

Welcome to Hiatt Middle School!

My name is Joseph Green and I'm honored to serve all of you as the principal of Hiatt Middle School. This upcoming school year, 2020-2021, will be my 5th year at Hiatt, 3 as a student, and my 2nd year as the principal. I have previously served in a number of roles in education, including 7th grade Geography teacher at McCombs Middle School, Dean of Students at Harding and Goodrell Middle School, School Improvement Leader at Hoyt Middle School, and Vice Principal at North High School. I am so very honored and excited to serve as Hiatt's Principal and being able to partner with you in your child's education. I believe it is the relationships that are formed and the collaboration between students, families, and staff that make a building special. I look forward to playing a role in fostering a learning environment conducive to high levels of learning and growth at Hiatt.

On a more personal note, my family includes two sons and one daughter, Eli (12), Carson (9), and Norah (6) who love school, baseball, football, music, cereal, and being with their friends. We were lucky enough to spend time in July and August playing a lot of baseball and have now started tackle football and soccer. My wife, Brenda, works for Principal Financial Group as a software engineer and enjoys exercising, reading, and cheering on our kids.

I love getting to know students and families at Hiatt, some being former classmates, friends, and now former students. I am looking forward to meeting many of you virtually, and hopefully in person soon, as we embark on a new school year. Our students are a remarkable group of hard working, interesting, and diverse learners. Every day I see our school values of Courage, Confidence, Compassion, and Community on full display by our students and take pride in the fact that you trust us with their education, safety, and growth.

Plans are well underway to create a great virtual start to our new school year, welcoming back returning students online, and helping new students transition smoothly. As we get closer to the start of the school year, I will be sending out more information regarding accessing Canvas, where to find students scheduled times for classes, and Advisory meetings with teachers prior to the first day of school, which will be September 8th this year.

This summer Hiatt and East students started meeting to provide input on the changing of the East High mascot. Hiatt and East share a very special history, pride, and bond being that 99% of our students end up attending East and with the proximity of our buildings. It is with great pride that I share that to strengthen this bond we will be changing our school colors from blue and gold, to red and black. We will

also be sharing the same mascot as East in a sign of solidarity, unity, and commitment to our community between our schools.

This school year will be unlike any other we have experienced, and we realize that it will look, feel, and be different and may present some unique challenges. Our school values of Courage, Confidence, Compassion, and Community will need to be front and center as we embark on this 2020-2021 school year together. The staff at Hiatt Middle School is dedicated to providing a quality education and a caring environment, and we are proud to have a team of amazing teachers to carry that out.

Your input and support are very important to what we do here at Hiatt. My promise to you is to work tirelessly to sustain and grow this wonderful community that I'm so lucky to serve and be a part of. We value relationships and look forward to getting to know you and your child as members of our Hiatt family!

Principal

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