

Jessi Merrill was born in San Francisco, California and moved to Humboldt County with her family when she was 11 years old. She attended Humboldt County schools from that point on, at Pacific Union Elementary School, Arcata High School, and Humboldt State University. Growing up in a family full of educators, she had a strong desire to be a teacher from an early age. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English Education from Humboldt State University in 2012 and was accepted into HSU's Secondary Education Credentialing Program right after that. While in the credential program, she student-taught under two mentor teachers at Eureka High School, and graduated from the credential program in the Spring of 2013. Her first position in education, other than being a proctor of the SAT test, was as an Instructional Support Specialist at College of the Redwoods, where she worked one-on-one with a variety of students. In 2014 she was hired as an English teacher at Saint Bernard's where she loves teaching. Getting a job where she can pursue her passion was a dream come true and she happily teaches and learns from her two classes of sophomores and one class of 8th graders every day.