



# BLUE RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

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## Missy Burns

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

My name is Melissa Burns, but I am much more comfortable going by Missy. This is my first year working at Blue River Valley and I am so happy to be here. I was hired into a new position this year as a K-12 Behavior Specialist. I spend most of my day in the elementary setting but get excited when I get to go over to see some students at the Jr/Sr High level. Outside of school, I enjoy baking, time with my family, the beach, and I love a good country concert in the summer with friends.

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

I have spent most all of my life in Henry County. I am a New Castle graduate and then was blessed with four wonderful years in Bloomington. I attended Indiana University where I earned my bachelor's degree in special education - Go Hoosiers!! I came back to student teach and have been back in Henry County ever since. I have taught a self-contained emotional disabilities classroom, a self-contained mild disabilities classroom, and a resource setting before coming to Blue River in my current position. This year is my 26th year working in the area of special services.

### **My Educational Philosophy**

I firmly believe that teaching starts with establishing relationships with students. Trust and expectations are where I begin each year. I want all of my students to know that I care about them as a person and always want what is best for each of them as individuals. My position is not a one size fits all situation and I always attempt to meet my students where they are each and every day. My goal is to work together to move in a positive direction with both academics and social skills. Education is not something that just occurs within the classroom, it truly takes the combined efforts of family, community, and the school staff to take each child to their fullest potential.

### **My Family**

I have been married to my husband, Mike, for 25 years. We are super proud of our kids. Our daughter, Morgan, is a registered nurse at Reid Hospital and married her high school sweetheart this past October. Nate Woolard has been a wonderful addition and is now officially “one of our kids.” Nick is our son and will graduate from New Castle this spring. He has participated in the vocational welding program beginning his junior year. He plans to pursue more certifications in this area and will finish high school with his associates degree. Our kids have kept us hopping for many years as they participated in sports both in and out of school. My days of being an “Trojan” are coming to an end. I am super proud to now add “I AM A VIKING!”