Mrs. Andrea (Drury) Gibson, M.Ed.

Mrs. Gibson is currently a Principal intern at Dupre Elementary in Lubbock ISD. Andrea was chosen as one of three Principal Fellows through a partnership between Lubbock ISD and Texas Tech University Graduate School of Education. Mrs. Gibson is completing her 12<sup>th</sup> year in education, all with Lubbock ISD. She began her teaching career at Stewart Elementary as a reading interventionist. While also at Stewart she taught 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade math. In 2015, she moved to Harwell Elementary and taught 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Andrea has received numerous honors and accolades over the course of her career. She earned the distinction of Highly Effective Teacher for the past five years. In 2012, she was selected as Lubbock ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year.



Mrs. Gibson has been called upon to fulfill many roles outside of the classroom. She was lead teacher for 4<sup>th</sup> grade math planning sessions. She also trained teachers new to the district in math content. Andrea was a numeracy trainer for LISD and Region 17. Gibson has also been a mentor teacher for several Texas Tech student teachers, as well as serving on a curriculum reform committee to provide input on the Tech Teach program.

Over the course of her career Andrea has developed her educational philosophy that although there is a wide range of diversity in students, all students can show growth and it is the job of all educators to not only grow students academically, morally, and socially but also develop a lifelong love to learn.

Mrs. Gibson graduated from Ropes High School in 1997. She received her BA in Psychology from Lubbock Christian University in 2001. Andrea later attended Wayland Baptist University for her master's degree (M.Ed.) in elementary education. Andrea should receive a second master's degree from Texas Tech University in Educational Leadership in August 2016. Mrs. Gibson's ultimate goal is to be in a principal position this coming fall.

Andrea lives outside Ropes with her husband, Kurt. They have one child, Asher, who is currently a 1<sup>st</sup> grader at Ropes Elementary.