

Mrs. Asijie

Building 3, Room 349

Hey everyone! I'm Alesha Asijie pronounced uh-see-jee entering my 10th year of teaching. Native to Arizona, but left to earn my Bachelors degree from the University of Georgia. As a scholarship track and field student-athlete, I competed in the shot put, weight and hammer throws. Go Dawgs, Sic' Em! I am very passionate about my alma mater and Georgia is my second home.

I recently became a mom to my beautiful baby girl Xylah and love every minute of motherhood.

I believe in the power of positive daily affirmations. I encourage students to remind themselves they are capable of anything they decide to accomplish and they are mathematicians.

I am thrilled to be joining the Eduprize Eagles family, teaching 8th grade math, and all that this year has in store.

Personal supplies

- **3-ring binder**
- **Loose leaf paper**
- **Pencils**
- **Graphing paper**
- **Scientific calculator**
- **Highlighter**
- **Colored pencils**

Classroom wish list

- **Reams of copy paper**
- **Clorox wipes**
- **Tissue**
- **hand sanitizer**
- **Expo markers**
- **Pencils**
- **Post it notes**

Mrs. Bernhardt

Building 4, Room 404

Hello EDUPRIZE Families! My name is Sarah Bernhardt and I have taught high school art for 15 years, at the Arizona public schools as well as private lessons. I have taught painting and drawing, ceramics, jewelry, metals, mosaics, photography, design technology, art and design, and honors art. My most exciting adventure as a high school teacher was when I took 40 students to Europe on a Sketchbook Tour, visiting the UK, France, Switzerland, Germany, and Italy.

I look forward to watching students mature and grow as artists, technically and expressively. It is my belief we all have a creative spirit that needs to be nurtured and as a teacher, that is my goal. This 23/24 school year I am excited to be teaching Art 1, 2 and 3, along with IB Visual Arts and Dual enrollment.

I received my undergraduate degree in Studio Art and my graduate degree in Education from Arizona State University. I am a practicing artist, and in my free time I travel to Maine, Florida, and California to paint the ocean and in my studio, I mainly focus on painting figures and seascapes in oils.



Needed supplies:

- 9x12 or 8 1/2 x11 spiral bound (bound on the SIDE not top) **sketchbook** (*not lined!!*) Good examples: [here](#) and [here](#) or [here](#) (available at Walmart, Target, Michaels or AMAZON)
- Two pocket plastic folder (with students name and period on the front)
- WOOD Pencils (yellow #2) and a **click eraser**- [here](#)
- Set of 24 **PRISMACOLOR** [here](#) or **Derwent** [here](#) or **FABER-CASTELL** [here](#) colored pencils
- **Colored Sharpies** [here](#)
- Hand held pencil sharpener (non-electric)

- Ruler
- Ream of white copy paper
- Box of kleenex tissue

Class supplies wish list:

- Ream of white paper printer paper
- Clorox wipes
- Large Gallon Ziploc bags
- Dawn dish liquid
- Paper towels

Mr. Brock

Building 3, Room 310

I am excited to start my 1st year teaching here at EDUPRIZE. I've spent the last 5 years teaching and I look forward to beginning my journey here at EDUPRIZE.

I have 2 children, Jaden and Sophia, one of which will be graduating high school next year and one who will be starting the fifth grade. We love to joke and play games and have family movie night.

I served in both the Marine Corps and the Navy and have worked as a drilling fluids engineer in the west Texas oil fields and as many rolls in the field of Information Technology.

In my spare time I like to engineer and invent and work on cars. I have several 3d printers and engineer CNC machines to assist me in my inventing endeavors. I look forward to beginning my journey with EDUPRIZE and getting to know all of my new students.

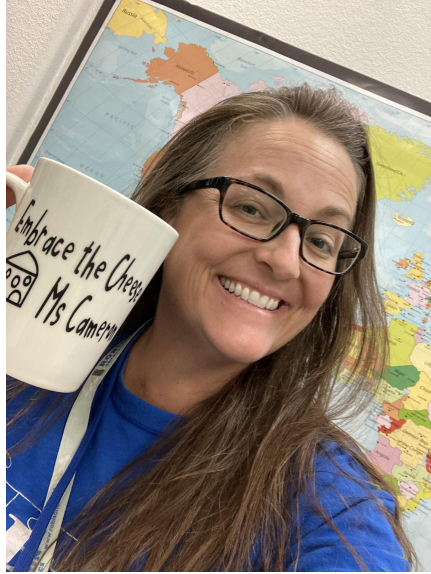
Mrs. Cameron-Aguilera

Building 3, Room 351

I am so excited to be part of the 7th grade and high school teams again this year. This is my 9th year teaching the ELA/ Social Studies part of the 7th grade cohort. I am looking forward to another year of high school Student Council and AVID at EDUPRIZE.

