

David Groat



Mr. Groat will serve as principal of Garmisch Elementary Middle School beginning in August 2012. Mr. Groat has sixteen years of experience as an educator. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Cultural Anthropology from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and received his teaching credential from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. In addition, Mr. Groat holds a Master's degree in Curriculum and Technology from the University of Phoenix and completed an Administrative Services Credential program through National University. Mr. Groat began his teaching career in Ojai, California where he taught bilingual third and fourth grade, English Language Development and Gifted and Talented Education.

Mr. Groat began his career with DoDDS in 2003, working as an English as a Second Language teacher at Shirley Lanham Elementary School in Atsugi, Japan. His assistant principal experience began at Shirley Lanham Elementary School in 2006. He and his family moved to Heidelberg, Germany in 2007 where he worked as the assistant principal of Patrick Henry Elementary School for three years. Mr. Groat has served as the assistant principal at Robinson Barracks Elementary Middle School in Stuttgart, Germany for the past two years.

Mr. Groat is an energetic, enthusiastic educator who is committed to making a difference for the students, families and staff in the Garmisch community. As a former DoDDS student in a Navy family, he fully understands the challenges faced by military families living overseas, and is looking forward to working with the Garmisch Elementary Middle School staff and community to ensure that each child has the opportunity to achieve his or her personal best. Mr. Groat and his family are looking forward to joining the Garmisch community.