



# Blue River Valley Schools

Home of the Vikings

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## Kymerliegh Cross

### **Welcome and About Me!**

My name is Kymerliegh Cross. I am the Corporation Art Teacher and have the pleasure of serving Pre-K -12th grade students at Blue River Valley. The visual arts have always been my passion and I am so thankful that I get to share that with the best students around.

### **My Education and Professional Background**

I received my Bachelor of Art Education degree from IUPUI in 2018 from Herron School of Art. This is my sixth year in teaching, five of those serving at Blue River Valley. I started at Ben Davis High School my first year in teaching, but quickly realized that my "home" was calling me back. I graduated from Blue River Valley in 2014 and have stayed connected to my community and now get to teach in this amazing school system.

### **My Educational Philosophy and Thoughts on Our School**

My philosophy is that students are educated best when they are in a learning community where they are supported and encouraged. I learn just as much from my students as they learn from me. We challenge one another, engage in creative problem solving, and apply visual arts knowledge to the real world. I also teach from Discipline Based Art Education and Indiana State Standards for the Visual Arts where art history, criticism, aesthetics, and production work together to be able to learn about and create art that has depth in learning. Every student learns differently and with this approach to teaching, I am able to connect with every student in their learning process. I also believe that my positive attitude, emphasis on kindness, and respect towards my students allows us to have the best learning environment.

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## **My Family**

I married my high school sweetheart, Austin, in the summer of 2017. We have three children. Phoenix is five years old and loves dinosaurs, robots, space, and Spider-Man. He loves to build things and explore. Aurora is three years old and loves dolls, dinosaurs, playing in my makeup, and Frozen everything. She has a strong personality and loves to paint. Asher is two years old and is our sour patch kid. He loves any sport and is interested in music. We also have a cat that we rescued named Tinkerbell.