I was born and raised in Arizona, but I longed for a change of scenery so I moved to Utah for several years. I graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in Elementary Education. While I loved the beauty of the four seasons in Utah, I sure don't miss driving in the snow! I have four children ages 23, 20, 18, and 16. Parenting is my favorite adventure! I also have a puppy baby named Coco who loves to chew up my books. I also love to be outside hiking, riding my bike, camping, or playing sports like softball or volleyball. My biggest passion is reading and I

have books absolutely everywhere! Come tell me one of your favorite books and I'll tell you some of my favorites. I love maps, singing to my students, laughing at good memes, quoting movies, oranges from students' trees, getting deals on books at Goodwill, and making really bad puns! I USED to say, "Bring me tootsie rolls and I will remember you forever" but my dentist frowns on that now (shhh don't tell him and bring me some anyway. Kitkats work too). :) Most importantly, remember my class motto: EMBRACE THE CHEESE! Don't worry -- I'll explain it!



7th Grade ELA/ SS Required Materials for Instruction: Please bring the following to class EVERYDAY:

1. One spiral single subject notebook (for ELA)
2. 2 lined composition books (One for semester 1 and one for semester 2 of social studies)
3. Writing utensils (mechanical or regular pencils)
4. Ballpoint pens- red, green, black, or blue (preferably two different colors)
5. Organization system for your worksheets and handouts (such as folders or a plastic accordion folder)
6. Highlighters (your own)
7. Scissors (label as your own)
8. Hand sanitizer/ clorox wipes

Always appreciated: white liquid glue, glue sticks, reams of copy paper (white and color), whiteboard markers, tissues, paper towels, pencils, index cards, lined paper (college or wide)

High School AVID: Please bring the following to class EVERYDAY:

1. One lined composition book
2. Writing utensils (mechanical or regular pencils)
3. Ballpoint pens- red, green, black, or blue (preferably two different colors)
4. Highlighters (your own)
5. One 3 inch binder

Always needed for class supply: ream of copy paper (white or any color), tissues, glue sticks, pencils, copy paper, paper towels, copy paper, index cards, oh... and copy paper

High School Student Council Please bring the following to class EVERYDAY:

1. One spiral notebook OR composition book
2. A pack of thick Sharpie markers (any colors)
3. Highlighters, pens, pencils, etc for your own use

Always needed for class supply: ream of copy paper (white or any color), tissues, glue sticks, pencils, copy paper, paper towels, copy paper, index cards, oh... and copy paper

**Mr. Carreon
Building 3, Room 306**

Hi! My name is Steven Carreon. I am thrilled to start my thirds year of teaching, as well as my third year here at EDUPRIZE. Subjects I have taught in previous years include 9th grade Algebra 1, 11th grade Algebra 2, and 12th grade Pre-Calculus. This year, I am excited to teach high school Engineering B3! Math and Science have always been my absolute favorite subjects, and my studies eventually brought me out to Arizona for a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering (Astronautics track) at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ. My undergraduate research there primarily revolved around space propulsion, orbital mechanics, and the low-Earth orbital debris problem. I spent countless hours designing and fabricating testable prototypes that could potentially reduce the tiny, and harder to collect, orbital debris pieces out there. My team was invited to Houston by NASA to test our prototypes in their HyperVelocity Impact Testing experimental lab for a week. Since then, I've been involved in education from part-time AVID tutor for math and science to full-time teacher. I just completed a graduate degree for a Master of Education in Secondary STEM Education at Grand Canyon University in May 2023!

