

# Chrystal Schemanski

## 2014 Grand Valley State Graduate Chooses Ogden, Utah



### ***Why did you decide to choose Ogden?:***

I chose Ogden because I could tell instantly that they were all about supporting their teachers! The district has a strong teacher/mentor program which assists new teachers and gives them the help they need. That support is only the beginning. We have weekly new teacher and mentor meetings, which help guide us in our first year! I have never felt alone in this journey and this was a huge reason why I chose Ogden.

I also chose Ogden because they already have a well established group of Michigan teachers out here. They recruit from Michigan for a reason! It is because we have the right experience and training necessary to work with Utah's children. It was great to already have a big group of friends and supporters before even making the move! We Michiganders stick together and hold each other accountable. You never feel alone, which is amazing!

### ***What do you like about living in Utah?***

IT IS SO BEAUTIFUL! If you love nature, hiking, swimming, skiing, snowboarding or anything outdoors you will absolutely love it here. Ogden is a great city because there is SO much to do within a 3 hour radius. Salt Lake City is only an hour away if you like the city, and mountains are only a 5 minute drive! I love being out here because there is something new to see every time you drive. The beauty of the mountains is breathtaking!

I also love the people! There are so many places to get plugged in and find a group of people you click with. Again my shout out goes to all the Michigan teachers already out here because we love to stick together. Every weekend we are out doing something fun and hanging out as a group. It has been such a smooth transition which has been amazing!

### ***What would you tell someone who was considering teaching in Ogden?***

If you come to Ogden you will need to be a teacher that loves to reach the hearts of children. These children will depend on you to be a consistent support and cheerleader in their lives. They NEED a supportive teacher. This job will be difficult in the sense that you are dealing with students who may have hard lives....but it will be the most rewarding job you will ever have. Working with lower income students will melt your heart as you see how much they love your class and you as a teacher.

**For more information about teaching in Ogden contact:**

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# Why Choose Ogden?

## **Ogden, Utah is Forbes #3 Best Place to Raise a Family**



*Hannah Robinson, a 2014 Grand Valley State graduate, teaches secondary science in Ogden.*

Ogden prides itself on having something for everyone. The city's mountain to metro personality is based on a unique balance of culture, entertainment and quality neighborhoods with backyard access to year round, heart-pounding outdoor recreation and the majestic beauty of the Wasatch mountain range.

Ogden is located 35 minutes north of the Salt Lake City International Airport and is situated against the Wasatch mountains to the east. Ogden has been nationally recognized for having the widest spread in the nation between high median income and low cost of living, making it one of the most affordable cities in the West.

Ogden School District is seeking the very best educators to join with us in providing the academic, social and cultural basis for student success in life. We strongly believe that every student can learn regardless of barriers the child may face in his or her life.

**The Ogden School District is committed to supporting our teachers by:**

- Offering competitive salaries and benefits.
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC)
- Two day paid New Teacher Induction orientation.
- Fully paid ESL endorsement program.
- 19 of our 20 schools qualify for Teacher Loan Forgiveness.
- Utah Early Years Enhancement (EYE) support.
- Building-level mentoring program.
- On-going professional development including monthly workshops, teaching strategies, PRAXIS PLT review sessions and more.
- Instructional Coaches in each building.
- PE grant in each elementary providing added planning time.
- Teacher computer and online student data system.
- Technology enhancements in classrooms including smart boards, tablets, LCD projectors and audio systems.

### **Contact Grand Valley alumni teaching in Ogden:**

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