

Derek Voiles

2017 Tennessee State Teacher of the Year

Derek Voiles is a seventh grade language arts teacher at Lincoln Heights Middle School in Morristown, Tennessee. He is passionate about literacy, student advocacy, and ongoing professional development. He has a Bachelor's Degree in English-Literature and a Master's Degree in Teaching English as a Second Language from Carson-Newman University, an Education Specialist Degree in Instructional Leadership from Lincoln Memorial University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from East Tennessee State University.

In addition to classroom teaching, Derek serves as a member of Commissioner McQueen's Teacher Advisory Council, a National SRSD Writing Trainer, and a coauthor of teachinginthemiddlepd.org, a free website for literacy and writing resources. Derek has served as a State Collaborative on Reforming Education Teacher Fellow, Common Core Literacy Coach, and Regional Content Coach for the Tennessee Department of Education. He has been recognized as Tennessee's 2017 Teacher of the Year. He is on Twitter as @DerekVoiles.