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Lucas County Educational Service Center/Fallen Timbers Middle School Gifted Teacher Receives State Recognition

Laura Amburgey, LCESC Gifted teacher assigned to Anthony Wayne Local Schools, received the Ohio Gifted Teacher of the Year Award. She is a graduate of Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. Gifted Coordinator Serena Troyan says, "Laura enjoys the opportunity of working with these high ability learners and seeing what they bring with their unique gifts and prior experiences. She tries not only to extend what is going on in the classroom, but to also enrich with topics that engage and excite the students about learning."

Gifted education is a unique teaching category that challenges the teacher as well as the student. When asked what she enjoys most about working with gifted students Mrs. Amburgey said, "I enjoy seeing what unique gifts and prior experiences they all bring to the table. I love seeing them think through a problem and explain to me their process on how they got to the answer. I have to be on my toes- sometimes they will come up with an answer that I wasn't even considering and it makes me stop and think about it from another perspective."

Mrs. Amburgey enjoys working with Anthony Wayne Local Schools. She appreciates the high level of support she receives from the district as well as from her students' parents. "What I like most about working with Anthony Wayne Schools is their dedication and support of their gifted programs and providing an all-day 3-6 program that ensures their high ability learners are getting a quality service that provides many opportunities that they may not have a chance to receive in their regular classrooms. Also, the parents here are very supportive and understand the need to have an outlet for their high ability child to expand and go deeper with their core subject matter and have enrichment opportunities to broaden their horizons. It may not always be easy, but the students are learning to challenge themselves and see what they can do with their talents," she said.

Anthony Wayne Local Schools would like to congratulate Laura for her outstanding work!

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