

I was born and raised in San Diego, CA, the youngest of three children. My mom and dad still reside in San Diego. I moved to Santa Cruz in January 1994 to attend the University of California Santa Cruz, UCSC, and graduated with an American Studies major. I have been teaching in the Soquel Elementary School District since 1998. In 2003, I received my master's degree in Education from San Jose State University.

2007-2009 I was out of the classroom, and working as a full-time mentor in the Santa Cruz New Teacher Project. This honor not only allowed me to support new teachers in this profession but also inspired me to try some new teaching strategies. In 2009, I came back to the classroom, and I have never left.

I am a mother, sister, daughter, teacher, and friend. I have two children who live at home and a black cat named Onyx and a four month kitten named. My German shepherd Riley passed away in 2022. In my free time, I enjoy live music, dancing, walking to the SC beach, the Harbor, Arana Gulch, and SUP. I absolutely love teaching, and I look forward to building a relationship with each student and their family. Feel free to email me regarding any questions or concerns.

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