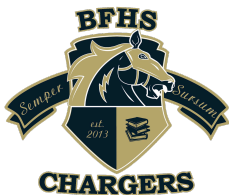


MEET YOUR TEACHER

Mrs. Melanie Ellis

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Educational Background

- Brigham Young University, BS in Social Work
- Grand Canyon University, Secondary Ed Teachers Certification
- Member of the AZ Dance Education Organization

Favorite Quote

"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right-stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong." - Abraham Lincoln

Welcome!

Hello! I am Melanie Ellis and I am so excited to return to BFHS for my 8th year! This is my 16th year as a pom coach, 10th as a high school teacher, and twenty-second as a dance teacher. I am a wife to the kindest, most supportive man and mother of four cool kids ages 11-19. I am originally from El Paso, TX. I love speaking Spanish and eating tacos. My work is my hobby! I love what I do! Traveling adventures are pretty fun too :) You could find me listening to inspiring podcasts or great audible books, watching classic movies, teaching my husband to waltz in the kitchen, or forcing my kids to hang out with me. I can't wait to meet you!

Educational Philosophy

Dance is a strong passion of mine but working with and inspiring students to do and be their best is my true passion! I believe if we teach to the heart, the mind and body will follow!

BFHS History and Purpose

This will be my sixth year teaching at BFHS and it is where I see myself teaching for the rest of my career. The philosophies, staff, and students here are astounding. I love the commitment to teaching virtue and stand by this school and the principles here. I feel blessed each day that I have been given the freedom to apply life lessons and thought-provoking virtues to my everyday curriculum. BFHS is special!

What I'm Looking Forward to...

I cannot wait to get in the classroom and watch students grasp the amazing art of dance! I am also looking forward to creating beautiful, meaningful work and getting to know my dancers!