



John Carter

# Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: John Carter

SCHOOL: Creekside Alternative M.S.

GRADES: 6-8

LOCATION: Pioneer Middle School

Q. How do students get referred to Creekside Alternative Middle School?

A. They are recommended to come here from Pioneer or Garrison Middle School based on their academic struggles and/or behavior problems. Once they have demonstrated a good attitude and improved their grades they often can go back.

Q. What does a typical day look like at Creekside?

A. We currently have 16 students in the program. Students have breakfast and then start off with a Humanities block which takes them to lunch. After lunch they have PE and a math/science block and an advisory period.

Q. What subjects are your students working on?

A. Our students are working on newspaper articles for current events, reviewing the origins of religion, writing five paragraph essays and math assignments.

Q. Why does this program help students who are struggling to improve?

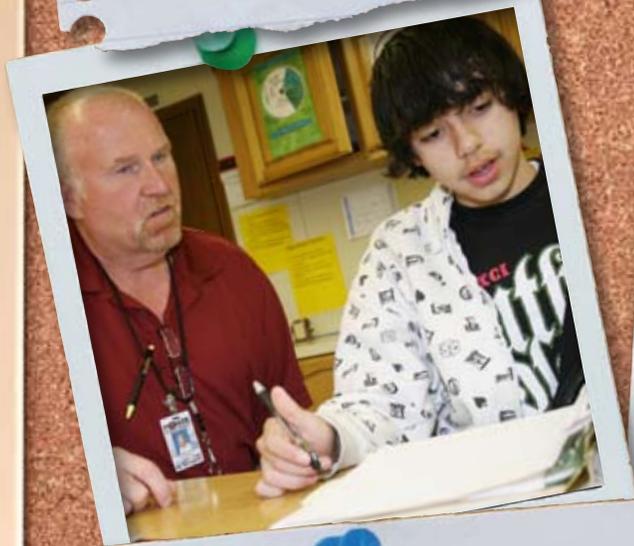
A. We're able to give them more personal attention. We're able to address behaviors that might get lost in a regular classroom and we reward them when they do the right thing and we can see more of that in these smaller settings.

## COMMENTS FROM PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DANA JONES:

"John Carter is an amazing educator. He is able to help some of our most challenging students appreciate the value of education and transition back to a regular classroom setting. It's wonderful to see how excited the students are when they earn their way back to Pioneer or Garrison."

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM  
JOHN CARTER'S CLASS:



COMMENTS: FROM JOHN...

"These students should not be stereotyped. Our kids have a tremendous amount of energy and they are strong, resilient people. We just need to get them pointed in the right direction. I really like my time with these students and it's very rewarding. I find it very satisfying working with my students."

"We offer students a lot of rewards in this program. They can earn having lunch in the regular school. They can participate in afterschool activities and attend field trips if they demonstrate good behavior."



"We work hard at holding students accountable. Assignments are turned in on time. There is no skipping assignments at Creekside. Forgetting about assignments is not an option here."