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# Ellen Waite

*Latin teacher*



## Education:

*Bachelor's (BA)  
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BALL STATE  
UNIVERSITY.

*"No school teacher has EVER had a student return to say a standardized test changed his or her life."*

*—Joe Martin*

## About Mrs. Waite:

I was born and raised with a large blended family in the Indianapolis area. I attended Carmel High School and went on to [Ball State University](#) with the intent of teaching Latin in a high school setting.

I've been married to my husband since 1991 and have two teenage children, daughter and son. We have lived in Fort Wayne for all of our married life and have enjoyed raising our family here.

In my free time I enjoy travelling anywhere warm, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

## Relevant Experience:

I have had the good fortune to have a teaching job since I graduated college. I think the greatest asset I bring to my job at Homestead is the variety of teaching experiences I've had. I've taught at a parochial high school, started a Latin elementary program in which I taught kindergarten through sixth grade Latin, Roman culture and history and mythology, coordinating daily with grade level teachers to develop multi-disciplinary thematic units. I have taught at an inner-city high school, not Latin, but study skills with disadvantaged and students recently released from detention.

## Why do I teach?

I cannot ever remember a time when I didn't want to be a teacher. I was blessed with so many wonderful teachers over the years who not only taught me subjects, but that they cared about me and my well-being. I was inspired by my high school Latin teacher and he still inspires me today. I realize that not every student will love Latin, but I do want them to know that they can be successful with a little hard work and perseverance. I believe in my students and I make sure that they know that. When kids feel they are valued they have the confidence to pursue their dreams. I love that I can be a small part of that for them.