Tuck Gionet began his teaching career in 1983 at Snohomish Junior High where he taught and coached football and track. In 1988 he moved to Snohomish High School where he taught social studies and became the head track and field coach while continuing coaching football at Centennial Middle School. He served as a teacher and coach in the Snohomish School District for 33 years.

While teaching, Mr. Gionet served as club advisor for Key Club and Sportsman Club. As the Panther Pals Coordinator, he connected elementary school students in Snohomish with high school students as role models. Tuck taught his students lessons that would last a lifetime especially by introducing his students to the legislative system by having them write and lobby their own legislation in Olympia.

Tuck earned accolades for his teaching and coaching, including the Washington State Civics Teacher of the Year Award in 2013, Snohomish School District Educator of the Year in 2007, as well as being inducted into the Washington State Track and Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2015. Mr. Gionet also received the Panther Inspiration Award in 1994 and 2007.

Mr. Gionet’s positive influence on his students and athletes will be remembered for years to come with his famous line “Don’t do anything stupid.”