

Sarah Pederson has been teaching at Fleming Island High School since 2004. She currently teaches AP Biology and Honors Biology, but has also taught Marine Science and Standard Biology. In 2016 she was named Fleming Island High School's teacher of the Year and a top 5 finalist for Teacher of the Year for Clay County Schools. Since Mrs. Pederson started teaching AP Biology at FIHS, enrollment for the class has grown from 7 students in 2006 to a high of 107 in 2016. She was selected to be an AP reader and graded AP Biology free response questions for the College Board for three years. She coaches the Ocean Science Bowl team and also serves on the Homecoming planning committee. Mrs. Pederson is a Wisconsin native and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2001 with a double-major in zoology and biological aspects of conservation. During her last two years of college she worked for The Nature Conservancy. After graduating college, she decided to pursue a teaching career and attended Concordia University to earn her teaching certificate. Before teaching at Fleming Island High School, she spent a year interning, subbing and teaching summer school at DeForest High School in Wisconsin. In her free time, Mrs. Pederson loves spending time outdoors and traveling with her husband, daughter and dog.