



# Mr. Kalil

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#### A Learning Experience that Changed Me:

I once had a piano recital in 5th grade. My parents were both there to support me, as were hundreds of other people. I totally messed up! Instead of yelling at me, my dad smiled and told me that was an example of what happens when you don't have enough practice!

#### My Favorite Book:

The Art of Racing in the Rain: Garth Stein

#### My Hobbies and Interests:

I love the sport of basketball—I play three times a week, I coach an AAU team in Denver, and I love the NBA

#### Prior Experience in Education:

I was a City Year Corps Member in Boston from 2009-2010, and then was a part of Teach for America in Philadelphia. I moved to Denver in 2013 to help open Compass Academy, where I have been working for the past 3 years

#### Something Super-Unique About Me:

I rode my bicycle across the country, from Virginia to Oregon, which is when I first passed through Denver and started to love Colorado!

#### Why I am Excited About Working at DSST:

I am thrilled to be part of a community as strong as Byers, to be able to share ideas and strategies about math, and to become a better leader and a better human being!