



State Board District 7 David Murduck

David Murduck is a fifth-grade science teacher at Champion Middle School in the Champion Local School District. As subject coordinator, David also advises more than 150 students each year in after-school science club, STEM and Envirothon groups.

David received the 2019 Outstanding Environmental Educator in the field of formal education award from the Environmental Education Council of Ohio and the Arthur S. Holden Teacher Award for Excellence in Science from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. He holds certification as both an environmental educator and a master teacher in Ohio.

David loves spending time with his wife and two children and believes it's important to work daily to positively influence others and to help them better understand the importance of the environment. He provides many opportunities for his students to learn to value the environment through partnerships with local organizations that support student and community habitat restoration and stewardship projects. He created an after-school speakers' series that allows students and community members to talk with professionals such as engineers from NASA and scientists from the EPA. He has secured more than \$30,000 in grant money in the last five years to pay for students to take part in the Ohio "Trout in the Classroom" program, build and install Chimney Swift Towers, process honey and beeswax from the school's honey bee hives and collect real-time data as they sail on research schooners on Lake Michigan.

David earned bachelor degrees in biology and geology from Denison University and a master's degree in education from Marygrove College.