

Jennifer Poling graduated from Clayton High School in 1994. After graduation Mrs. Poling attended Panhandle State University and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in 1998. After College graduation, she substitute taught for Clayton Schools, and was hired for the following school year in 1999. Mrs. Poling began her first teaching job at the Amistad campus located forty-five miles South of Clayton. The following year she was hired to teach full day Kindergarten at Alvis Elementary. Mrs. Poling taught Kindergarten for nine years. In 2005 while teaching Kindergarten she earned a Masters of Education Degree from Lesley University in Curriculum and Instruction. Mrs. Poling has taught for twenty years in the Clayton Municipal Schools including one year at Clayton High School, five years at second grade, four years at sixth grade, one year as a Reading Coach and currently serves as the Head Teacher at Kiser Elementary/Clayton Jr. High.

Over the past 20 years as an educator Mrs. Poling's philosophy of education has changed. She believes that in order to be a highly effective educator the willingness to change is a must. Mrs. Poling believes that a teacher is morally obligated to enter the classroom with only the highest of expectations for each and every one of his/her students. Thus, the teacher maximizes the positive benefits that naturally come along with any self-fulfilling prophecy. It has been her experience that with dedication, perseverance, and hard work, students will rise to the occasion.