Cameron Hensley stayed at Normandy High when many transferred out. He thought people in the region had a misconception about his school, and he wanted to prove them wrong.

But despite state intervention, he says, he was the one proven wrong.

A SENIOR YEAR MOSTLY LOST

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Normandy senior Cameron Hensley gets ready for state solo and ensemble competition, practicing the tuba Thursday with band director Bernard Long Jr. and accompanist Mary Ann Schulte (not pictured) in the high school's band room.

Normandy senior Cameron Hensley learns about logarithms Thursday from veteran teacher Winifred Deavens. Hensley said he mumbled.

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