

Gary Purinton has been a teacher at Broome High School since 2005. He graduated from Coastal Carolina University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and Economics. He then attended Converse College to earn his M.Ed. in Social Studies in 1993 and his Masters in Secondary Administration and Supervision in 2003.

Mr. Purinton participated in the Riley Institute for Teachers of Government in 2006. He also participated in the 2002 National Teacher Training Institute Master Teacher Program, which trains master teachers how to use hands-on interactive methods with technology as a part of classroom instruction. These master teachers then create lesson plans incorporating video, hands-on activities and the Internet, and model these lessons for their fellow teachers at local Institutes. Mr. Purinton is certified in Advanced Placement Microeconomics and Advanced Placement U.S. History. Most recently Mr. Purinton was also selected for the prestigious C-SPAN 2008 Teacher Fellowship Program. As a Fellow, he will spend one month working at C-SPAN's headquarters in Washington DC in the summer of 2008 with three other teachers from around the United States creating materials for teachers to use on www.c-spanclassroom.org, a free website for educators.

Mr. Purinton is happily married to his wife, Connie. They have one six year old child named Sarah.