



**HOMESTEAD
HIGH SCHOOL**

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*"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful
we must carry it with us or we find it not."*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Education:

*Master's (MA)
Educational Leadership and Supervision
Ball State University:
December 2016*

*Bachelor's (BA)
Spanish and journalism
Ball State University:
May 2004*



BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY.

About Sr. Peeper:

I was born and raised in Bluffton, Indiana. I majored in Spanish, journalism and secondary education at Ball State University. In college, I studied Spanish for one semester in San Germán at [La Universidad de Puerto Rico](#) and one semester at [The University of Arizona](#). I have also completed course work at [The University of Costa Rica](#).

In my free time, I enjoy running, hiking, backpacking, camping, reading, writing, traveling, visiting Arizona, University of Arizona basketball, communicating in Spanish, listening to Latin music and enjoying Hispanic culture. My goal is to visit every Spanish-speaking country. I have three to go: Colombia, Panamá and Venezuela.

Relevant Experience:

I lived in South America for six months after college. I volunteered in a special-needs school in Quito, Ecuador. Afterward, I traveled extensively throughout South America, visiting eight countries. I have taken students abroad six times to Mexico, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico and Ecuador. In June and July 2017, I walked 500 miles across Spain to complete El Camino de Santiago (The Way of Saint James.)

Prior to Homestead, I was a journalist for The News-Banner. I still work for the newspaper and write a weekly column.

I earned my master's in school administration in December 2017.

Why do I teach?

Legendary coach John Wooden once said, "I think the teaching profession contributes more to the future of our society than any other single profession." I couldn't agree more. My hope as an educator is to create strong relationships with students as I teach them to communicate in Spanish and to make connections to best prepare them for the opportunities they will have after leaving Homestead. I hope to inspire students to become critical thinkers and communicators with global perspectives.