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Several changes are taking place within the walls of Perkins County High School this fall—one of those being the position of business teacher.

Renee Seiler is becoming half-time instructor in business, replacing Chip Kay, and she is also assigned the position of assistant junior high girls basketball coach. The other half of her "teaching" time will be spent as a para.

Prior to accepting these positions, Seiler worked as full-time para educator at the high school and part-time at home as a health care recruiter/manager for Sterling Medical.

The Grant native graduated in 1988 from the halls she has returned to, and received her Bachelor of Arts in business education degree in 1993 from the University of Nebraska-Kearney, with an emphasis in diversified occupations.

Seiler said she is currently considering working toward a Master's Degree in special education.

Seiler is eager for the new fall term—especially "the smiles on their faces when they finally grasp a concept that has alluded them,"—which she claims is her favorite aspect of teaching.

"That look of accomplishment is priceless," she said.

Seiler said she knows she has big shoes to fill, so it's her goal to pick up where Mr. Kay left off and continue moving the students in a positive direction, preparing them to be competitive in today's work force.

"It's my hope to incorporate my experiences in the business world into the classroom," said Seiler.

Her background in education includes serving as a substitute teacher for Perkins County Schools and assistant volleyball coach in 1993. She then taught business/computers at Wheatland High School in 1994-95 as well as served as the assistant volleyball and head girls basketball coach.

Military orders took her to southern California where she taught under the Regional Occupational Program for adults in Vista, Calif.

Another military transfer took her to Georgia where she taught various subjects at a Montessori school.

Additionally, she has worked as an executive assistant for Vision West Ophthalmic Buying Group, the Gemological Institute of America, then as a health care recruiter with Sterling Medical where she recruited, staffed and managed civilian health care providers in military hospitals in 48 states and 11 countries.

Her husband, Sam, is a heavy equipment operator for Regier Land Improvement. They have two children, son, Austin, is 12 and will be in seventh grade. Daughter, Aryn, 10, will be a sixth grader.

"It's very exciting for me to be walking the hallways of Perkins County High School again," said Seiler. "I look forward to watching the growth of our students, our school and our district in the years to come."