

## Rhonda Gierhan – Clay Center Community Schools



[Rhonda Gierhan](#) is a 36-year veteran educator in rural central Kansas. She has taught every grade from Kindergarten to Seniors. Her past few years she made a move to High School where she started a business program that they were lacking for several years. Her vision was to teach through doing with a hands-on approach to business. Her students saw a need in the community for spirit apparel and decided they wanted to open an in-house store. After applying and receiving the Stahls Scholarship, the store is going strong, community support with profession orders and making a profit that she turns around into scholarships for the students that help run the store.

Rhonda has served on many state and local committees and boards as a leader and was named the 2019 Kansas Region 1 runner-up for Teacher of the Year. She is dedicated to education and her students and believes in the importance of partnership with community and profession.

