



# BLUE RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

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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 through twelfth 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 students at Blue River Valley. I also get to advise National Honor Society, am a Junior Class Sponsor, and have a junior and senior high Art Club.

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

I received my Bachelor of Art Education degree from IUPUI in 2018 from Herron School of Art. While attending the university, I was a part of Alpha Lambda Delta Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, as well as Vice President for Best Buddies IUPUI. This is my fourth year in teaching, three 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.

### **My Family**

I married my high school sweetheart, Austin, in the summer of 2017. We have three children. Phoenix is three years old and loves dinosaurs, robots, space, and Spider-Man. He loves to build things and explore. Aurora is two years old and loves dolls, dinosaurs, playing in my makeup, and Frozen everything. She has a strong personality and loves to sing. Asher is two months old and is the sweetest baby boy to add to our family. We also have a cat that we rescued named Tinkerbelle.