

Michelle Rotfeld



Michelle is the Director of Science and a science teacher at Akiba Schechter Jewish Day School. With over 16 years of teaching experience (11 years of teaching at Akiba), Michelle has taught preschool through 8th grade.

Michelle received her Bachelors of Science in elementary education at DePaul University. She continued her studies at DePaul in their Social and Cultural Studies of Education and Gifted Education at Northeastern University. Michelle continues to stay current in science education by partnering with the Museum of Science and Industry as well as the National Science Teachers Association.

Michelle began her teaching career in Chicago Public Schools teaching both middle school science and English. Upon leaving the public school system, Michelle began teaching preschool at Akiba Schechter as well as science at the Northwestern Center for Talent Development. Michelle has focused her time at Akiba in both the preschool and the middle school on honing best practices, including differentiating instruction for all students.

Michelle is an avid runner. She has run many marathons and has shared her passion for running by coaching the girls running program. In addition, she has coordinated a photography club for some of the boys at Akiba. Michelle is a dedicated and passionate teacher, spending much of her time to developing creative new approaches to reaching her students. Michelle is well known for her appreciation of science humor as well as her investment in her students' whole selves.