

Stephanie Good: Teacher, Mother, Student

Stephanie Good teaches science at Interstate 35. It's not laid out in her lesson plan; however, she instills the values of hard work, responsibility, dedication, and honesty in her students. Due to her upbringing and close family ties, she has a tremendous influence on those around her; her family, students, friends, and children benefit from her relentless work ethic and "tough love".


Good grew up on a farm with her three siblings where she developed her work ethic and family bond, two defining features of her today. Even from a young age, Good has made a point of working hard to make others better.

"I had been working on finishing my bachelor's degree and I only had a couple of classes left. Things were very hectic- I was trying to raise children, get everything accomplished at home and help with the farm. It became overwhelming. I was just going to quit with those last two classes left. She [Stephanie] looked at me and she said 'Mom you've never allowed us to quit a day in our lives. I'm not going to allow you. I'm going to make sure I'm home with three younger kids every night. You have a class, and I'll take

care of things here at home so that you can go finish those two classes and so you can get your degree.' It made a very huge impact on my life. It's greatly impacted my career over the time span," explained Dara Queck, Good's mother and best friend; a characteristic made evident to Dara Queck.

Good moved from a smaller farm in Runnells, to a much larger one in Truro when she was fifteen. As a sophomore, Good started attending Interstate 35 where she was, "dedicated, hard working, and an honor to have as a student," according to former I-35 teacher, Jane Busby.

Alternatively, Good has a high opinion of Jane Busby crediting her with her inspiration to be a teacher.



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“I really looked up to her and it just kinda clicked with me that that’s what I wanted to do,” explained Good. “I think that she just made me want to do better. Kids knew that she was always trying to get the best out of them no matter what. I think that’s where I get some of that hardiness but at the same time it’s toughness in the sense of helping my students succeed at the same time”

Now a teacher for nine years at I-35, Good pushes her students with the intention to help them succeed in the classroom and prepare for college.

“Mrs Good has well-prepared me for college. She pushes me to figure out problems on my own and often

strains my critical thinking. It’s important to be able to use those skills in and out of the classroom, and Mrs. Good has done an outstanding job of helping me practice that,” explained Brooklyn McCuddin, I-35 senior and Valedictorian.

This is a feeling similarly stated by Saylor Vodraska, a junior planning to go to medical school.

“Mrs Good has definitely prepared me for my life after high school,” explained Vodraska. “I’m excited for the future because of what I already know from her teaching”

As a teacher, Good has accomplished a great deal by consistent challenging her students. At home, Good teaches by example to her

three kids and happens to learn an equal amount from them.

“My kids have taught me a lot of patience and to be more compassionate and caring. My kids motivate me to do my best too because I want them to see me putting in my best effort and setting a good example. I jump in with both feet into all the activities that I am involved in and I hope that my kids see that,” stated Good, emotionally.

The essence of Stephanie Good can probably best be described by the words of her 7 year old son, Keaton Good:

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