

Melissa Swenson – Middle Level Assistant Principal of the Year
Willowcreek Middle School – Alpine School District

Melissa Swenson has served as an Assistant Principal at Willowcreek Middle School in Lehi, Utah, for six years. In this role, she focuses on supporting students from diverse backgrounds, increasing access to academic success through targeted remediation, and strengthening social-emotional wellness for students and staff. She is deeply committed to collaborative leadership and is grateful for the teams she has worked on that taught her that schools are strongest when educators learn together and create conditions where all students—and adults—can succeed.

Melissa spent 15 years teaching social studies at Spanish Fork High School. She especially loved her psychology classes and still leans on that background every day as an assistant principal. While at SFHS, she was a student council advisor, swim coach, and student travel advisor. Some of her favorite memories come from taking groups of students to Washington, D.C., and Boston—nothing beats exploring new places with 50 teenagers.

Outside of school, Melissa loves spending time with her husband, Burke, and their six kids. With five skaters and one ballerina in the house, she's often at the hockey rink or performance hall cheering from the stands. Vacation days are usually spent backpacking in Southern Utah, boating on the lake, or hiking to a tropical waterfall.