

HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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22 years at High Point

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Mr. Kappelmeier discusses the Physics of flight with one of his top students.

Of the many ways to measure a teacher's impact on a school, growing a program is certainly one of them. In 1995 High Point had two sections of basic Physics. Looking to expand their Physical Science curriculum, and to find its next varsity football coach, it hired Mr. Christopher Kappelmeier.

22 years later, High Point now boasts a world class Physics program which offers three separate A.P. Physics courses, and sees a majority of its graduates take at least one Physics class. High Point also proudly hangs a championship football banner (S.C.I.L. 2001) in its rafters and ranks Coach Kappelmeier as its all-time winningest football coach.

When asked to describe what makes High Point so special, Mr. Kappelmeier immediately replied:

“That’s easy, the students. Many people don’t realize how many very bright and capable students we have at High Point. We have dozens of recent graduates thriving as Engineers and in the Sciences, and at present six of our graduates are studying at Ivy League schools.”

In regards to the growth of Physics Mr. Kappelmeier credited High Point's philosophical approach to student achievement as well as current trends in college and career:

“20 years ago we viewed A.P. courses, as well as upper level Science courses, as being reserved for only our very top students. Now we challenge more and more students to take these courses, and our shift in philosophy has evolved simultaneously with a move towards students wanting to study a subject in college which relates directly to a career.”

Mr. Kappelmeier has become a fixture at High Point, and whenever you see him a handful of his students are usually in close proximity. He inspires his students to love both Science and the pursuit of knowledge, and his impact on our district is immeasurable.