

I am originally from a small town in Iowa, and attended a Christian school my whole life. I met my husband, Chris while in college at Dordt University. I graduated from Dordt University in 2003 with a degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education. We moved to Arizona in 2006. We have 4 children: Avery, Levi, Eliot, and Blake. They all currently attend Phoenix Christian School PreK-8, with our oldest graduating 8th grade this year. We enjoy swimming, hiking, playing games, time around a bonfire, and watching movies together.

To me, the most important thing is to instill in my children the love of Jesus. At a Christian school, this is done multiple times a day. Students get to pray with teachers, learn Bible stories, and grow in their faith. I am so happy to be able to share my faith with students, and I am grateful that my own children have teachers and staff who will do the same with them.

Phoenix Christian PreK-8 is a small, reformed community, similar to the one I grew up in, in the Midwest. This school community has become like a family to our family, sharing similar Biblical values that we have.

As a resource teacher, I love working in smaller groups to really reach those who may need a little extra help with different things. I love seeing the growth of students academically and socially from year to year, and love seeing when they finally grasp a concept they have been working so hard to achieve.