

## **Melissa Glover** **Star Teacher**

Arts programs are underfunded and under-appreciated. Many programs across the state are struggling and have been for years, especially chorus classes. It's an unfortunate reality. However, despite all of this uncertainty, for the chorus students at South Point, class has remained full and exciting because of my Star Teacher, Mrs. Glover.

Being a teacher means caring about your students. Mrs. Glover shows each one of us that we are important to her and refers to our class as her second family. Every week, she gives us a note card, and the prompt that says "I wish Mrs. Glover knew." We get to tell her something about what is going on in our lives. It can be something we are proud about, something we are dealing with, or maybe just a joke we want to share. She then takes time and reads each one before class. That's who she is as a person.

As a teacher, she shows genuine passion for choral music. She organizes all choral MPAs across the state, and teaches 100-plus students daily at South Point. Being honest, Mrs. Glover has given us some hard pieces of music. She does this because she knows our potential and wants us to exceed it.

I moved a month before I ended eighth grade, putting me in a different school zone. I was scared of going to high school in this new location. However, throughout my first year, I found a home in chorus. It was a place where I could have fun doing something I enjoyed. Mrs. Glover grew my passion for singing, and I realized that chorus was more important to me than class rank and GPA. Without her, I wouldn't have seen the value of the arts programs, and I wouldn't have the passions and goals I do today. For that, I will always be grateful. Thank you, Mrs. Glover.

**Henry Eisenhuth**  
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