Supply List

- Brand new notebook (spiral-bound or composition)
- Box of color pencils or pens
- Scientific calculator (Casio fx-991EX Advanced Engineering/Scientific Calculator [[about](#)])

\$15 on Amazon, about \$25 anywhere else])

- Either a binder or folders to keep paperwork and notes safe

Wish List

- Printing paper (8.5"x11")
- Anti-viral/bacterial wipes
- LOTS of anti-viral tissue paper, pretty please (always run out)
- Any cheap foaming hand soap

Ms. Falkengren

Building 3, Room 319

Hi! My name is Paige Falkengren and this is my second year teaching at EDUPRIZE Schools in Gilbert. I am thrilled to begin this exciting new adventure and cannot wait to see what the year holds! I have my Bachelor of Social Work with a minor in Sociology from Northern Arizona University. Flagstaff is definitely my happy place as I miss the four seasons. I also love camping, reading, hiking, and baking. Not to mention, I was born in Washington State but have lived in Arizona for the majority of my life. I also own a kitty named Ginger who I will probably show pictures of as he is growing up fast! Anyway, thank you and I look forward to embracing the journey

Essential Supply List

- College ruled notebook
- Pencils, wood, or mechanical are fine
- Pens, preferably blue and black
- Highlighters, any color is fine as long as it can be seen and read
- Any organizer of some kind: binder, folder, folding organizer, etc.

Supply Wish List

- Tissue boxes
- Whiteboard markers
- Hand sanitizer
- Printer paper
- Sticky notes
- Clorox wipes
- Paper towels
- Staples and scotch tape
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Sharpies

AVID Supply List

- Same as previously mentioned: pencils, pens, notebook, highlighters, and an organizer of some kind: folder, binder, etc.

Mr. Forbes
Building 4, Gym

I received my Bachelors of Art from Southern Illinois University and my Masters in Education. The teaching profession has always been an important part of my life. My father was a Physical Education teacher for 30 years and his passion for education instilled a foundation for teaching and helping children stay healthy. I've served 10 years in the U.S. Army which has provided me with a diverse experience of teaching, learning and working as a team. In addition to teaching physical education, I have taught kindergarten and 1st grade. I have also coached football and track at EDUPRIZE. In my free time, I love to sing, play racquetball and spend time with my kids.

Students NEED

- composition book
- Pencil
- dry erase marker

WISH LIST -Items NEEDED for better classroom instruction

-Printer paper- 1 reams per student

- Kleenex- 1 box
- Paper towels- 1
- any type of sports equipment. ie. basketballs, dodgeballs, soccer balls, nets, games

Mrs. Galldaro
Academic Counselor

Hello! My name is Tara Gallardo and I couldn't be more thrilled to be a part of the EduPrize family! I'm from Iowa and have my BS in Spanish and MA in Student Affairs from the University of Northern Iowa. I've worked in education most of my life as a Spanish interpreter, community liaison in the k-12 system and then as an academic advisor at Kirkwood Community College. Here in AZ I've been a dean, an athletic director, academic advisor, and most recently a College & Career Navigator with Rio Salado College. I absolutely love the chaos and craziness that is high school and look forward to working with our students...teenagers are my favorite age group! ;)

I am a huge health & fitness nerd and have been teaching everything from Zumba to kickboxing for over 20 years (I actually started when Jane Fonda aerobics was the hot fitness trend!) . I've fought in the ring with kickboxing and competed in figure

competitions. I am currently teaching Goddess Yoga and doing health coaching as well. I'm also hoping to teach some type of fitness class for our students!

A few of my favorite things are: my three amazing, crazy kids, my two adorable dogs, hiking, camping, going to music festivals, Latin dancing, teaching fitness and nutrition classes, traveling (I used to live in Colima, Mexico for three years), and reading (I'm a huge book nerd too) ;)

Please don't hesitate to come say hello, I would love to meet you! ;)



Mrs. Gardner Building 3, Room 319 (am)

Hello! My name is Rhaine Gardner (pronounced like rain). This is my third year teaching full time as a math teacher. I have previously taught 7th and 8th grade, Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2. I grew up in Denver, Colorado and enjoy being in the mountains whenever I can. I moved to Arizona about 8 years ago which is where I met my husband and have 3 little kids. My favorite things to do include cookie decorating, reading, and watching basketball. I got my bachelors degree from Brigham Young University-Idaho in Marriage and Family Studies in 2018 but rediscovered my love for math while substitute teaching during graduate school for therapy. I went back to school and earned my teaching license in secondary math from American College of Education in 2021. I am so excited to get to know my students this year and have so much fun in math!

