



Deshanna Wisniewski

Deshanna Wisniewski - Elementary Teacher (Hampton School District) Deshanna was born and raised in Bergen County, New Jersey. Although she attended a diverse private school, Deshanna never had a teacher of color. Even among peers of color, Deshanna never felt like her Black culture was seen or heard.

In 2011, Deshanna graduated from Malone University with a dual degree in Special Education and Early Childhood. After teaching in Canton South for four years, Deshanna realized how rare it was for adults and students to see teachers of color in that area. When moving to Pittsburgh in 2016, Deshanna's work experiences at Falk Laboratory drove her passion for social justice. While attending the People of Color Conference, Deshanna met with many teachers of color in the Independent School world.

In 2018, Deshanna began teaching 2nd grade at Wyland Elementary School in Hampton School District. She also fell in love with using children's literature to discuss social injustices and show students the world outside of Hampton.

Deshanna's passion allows her to help other teachers of color connect and build relationships. She knows how important it is for students to see themselves and for teachers to have the same.