

Testimonials

Steven Northup - Rockford College Instructor

"Steven's passion for what he teaches shines through. The homework assignments are relevant, and Steven's delivery and ability to keep the class engaged are excellent." *S. Cannon - North Middle School, O'Fallon, MO*

"What a great class! (BC) Steven is an awesome instructor! He had my undivided attention throughout the entire course. I've learned so much from him and the other teachers in class. It was such an insightful class for me on both a professional and personal level. Thank you!" (smiles) *A. Koric, St. Louis Community College*

"Wonderful instructor with great insight and thought-provoking comments. You're great Steven! I love coming to your classes!" *J. Wagner - Wolf Branch Ele.*

"After my first PLS course I knew that it would certainly not be my last. This is the type of course (content and implementation) that works with my teaching and learning style. Steven's instruction is always above the creative edge - dynamic personality that brings the best out of all his students. Steven runs a smooth, consistent class with easy transitions and applicable material. He is a connector, and an encourager - a true educator. Great classes - highly recommended! I look forward to taking more courses through Rockford." *B. Conroy - Belleville West HS*

"I can't say enough good things about this class! (BC) It was practical and fun at the same time. I really enjoyed the class. There were so many great tools and tips and really interesting information that I will take away from the class. It invigorated me as a teacher and validated things I'm already doing in the classroom. Mr. Northup was a wonderful facilitator, modeling expertly how to build communication in teaching." *S. Mallrich, Triad HS*

"You'll be comfortable. You'll be engaged in learning. You'll have fun. You'll think. This man is an awesome instructor. Steven is sincere, genuine, thorough, and down to earth. The course was great. There were so many concrete USABLE strategies. The course helped me reflect on and improve my own teaching." *J. Belter - Wolf Branch Ele.*

"Steven is a great instructor! He understands teachers' need to share and collaborate, and makes time for that in the courses he teaches." *K. Prince - Whiteside Ele.*

"This has been my first master's class since returning to the teaching profession after a fourteen year absence. Mr. Northup has been a phenomenal instructor, providing a safe, comfortable atmosphere while instructing the fine points of classroom management. I look forward to attending many more classes taught by Mr. Northup." *C. Kellmeyer Wolf Branch Ele.*

"Excellent, Excellent, Excellent!" *H. Phillips - Millstadt Cons. School*

"Steven is a wonderful instructor! He is well informed, very knowledgeable about the topic and can relate the information to our daily lives. The class was well worth my time. It was interesting, and the information was valuable. I will definitely take another PLS class. It was a positive experience!" *C. Wildhaber, Highland CUSD #5*

"Steven is a Superb instructor. He explains well, leads well, and has given me a wealth of information. His tone and skills were good models for exactly what he was teaching in this class! Great Job!!" *G. Cox, Wolf Branch Middle School*

"Steven is a Wonderful instructor! He has the ability to draw people into the group and to get information across so that people reflect on how they currently do tasks, and also how to improve in accomplishing those tasks in the future." *V. Wormald, Whiteside Ele.*

“Steven is a great instructor! He is well-informed, insightful, creative, and interesting. Finally, college education courses that truly teach things that I can actually use in my classroom! Thank you!” *C. Kasten – Nashville Middle School*

“Steven is a fantastic instructor! His ability to clarify and add to the content is so helpful. He keeps things light and moving. The teaching knowledge he brings to the classroom is inspiring. His positive attitude is contagious. His use of quotes, music, and teaching anecdotes really added to the class!” *P. Zink, Jefferson School – Belleville*

“Wonderful Class! I never dreamed that I could get so much out of a class. This class came at the perfect time for me. I needed a boost and I got it. Steven has been an inspiration!”
D. Holmen – Gardner Ele., Waterloo, IL

“Steven Northup is an excellent teacher! He presents the material in an enjoyable way. I was worried that this class was going to be two long weekends, but the class went by quickly because it was so fun!” *M. Harber – Wolf Branch Ele.*

“Steven uses his classroom experience as well as the principles of the PLS classes to help teachers see their profession with a new and energized spirit. It takes someone who is enthusiastic and motivated to provide such a meaningful experience for teachers in such a condensed amount of time. Thank you Steven for being such a teacher! Great course! Steven made it such a caring and enthusiastic learning community. It would have required hard work NOT to learn new and useful tools for the classroom. One of my best instructor/class experiences ever!”
T. Rhoderick – Wolf Branch Ele.

“Steven is an awesome teacher! Not only does he understand all of the content and relate it to the class in meaningful ways, but he also does it without ever seeming condescending.”
A. Jenkins – Belleville West HS

“Great Class! (BC) I enjoyed actively participating (doing) rather than sitting and listening and taking notes the entire time.”
J. Kinnard, E.K. Ele. O’Fallon, IL

“Highly motivating and inspiring. Thanks for bringing out the best in us Steven!”
C. Pride – Collinsville Middle School

“Awesome class! It helped me develop strong and immediately applicable communication skills that will intrinsically motivate my students!” Thank you Steven! *S. Pressman – St. Louis Community College*

“I loved it! I can’t wait to implement these strategies in my class! Steven is an awesome teacher! I would love to see him teach in his classroom!” *N. Ogden – Wolf Branch Middle School*

“A very engaging instructor who involves all participants, and creates a positive, welcoming learning environment.”
R. Krause – Whiteside Ele.

