

Jacob Halde – curriculum design and instruction

Why did you choose your degree program? How has it helped you grow personally and professionally?

I chose the Doctor of Education (Ed. D.) in Curriculum Design and Instruction because I wanted to continue to grow as an educational leader. It has helped me grow personally and professionally in that I have continued my journey as a lifelong learner, gained further knowledge regarding educational best practices to better serve my school community, and have gained a deeper understanding of educational research best practices so that I can further contribute to the field of education in the future.

What are you most proud of accomplishing during your time here?

I am proud of completing the Ed.D. program and of successfully defending my dissertation.

If you could go back in time, what advice would you give your first-year self?

I would tell myself that while it may not seem like it at times during the coursework, you are going to complete the program and complete your dissertation. The hard work and journey were well worth it.

Who helped you the most on your journey?

My wife. I would never have been able to pursue an Ed. D. degree without her support.

What's next after graduation?

I will continue being the principal of Jefferson Elementary School in Belleville, Ill.