

Dr. Charity Stephens

2020 FLAM Distinguished Foreign Language Educator Award



The Distinguished Foreign Language Educator Award honors members of the foreign language teaching profession for long-term achievements and dedication of service in education.

Dr. Charity Stephens is our Distinguished Foreign Language Educator Award recipient and she is a Spanish teacher at Liberty High School where she also serves as Department Chair, Professional Development Committee representative, and Advisory Coordinator, among other duties. She has earned her Ed.D. in Curriculum & Instruction from Texas A&M and her MA in Differentiated Instruction from Graceland University. Dr. Stephens has presented on a variety of instructional topics in and out of the Liberty Public School district, including at FLAM conferences. She is especially interested in focusing on students as individual learners, working from their own level of readiness, and helping them take ownership of their own learning.

Dr. Stephens believes foreign languages teach students so much more than just a language, but also “the art of effective communication, the importance of empathy while learning about the culture, the skills to think critically via comparisons and connections, and how to interact with global communities via collaborative experiences. ALL students deserve the opportunity to acquire these skills through studying a foreign language.”

“Charity is a fearless teacher. She challenges herself to create real-world learning experiences enhanced through the integration of technology, all the while, rooted in a highly engaging framework. Her sophisticated methodologies coupled with her rigorous expectations are only surpassed by her passion of learning and love of students.”

- Dr. April Adams, *Principal, Liberty High School*

“I’m always inspired by Dr. Stephens’ passion for all students no matter their circumstances. She has a unique ability to take even the most reluctant student and build their confidence and skills.”

- Sara Wickham, *Instructional Coach, Liberty High School*