

## *About Mr. Watkins*

### **Educational Background**

- Master of Arts in Teaching - Saginaw Valley State University
- Bachelor of Arts – Kalamazoo College  
Major: English
- Summer Institute in Soria, Spain  
Graduate credit in Spanish (University of Northern Iowa)
- Studied Spanish at Instituto Internacional (Madrid, Spain)
- Walden University  
Coursework in Educational Leadership

### **Professional Experience**

Mike Watkins has 21 years experience teaching Spanish and English to high school students. He began his career at Holy Cross High School in 1989 and joined the Notre Dame High School faculty in 1990. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he coached varsity soccer while at Notre Dame High School. In 1994, Mike was hired in at L'Anse Creuse High School where he taught all levels of Spanish as well as Ninth Grade Honors English, Ninth Grade English and Composition. He implemented the Advance Placement Spanish Program and developed the corresponding curriculum. Additionally, Mike coached girls and boys varsity soccer while on staff at L'Anse Creuse High School.

Mike has experience teaching Spanish and Civics to adults earning their high school diploma or GED and is currently instructing Freshman Composition at Baker College.