

Jeff Norris, NBCT

2024 Alabama Teacher of the Year

Jeff Norris teaches sixth grade mathematics at Oak Mountain Middle School in Birmingham, Alabama. He firmly believes all members of the school community, from office personnel to classroom teachers to district administrators, and especially students themselves, have the ability to positively influence and lead others.

He began teaching at the elementary level before moving into a successful eight-year stint in school administration. Norris then chose to return to classroom teaching, this time at the secondary level, teaching English language arts for two years prior to mathematics. Currently, he travels and connects with educators to celebrate and amplify their passion for impacting children's lives. He spotlights teaching strategies and stories on his podcast, *The Power of a Moment*. No matter his position, Norris displays a vision of student-centered, optimistic and inspirational influence.

Recently, Norris maintained his **National Board Certification** as a Middle Childhood Generalist and was named the Alabama National Board Certified Teacher Network Communications Secretary. His goal is to motivate others to use their voice in making positive, passionate impacts on others.



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