

# MEET THE CESA 6 MATH CENTER TEAM



**SARA FLEISHMANN**  
Director | Math Center

Sara has spent almost twenty years in education in a variety of positions including classroom teacher, math interventionist, reading and math enrichment teacher, instructional coach and math consultant. Sara has a Master of School Administration and Leadership degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee but her passion for dynamic math instruction has led her to a focus of transforming math classrooms into highly-engaged environments with student-driven reasoning and discourse and authentic problem-solving. Sara believes that instructional coaching is vital so that teachers can face instructional challenges armed with high-yield instructional strategies that promote patient problem-solving and creative mathematical reasoning. When discussing the importance of instructional coaching, Sara quotes Jim Knight who said, “When teachers stop learning, so do students.” Most recently, Sara has worked as a consultant/coach for CESA 6 and an Instructional Performance Coach.



**KRIS MEFFERT**  
Consultant | Math Center

Kris joins CESA 6 with a wide depth of experience both in public and private education. She has served students for 15 years as an instructional coach, math interventionist, teacher of the gifted and talented, technology coordinator and classroom teacher. Kris is a highly creative educator with a curiosity about mathematics that drives her to find the best practices to advance student learning. Kris brings compassion and energy to the teams that she coaches and the professional development that she leads. Kris has experience with curriculum and assessment development, standards-based instruction, implementation of the math practice standards, utilization of technology to advance mathematics instruction, and student performance data interpretation. Kris believes that a successful teacher-coach relationship is based on listening and that coaching is the most impactful exercise for teacher and student growth.



**NICOLE ESTERLING**  
Consultant | Math Center

Nicole joins the CESA 6 Math Center as a consultant with a rich background in math instruction, assessment and instructional coaching. She has a Master’s degree from Marian University in Educational Technology and a Bachelor’s degree in secondary math education with experience at all grade levels K-12. Nicole’s experience and knowledge of the best practices in math instruction drive her enthusiasm for improving math instruction throughout the state of Wisconsin. Nicole is a reflective practitioner and motivates others to do the same. She believes deeply in the importance of the Standards for Mathematical Practice and how student learning should be deeply rooted in those practices. In her work, she emphasizes the importance of involving students in their learning and progress monitoring as they identify as mathematicians. Nicole has an undying passion for helping teachers use best practices in math to create positive learning experiences for students.