



Ohio Teacher OF THE YEAR

State Board District 8 Tiffany Lewis

Tiffany Lewis is a first-grade teacher at Volney Rogers Elementary School in the Youngstown City School District. She has 13 years of experience in inner-city schools and attributes many of her successes to the community of Youngstown, school staff, students, parents, administrators and leaders.

Tiffany commits herself wholeheartedly to the school community and believes every child can succeed. Her classroom learning environment promotes fun, growth and a sense of family. She tells her students daily that they are important. She is dedicated to becoming a life-long educator and learner, and she strives to instill a similar desire in all her students.

Tiffany holds a master of arts degree in curriculum and teaching from Nova Southeastern University and a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education, magna cum laude, from Youngstown State University. She has served on various school improvement teams and grade-level and building leadership teams, and she has contributed to the district's curriculum development planning team. She shares her knowledge and experience through the Ohio Resident Educator Program, mentoring and leading educators entering the field. She also is a Youngstown State University resource teacher for college students completing their student teaching requirements.

Tiffany has always held firmly to the belief that all students can learn at high levels if they have structure, access to good education experiences and encouragement to succeed.

Tiffany says she feels as if finding her community and embracing its unique culture has led her to proclaim proudly that she is an inner-city schoolteacher.