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James T. Alton Middle School hires second assistant principal

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James T. Alton Middle School science teacher Nick Ritter is now the second assistant principal at the school. This is the first time the position has existed during the school's 26-year history.

For the first time in 26 years, James T. Alton Middle School will have a second assistant principal at the start of the 2020-21 school year.

According to a news release, the school's site-based decision making council confirmed the hiring of science teacher Nick Ritter for the role.

Ritter is a JTA and North Hardin High School alumni and has taught at the middle school for about a decade.

He has served as the VEX Robotics team coach, science department chair, team leader and floor leader.

He graduated from Western Kentucky University from 2009 and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in middle grades education and graduate degrees from the University of the Cumberlands in teacher leadership and Georgetown College in school administration.

"As a teacher and a former student at JTA, I take a lot of pride in this building. I want to do everything I can to make sure our school stays the best middle school in the state," Ritter said in the release.

Principal Kevin Estes said having only one assistant principal in a building of almost 800 students can be overwhelming, and will take some of the responsibilities off of Assistant Principal Allison Scherer.