Jason Dentel, who has been a sixth grade teacher at Newark Middle School for the last 13 years, will spend the 2019-20 school year at Newark High School as an administrative intern performing the duties of an assistant principal.

As such, he will be meeting the internship requirement of the administrative degree he is working on obtaining at SUNY Oswego.

“I am excited about this opportunity,” said Dentel who began working for Newark Central School District in 1998 at Kelley School where he taught in the Reading Room for a year and after that taught fourth grade for seven years there.

As an avid soccer fan I am fortunate to have connected with Jason years ago as we worked together annually to honor senior soccer players,” NHS Principal Tom Roote said. “Having worked closely with Mrs. Dentel for many years too, I am impressed with the Dentel family values and strive to parent as well as Jason and Courtney do. It has been my privilege to know Jason personally and it will be my privilege to build a close professional working relationship with him this school year. He will be very busy with us as his responsibilities will be broad and deep and will include lots of student supervision and behavioral support, as well as many opportunities to lead small teams of teachers. Trust that Jason will leave his work at NHS feeling as Ms. Ross and I do . . . inspired.”

Dentel earned his bachelor’s degree in history and elementary education at SUNY Potsdam and his master’s degree in education and human development at SUNY Brockport.

He and wife Courtney, the UPK-2 Visual Art teacher at Lincoln and Perkins Schools and the UPK-12 Visual Art Department Leader for the NCSD, reside in Palmyra.

The couple have three daughters: Hannah, a sophomore at SUNY Potsdam; Sami, who in September will be a senior at Palmyra-Macedon High School and daughter Lillian, who’ll be a seventh grader at Pal-Mac Middle School.