

Alan Read

Alan Read has been teaching Physical Education and Health for the past 29 years. He currently teaches in the Marion Independent School District. Alan developed the Adaptive Physical Education program at Vernon Middle School, including a peer mentoring program which has helped foster inclusiveness and has created lifelong friendships among students.

During his tenure at Marion Independent School District the Physical Education program has received two Carol White PEP Grants, which he helped write. Alan served as the LEAN Kids Coordinator during the first grant award. This role allowed him to help families learn about nutrition and wellness activities and included field trips to grocery stores to learn how to shop, cooking demos and a 6 week membership to the YMCA. Alan also helped earn grant awards such as the Adopt-A-School award from PE4life, Archery in Schools and three Marion Foundation grants. Alan was active in and helped organize the annual Turkey Trot for many years, and still encourages students and their families to participate in the annual 5k/8k walk/run each fall.

Alan's other awards include Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach of the Year, Varsity Baseball Coach of the Year and the MISD Leadership Award, which recognized District staff who go above and beyond for their students, their colleagues and the community. In 2015, Alan was elected into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Luther College.

A co-worker stated, "Alan has the patience of a saint. He has so much knowledge, experience, and background working with such a diverse group of kids for all his years he knows just what to do to get kids moving."

When not teaching, Alan enjoys spending time with his family. He loves watching and coaching his boys' activities, traveling, going to the beach, playing golf and fishing.