

Jacqueline Denise Isreal  
Highlands Elementary Teacher of the Year

Jacqueline Isreal was born in Alexandria, Louisiana on February 21, 1982. She moved to Keene, Texas at the age of four. She began playing basketball in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and continued on until her sophomore year in college. She also ran track and cross country during her high school years. She then went on to attend Southwestern Adventist University and received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She has been teaching at Highlands Elementary for five years. She taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade her first year. Then she moved down to teach 1<sup>st</sup> grade, which she taught for 2 years. Now she is currently in her second year teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. In her free time she enjoys watching movies, listening to music, and putting together jigsaw puzzles. Mrs. Isreal stated that teaching has always been a passion of hers and she strives daily to become the best teacher that she possibly can be.