple who had 4 children before they were 20 years old. When I was just a child, my Father decided to leave the farm and become a soldier in the US Army. I was fortunate to be raised in an Army family, and was deeply influenced by my father’s dedication and sacrifice. My father served with the US Special Forces and Army Rangers, and completed three tours of combat duty in Viet Nam. Following in my dad’s footsteps, I also served in the Army during 1971-1973 at Fort Knox and Heidelberg, Germany. With the G.I. Bill in hand, I attended Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, where I earned my Bachelor of Science, Masters, and Education Specialist Degrees.

My teaching career began in the small mountain community of Todd, North Carolina where I taught in an elementary school for five years. My first DoDDS assignment was at Osterholz-Scharmbeck Elementary School in northern Germany from 1981 to 1983. I spent the next 12 years in Nuernberg, Germany teaching in the elementary, middle, and high schools. I was also the golf coach, boys’ and girls’ basketball coach, and boys’ and girls’ soccer coach. Ironically, my teams at Nuernberg often competed against teams from Stuttgart American High School and Patch High School. **I am definitely a Panther fan these days!** When the Nuernberg Military Community closed down, my wife Dorothea (a retired DoDDS teacher) and I were transferred to Panama for two years where I taught middle school social studies. In 1997, we transferred to Kaiserslautern Middle School where I was a math teacher, as well as the soccer coach at the high school.

In 2001, I became an assistant principal at Sembach Middle School for three years. The reduced numbers at Sembach Middle School created an opportunity for me to work at Kaiserslautern High School as the Assistant Principal for one year. In 2005, I was promoted to principal at Baumholder Middle/High School.

During my time at Baumholder, I was privileged to serve the families of many of our deployed soldiers. As the Principal I soon realized that I was in a unique position to make a positive contribution to the families of our soldiers by providing leadership that ensured a stable and secure learning environment which provided for the academic and emotional welfare of our soldiers' children while they were deployed.

In the Spring of 2011, I was asked to become the Principal of Patch High School, and I committed to this leadership role that summer.

My vision for Patch High School is to provide a caring and rigorous learning environment for the success of all students. This is accomplished through:

- Supporting both the academic and affective needs of students,
- Creating a stable environment in a deployable and transient community, and
- Focusing on the achievement of students at all levels.