



Raegan Aleman

Grade 8 Teacher



Raegan Aleman began teaching at the WISE in 2019. She remembers the day she first set foot in the school. Stepping beneath the hand-woven arch above the doorway, passing the colourful student artwork in the hallways, and landing in our cozy library, surrounded by plants. It felt as if she were coming home. As beautiful as the school is, what really makes it special for Raegan is the vibrant community, made up of some of the kindest, most devoted and intentional people she's ever met.

As a child Raegan knew that she wanted to be a teacher. Her younger sister generously played along as she held sticks up to their miniature chalkboard and pretended to know what she was talking about. Her parents, both lifelong teachers themselves, inspired Raegan and guided her along the path as she graduated from the University of Alberta with a dual degree in Education and Fine Arts. To this day, they are her trusted mentors and supporters.

Throughout her time at the WISE, Raegan has been privileged to teach a remarkable group of kids, which has been the honour of her life. She's also taught French for grades 4-9, and Drama for grades 7-9, in addition to establishing the Improv Club for grades 7-9 in 2019, which has grown and evolved over the years, as students have graduated and new members have emerged.

Raegan believes in the power of cross-curricular education that integrates art, movement, and self-discovery. What excites her most about teaching is to ignite a genuine sense of wonder and curiosity in the students. Education is a lifelong journey of discovery, full of joy, inspiration, and failure (each of which is important). She is grateful every day to witness this come alive in her students.