

Meet the Principal!

Mrs. Maggi Butler

I am honored and excited to serve as the next Principal of the United School District! Supporting United in different leadership roles, over the past six years, has been a highlight of my educational career and I am eager to continue and expand that work as your Principal. Relationships play an important role in my personal and professional life. I look forward to connecting with all of you and learning about what makes United so unique and a place you call home!

My husband's job brought our family to Ames, Iowa. Go Cyclones! He will be starting his 8th year as a professor in the Sociology department where he studies and teaches about Criminal Justice. Our oldest daughter, Lana, will be a 5th grader at United. She enjoys swimming, volleyball, dance class, and playing the violin and piano. Our youngest is also a Comet and will be starting 3rd grade in the Fall. Callen enjoys swimming, playing the piano and most importantly being a social butterfly. Although our girls keep us busy, we still find time to enjoy our two doodles: Reginald and Lady.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family and supporting my daughters in their many activities. You can often find me attending their events, enjoying a good book, hiking, running, or exploring the outdoors. Nature provides an opportunity for me to recharge, and I especially enjoy camping, trail running, and watching my children discover and appreciate the world around them.

Family time is incredibly important to me, whether it's family game nights, evening walks with our dogs, or simply being together. I also enjoy starting my mornings with a cup of coffee, time with our doodles, and an opportunity to read, reflect, or prepare for the day ahead.

You may occasionally find me around school dressed as a giant star, Ms. Frizzle, or even the King of the Land of United. I believe that learning should be engaging, joyful, and memorable, and I enjoy finding creative ways to connect with students and celebrate our school community.

Some of my favorite moments at United are recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of our students and staff. I am also passionate about learning—whether it is exploring curriculum resources, studying evidence-based instructional practices, or discovering new ways to support teaching and learning. One of the most rewarding parts of my work is collaborating with educators and seeing effective strategies come to life in classrooms, making a meaningful difference in the success and growth of our students.

