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# Daniel Jaeger

*German teacher*



*I've come to a frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in the classroom. It's my personal approach that creates the climate. It's my daily mood that makes the weather. As a teacher, I possess a tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a child humanized or dehumanized.*

—Haim G. Ginott

## About Mr. Jaeger:

I was born and raised in Holland, Michigan. My parents are both natives of northeast Indiana.

My father is a retired science teacher, and my mother is a retired registered nurse. All three of my siblings are involved in the public education, each one at a different level; elementary, middle, and high school.

In my free time I prefer to be outdoors. I ride my mountain bike, run, and do yoga. I love to read. I love teaching.

## Education:

*Bachelor's (BA)  
German and general science  
Kalamazoo College:  
May 1991*



## Relevant Experience:

After completing academic work at Kalamazoo College, I student taught with my former German teacher at West Ottawa High School. My first teaching position was at ISD 31 in Bemidji, Minnesota.

For the past 22 years, I have taught German for SACS at both the middle and high school levels. The AATG has awarded me stipends/grants on five occasions to further my study of the German language. The teacher institutes at Michigan Tech are brilliant; I have attended six.

## Why do I teach?

I teach because I love learning. I teach because I want to make the world a better place. I teach because I like helping other people, especially young, inquisitive people. I teach because it demands my best effort. I teach because it allows me to share the beauty and wonder of the world with students. I teach because the German language has changed my life fundamentally: expanding my world; enriching my life personally and professionally; and, by deepening my understanding of humanity.