

## **Steve Giles - Retired JSD administrator and teacher**

I was a classroom teacher for nine years teaching 4th and 6th grades. I had the opportunity to teach in Richfield Utah, Ludwigsburg Germany, and Southland Elementary.

While teaching at Southland, I attended Utah State University where I received a Master's in curriculum, an Administrative Endorsement as well as an endorsement in Gifted Education. I was a middle school assistant principal for two years at Midvale Middle School, and an elementary principal in the Jordan District for 25 years. I was fortunate to open Blackridge Elementary in Herriman and blessed to work with one of the best staffs in education.

My primary focus as an administrator was to build community by focusing on climate and culture. I love the idea of collaboration through the power of shared vision using ongoing data review to guide our work. I also believe that the greatest power any person has is their ability to engage in genuine relationships built on trust and love. We all are more prone to reach our potential when we feel valued.