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Intervention Specialist at Dover Intermediate School

# Shaley Stearns

## **Why did you choose to work with Westlake City Schools?**

It has always been my dream to work within the Westlake School District. I graduated from Bay High School, so I am very familiar with the incredible community of Westlake. I have worked at Mitchell's Ice Cream since I was 16 years old, and later worked at the Achievement Centers for Children in Westlake, which is a separate facility school for students with autism. I love Westlake because of the high standards, acceptance, and kindness.

## **What are you most looking forward to in working with Westlake City Schools?**

I am most looking forward to meeting my group of incredible students and colleagues.

## **Tell us a little bit about yourself: Where did you grow up? Where did you go to school? What were your favorite subjects growing up? Did you play sports or do activities? Did you have a favorite pet?**

I grew up in Bay Village, Ohio, right down the street! My mother is a paraprofessional at Bay High School, and her passion for special education influenced me to get involved as well. Going through Bay schools, I participated in the PAL program and National Honors Society. I loved all subjects, but my favorites were mathematics and writing. I always grew up with dogs, and I currently have an adorable dog named Bowie!

## **What are some of the ways you'll push Westlake students to be good citizens?**

The best way that I will push our Westlake students to be good citizens

is by modeling positive behaviors to students, such as including others, respecting our environment and bodies and using our voices to make important changes.

## **What do you enjoy doing in your free time? (Hobbies, sports, favorite teams, games, etc.)**

In my free time, I will often be exploring the beautiful city of Cleveland. I love to spend time with my dog and my family, participate in barre fitness classes, and visit with friends.

## **If you could have any meal right now, what would be included?**

If I could have any meal, I would eat a mix of Italian and Irish food— both of those cultures remind me of my family!

## **If you could visit any place on the planet, where would you like to go? What would you like to do there?**

I am definitely a homebody, but my favorite place to visit is Disney World in Florida! I have been to Disney five times, and I can't wait to go again!

## **If you're comfortable doing so, could you share some info about your life? (ie: marriage, kids, pets, etc.)**

I graduated from Kent State University in 2018 with my BA in Moderate to Intensive Special Education. My partner is a High School Guidance Counselor at Olmsted Falls, and this will be his fifth year there. We have a Jack Russell-Beagle mix dog named Bowie, and he is two years old. We currently live in North Ridgeville, but we hope to live in Westlake in the near future.