



Veronica Brand

Middle School Teacher

Veronica has been teaching since 1973, various grades 1 through 8, and most subject areas. She has been at Saint Francis since 1991 and currently teaches middle school classes of social studies, literature, English, health and various exploratory classes. She holds a BA in Education from Indiana University and an MA in Education from the University of Utah. She also has a secondary social studies endorsement from the state of Utah. She has served on several diocesan curriculum committees and accreditation committees and has a strong grasp of appropriate grade level curriculum. She has been recognized as an outstanding teacher by the Diocese of Salt Lake and by the National Catholic Education Association.

Veronica loves teaching – she never seriously considered doing anything else. Her philosophy is that when faced with high standards and expectations, children will strive to reach them. The teacher’s function is to guide and lead the student, rather than just to impart facts and information. Teachers must attempt to instill in students the desire to learn, giving students the skills they need to learn and to demonstrate their learning. Those tools are not the same for each student, and educators must be flexible in order to encourage different learning styles. Children learn from each other as well as from teachers, and learn best in an environment of respect and concern.