

Carolyn Wilkerson

Region I Teacher of the Year

Why do I teach? Since I was a corporate engineer before entering the educational profession, I have been asked that question many times. I teach because it is rewarding. There is no greater feeling than working with a student on a difficult subject and seeing that light bulb go off in their head when they finally get it. I teach because it is challenging. Every student is different and requires a personalized approach to learning. And I teach because it fulfills what I believe is my greater purpose – to give back to my community by preparing students for a lifetime of learning and to show them how math and science relates to their lives. My life is so much richer now since I have become a teacher. The relationships that I have with my students and the rewards they have shown me by succeeding in their pursuits are a thousand times better than any corporate salary.