Class Materials:

Required:

- Notebook dedicated to math only
- Folder or binder dedicated to math only

- Pencil / Eraser
- Colored pencils or colored pens
- Dry- erase marker
- Scientific calculator
- Graph paper

●Optional for Algebra 2 Students: TI-84 Graphing Calculator (or similar graphing calculator)

To donate to class (optional):

- Dry-erase markers
- Tissues
- Clorox wipes
- Lined notebook paper (loose- leaf paper)

Mr. Geiges

Building 3, Room 312

My name is Andrew Geiges and I am very excited to be starting my third year at EDUPRIZE! I grew up in a very small town in Ohio where I spent most of my time playing baseball, swimming, or playing music. I moved to Arizona to attend the UofA where I majored in Business Administration with a focus on Business Law. After graduation, I started my Master's degree in Education to follow in the family footsteps of becoming a teacher.

I have had the privilege of teaching in Paradise Valley, Arizona, Charlottesville, Virginia, Houston, Texas, and Tempe, Arizona where I was not only teaching math, but also serving as the head swim coach, math department lead, and Title I coordinator. Through my 20 years of teaching, I have taught 8th grade through seniors, and a wide variety of math courses.

Supply List:

Pencils

Folder or 3-ring binder to keep notes and assignments organized

Scientific Calculator (Casio fx-115ES Plus or TI-30X IIS)

3 reams of paper per student

Colored Pencils (might be helpful as I color code notes often during class)

Wish List for Classroom:

2 reams of paper

Tissues

Paper Towels

Mr. Glaser
Building 3, Room 303

Good to meet you Eagles! My name is Mr. Jeremy Glaser and this will be my second year with EDUPRIZE. I am a good old boy from the frozen Tundra of Bismarck, North Dakota where people talk a little goofy ☺ I have been teaching History and Coaching since 2006 with a background in Marketing. While teaching marketing, I also worked for NBC, CBS, FOX, and CW. I graduated with a B.A. in Social Behavioral Science with my minor in History and Coaching. I continued my education and received my M.A. in secondary education from Grand Canyon University.

When I am not teaching, I usually am in a basketball gym or on a football field either coaching or officiating. I have a wonderful and amazing Wife, Dawn and 4 beautiful children; Madison 23, Landon, 19, Redik 16, and Greyson 5. I am a passionate and loud individual with an excitement for continuing to learn from my students. I can't wait to get to meet all of you and have the chance to teach you a thing or two. Let's get it!



Required supplies:

- College Ruled notebook dedicated entirely for my class
- One pocket folder
- Pencils
- A Positive attitude and willingness to learn everyday
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Class supplies wish list:

- Ream of paper
- Clorox wipes
- Rolls of paper towels
- Hand Sanitizer
- Kleenex

Mrs. B. Glenn

Building 3, Room 311

Welcome Back, EduPrize Families!

This is my 4th year teaching Math at EduPrize. I love the sense of community that families and faculty experience here. In fact, my own children attended elementary school here for many years!

I graduated from ASU with a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis in Mathematics in 1999. A couple years later, 2002, I earned a Master's Degree in Educational Counseling. Of the two, I still prefer to be surrounded by students in a classroom. I love watching the light bulb go off when they finally understand a topic!

Outside of school, I spend most of my time with my children and my new grandbaby. My youngest child is my 15 year old son, Lincoln, who is a 6' 5" sophomore at Gilbert High School. Last year, while playing baseball, he hit the ball over the fence and hit MY car!!! We won't ever forget that homerun! My daughter, Kaylee, is a senior at Campo Verde High School where her role as Senior Class President will be keeping her busy. Additionally, she holds two school records on the swim team and has amazing grades! My oldest daughter, Sammi, is 26 years old now. She is married to a smart and hard-working young man, and is an amazing mommy to Cooper, my first grandchild. Sammi is taking a bit of time away from working at the veterinary hospital to raise the sweetest boy ever! I am one lucky mom to have three incredible children.



Student Supply List:

- 1 inch 3-ring binder specifically for Geometry

- Pencils
- Erasable colored pencils or erasable colored pens
- Protractor & Compass (these may be left at home, we have a class set for use at school).
- Scientific Calculator (See note on graphing calculators).
 - ★ TI-84 graphing calculators are highly recommended. Check eBay, Offer Up etc. for great deals! These calculators will be used in each class from this point forward and they are permitted on the SAT and ACT. The more the students use them, the more useful they will be in future classes and exams.

