# WPI Teaching Practicum

Forest Grove Middle School Grade 7

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### **Abstract:**

Through A and B term of 2020, I completed my student teaching experience at Forest Grove Middle School towards earning my Massachusetts Education License in Middle School Science and completing my WPI IQP requirement. This experience allowed me to develop my teaching skills by creating and delivering lessons about various science topics to five classes of 7th grade students. In this portfolio, I reflect on my experiences as a student teacher, my teaching philosophy, and my proficiency in the essential CAP elements of teaching. The e-portfolio also contains examples of lesson materials which I created, student feedback, and student work.

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