“Mr. Northup is a great instructor. He is positive and full of energy. He gets everyone involved in class and does an excellent job presenting the information. This course (BC) had so much useful information that could be directly applied in my classroom. I have no doubt about the huge impact it can make on promoting a positive classroom climate.”
J. Randoll – Silver Creek Ele.

“Steven did a great job presenting a valuable opportunity to learn practical activities that I can really use in my classroom! There are so many exciting activities that I don’t know where to start!”
L. Murphy – Signal Hill School

“Wonderful class!” *A. Peck – New Athens Ele.*

“Mr. Northup is a fantastic instructor! He knows how to be empathic and bring out the best in his students. His classes are very meaningful and you can ‘make and take’ strategies right into your classroom. Highly recommended!”
S. Pena – Wolf Branch Ele.

"I think Steven led a great class. He was well prepared and presented the material in a "fun" way.
S. Abbott – Highland Comm. Schools

"Best class I have ever taken. I learned a lot of activities and ideas that I actually use in my classroom. It has been really awesome."
A. Moran – Belleville West HS

"Steven Northup was a great motivator. He had wonderful quotes to ponder. His instruction provided great energizing ideas. I would recommend this class to all teachers."
D. Kreitner – Wolf Branch Ele.

"Steven Northup did an excellent job of creating a classroom environment where we could learn from him and from each other. It was clear that he believes in and has a firm grasp of the presented material. I feel well equipped to apply these strategies in my classroom."
C. Rogers – Illini Ele.

"This was my first PLS course. At first, I was skeptical about a "one week course" actually teaching me anything. After all, I've taught for 20 years. But even a veteran like me can use many of these great strategies."
D. Fann – Nashville Middle School

"This PLS class was the most useful class I have ever taken!" *S. Barbeau – Wolf Branch School*

"I thoroughly enjoyed this class (BC) and Steven was an excellent instructor! I am happy to say I plan on using many ideas from this class in my class next year."
J. O'Truk, Whiteside Ele.

"Excellent all around! No Question !! I learned a ton of Useful information."
M. Hesdra, Whiteside Ele.

"Steven makes the course fun and stimulating. He is organized and knowledgeable. It is definitely time well spent and will positively impact my teaching style."
D. Gordon, Belleville East HS

"Steven did a great job of keeping the class on track. He made everything enjoyable – his activities were definitely useful tools for All grade levels. Very productive class!"
C. Dorries, Jefferson School – Belleville

"This has been a life changing class!" *J. Grice — Summerfield Grade School*

"Very helpful! Thank you for your patience with us. I will recommend this course to others."
K. Rust – Highland Primary

"Steven is a definite asset to Rockford and PLS! He knows his material well and strives to make his classroom a positive place to learn." (smiles) *K. Gale, Freeburg Primary*

"Good pace to class, useable info, good examples and help." *M. Duguay, Columbia HS*

"I thought that this class might be just another motivational session, but it was so different. There are so many strategies that I will be able to implement." *M. Schmittling – Lebanon High School*

"A lot of useful information and strategies that can be applied in any classroom."
S. Schult – St. Libory Grade School

"Great class, caring instructor!" *J. Kassebaum – Wolf Branch Ele.*

"Awesome Teacher! Seriously great class. I received a lot of great ideas to take back and use in my classroom. Well worth the time and money!" *K. Reifschneider – Gardner Ele. Waterloo, IL*

“Love the strategies! Can’t wait to use them.” *W. Quayle – Lebanon District 9*

“Very helpful information that will make my teaching more effective. This class has provided me with so many tricks to pull out of my teacher and mom hat.” *L. Heidenreich – Freeburg Middle School Dist. #70*

“This class will make me a better teacher.” *T. Best – Westhaven Ele.*

“I think Steven Northup is an excellent instructor. He is a very inspirational and motivating speaker. I appreciated his enthusiasm while teaching the class. I was very encouraged by the dialogue boxes in the folders, which provided a means of open communication. Steven’s encouragement and support in answering my questions or concern made me feel relaxed and more open to learning. Awesome!” *R. Maine – Dupo HS*

“Very informative class. I learned many strategies that I plan on using in my classroom as well as my personal life!”
J. Hasenstab – Central Jr. High

“I learned several useful things that I will be able to implement in my classes next year.”
M. Deets – Highland High School

“Thank you Steven, for the opportunity to take this class. It’s very relevant to my teaching!”
A. Flahive – Wolf Branch Middle School

“This course was enlightening. I feel I learned real strategies that I can implement immediately.”
B. Kazmierczak – Wolf Branch Middle School

“This has been an extremely beneficial class. I have learned many skills I will implement next year. Because of this class, I will be a more empathetic and responsible teacher!”
K. Rodriquez – Whiteside Ele.

“If only I’d known..... Thank you Steven, for the opportunity of gaining practical knowledge in teaching that will improve my craft as well as improve the characters of the students I teach.”
A. Washington – Columbus Ele.

“Steven is a very easy-going instructor who made the class enjoyable and gave me new ideas to use in my classroom and make my lessons more meaningful through activities.”
K. Sellers – Signal Hill School

“Lots of useful info. in a quick, organized manner. Wonderful!”
P. Wittenauer – Wolf Branch Ele.