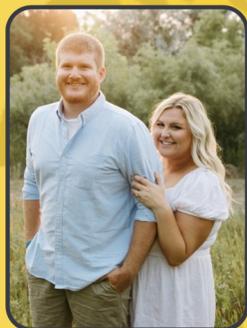


We have amazing educators at Northern Cass, and we want to share their greatness with you.

## **EMILY OPATRIL**

LEVEL 4 ELA EDUCATOR



**I believe in building relationships with learners to create an environment of empowerment.**

**A TEAM ABOVE ALL. ABOVE ALL, A TEAM.**

Emily Opatril teaches English/Language Arts to Level 4. She enjoys going on walks with her dog, Gracie, golfing, and reading a good book. July is a big month for her! She and her fiancé Ben will be getting married. They live in Glyndon with Gracie, their black lab.

Miss Opatril loves Northern Cass because of the people she works with and the learners she teaches. She feels the best thing about learners is their personality and humor. They come every day with the best stories, jokes, and ideas. Emily's teaching superpower is building relationships with learners and making connections.

## **AMBER LOCKHART**

SCHOOL SITE COORDINATOR



Every person has a right to live a life of dignity and have access to the tools to fulfill their potential. We do not all start out on equal footing but a full-service community school works to provide those tools and honor that dignity in its learners, families, staff and district community members. I believe we are each more than our circumstances and am so thankful to be a part of this work at Northern Cass.

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Amber Lockhart is our School Site Coordinator. She loves to read, grow vegetables, bake (and eat) pies, and go on long walks with family. Her husband is an external risk manager in Fargo and loves to build things. They have a daughter in middle school who loves art, baking, and spending time outdoors. As a family, they run a small vegetable farm and travel to see friends in their free time.

Mrs. Lockhart loves the sense of community at Northern Cass and the willingness to try new strategies to meet the needs of learners, families, staff, and our communities. She says the best thing about learners is that they are creative problem solvers! "We try very hard at

Northern Cass to make sure learners are not only at the center of decision making but also partners in finding solutions to challenges. The learners at our school continually amaze me with their great ideas and willingness to help others." Amber's educator superpower is connection. She wants to connect people to others and potential opportunities.

## DALTON SCHNABEL

LEVEL 6 MATH EDUCATOR



I believe every learner should have someone to challenge them and help them grow. Someone to turn to for guidance and to know they are safe with. Someone to be beside them when they are down, celebrate their highest highs, and to cheer them on at every point in between.

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Dalton Schnabel has been our full-time substitute educator these past few months, but he is moving into a new role next year in the Middle School as the Level 6 Math Educator. He enjoys rollerblading, traveling, and spending time with friends. His dad, mom, stepdad, and brother's family all live in Kulm, ND, where he grew up. He's the youngest of 4 siblings, two of which are stepsibs. An experienced uncle, he has 3 nieces and 3 nephews he loves spending time with when he's back home.

Mr. Schnabel loves the small town feel of Northern Cass. "I know there are countless people inside and outside of the building that I can rely on for support. As soon as I walked into

the building for the first time, I was immediately welcomed by everyone I met!" Mr. S says the best thing about learners is their willingness to adapt and try new ideas that educators throw at them. His teaching superpower is developing relationships with learners and providing a space for them to learn as their authentic selves.

## COURTNEY NELSON

PK EDUCATOR



I believe in serving others - I believe I was placed on this earth to serve others with love!

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Courtney Nelson is one of our PreK Educators. She and her husband Chase live on a farm outside Amenia with their twin toddlers, Evvie and Charlie, and their cute Springer Spaniel Remi, kitty Barbara, and 30 roaming chickens! Courtney loves to spend time with family, baking, running, spending time at the lake, waterskiing, gardening, and traveling.

The thing Mrs. Nelson loves most about Northern Cass is that we are a PK-12th grade school. "I love that I get to be the first teacher for some of our littlest learners and then continue to watch them grow and cheer them on as they continue throughout their years at Northern Cass!" For her, the best thing about

learners, especially our littlest ones, is their love and excitement for learning. It is contagious each day! Courtney's teaching superpower is patience!