Classroom Supplies that are greatly appreciated:

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- **Copy Paper!** We need an average of 2 reams of paper per student.
- Tissues
- Clorox Wipes
- Expo Markers
- ★ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Mr. J Glenn

Building 3, Room 336

My name is Jeffrey Glenn and I am in my second year teaching at EDUPRIZE. I will be the Special Education teacher for math in 7th and 8th grades, coming from general education from teaching Geometry. I have been teaching math for 15 years, mostly as a Special Education teacher in different areas of Arizona. I earned my bachelor's degree in Business Management at Missouri State University and my master's degree in Special Education at University of Phoenix. I enjoy exploring new places with my partner, listening to music, going to concerts, reading sci-fi type stories, watching television, and playing video games. I have seven children, one biological, five adopted, and one step-daughter who are all grown. I have 2 dogs in the family, Sherlock and Watson with my partner and step-daughter. I have lived in a number of different states, but Arizona has been my favorite for the last 28 years.

Supply list:

Composition Notebook

Pencils (mechanical or regular)

Highlighters

Colored pencils

Scientific calculator

Glue Sticks

Classroom supplies always in need:

Clorox Wipes

Hand sanitizer

Boxes of Tissues

Dry erase markers

Copy paper

Ms. Grunst

Building 3, Room 304

Hello!

I am Miss Grunst, and I am so excited to be your English teacher this year.

This is my 9th year teaching and 2nd year at EDUPRIZE. Previous to EDUPRIZE, I worked at Tempe High School teaching special and general education English. Before that, I was at American Leadership Academy teaching Elementary special education. While there, I also helped run their international program, ALAGlobal, for which I spent 3 summers traveling all over China teaching English and leadership.

I have a dual certificate from Arizona State in Elementary Education and Special Education with a Structured English Language endorsement. I also hold a Secondary English certificate in addition to my degree. I graduated Summa Cum Laude- I just really love learning.

When I'm not in teacher mode I am normally hanging out with my friends, taking weekend trips, playing tennis poorly, painting, or just watching the same 3 TV shows over and over.

Let's have a great year!!

10th Grade English: On-Level and Honors

- Computer and charger- seriously, we use it every single class!
- Pencils
- Box of Kleenex

- Roll of Paper Towels

English Foundations: 9th-10th and 11th-12th

- 2 inch binder (only if you did not take the class last year, otherwise I still have yours 😊)
- Computer and charger- seriously, we use it every single class!
- Pencils
- Box of Kleenex
- Roll of Paper Towels

Always Appreciated!

- Erasers (for pencil marks)
- Clorox Wipes
- White Board cleaner
- Pencils/pens for borrowing!

Mr. Hall
Building 4, Room 405

I am excited to be joining the Eduprize family this year. I will be teaching elementary, junior high, and high school band and percussion.

I have been a working musician, sound engineer, arranger, and teacher since 1996. My musical experience includes playing tuba and bass with various groups; styles including classical, jazz, dixie land, rock, country and hip hop. I studied tuba at Arizona State University and finished my music education degree from Ottawa University. I taught junior high in Gilbert, Arizona for two years and high school band, jazz band, marching band, and guitar in Tempe, Arizona for ten years.

I am looking forward to creating fun moments of creativity in music the with the Eduprize band students.

Required supplies
Band Instrument

Instrument Supplies (reed, oil, sticks, mallets)

Band Book

Pencil

Mrs. Hepworth

Building 4, Room 401

I am excited and honored to join EDUPRIZE teaching choir this year! Music is my joy and I look forward to sharing it, exploring, and creating together!! I have a Bachelor of Music degree and grew up in a musical family: singing, playing piano as well as violin. I've been teaching private music lessons and gigging for weddings, concerts, and events in the community for over 30 years. I also have experience leading group lessons as well as small choral and orchestral groups. My husband and I have 3 wonderful children, 2 boys in college and a daughter who is graduating from high school this year. We enjoy traveling, watching sports, playing games, and having a desert tortoise named Tara. My philosophy is "Show up. Sing. Shine. The world needs you as you are!" I'm looking forward to the adventure of exploring and creating all that music expresses in sound, word, thought and feeling. Each of us has so much to give and contribute and this will be a safe place to try ideas, share and grow individually and together. I will ask you to try and we'll also have a great time doing it!

Please bring to class:

~A notebook

~Pencil and eraser for music

~Pen for writing/note taking

Wish list for donation (in order of need):

~White copy paper

~Pencils—you know they disappear like socks!

~Clorox Wipes

~Kleenex Boxes

~Expo Markers and Cleaner

Mrs. Hollenbeck

Building 2, Room 64

Welcome Back! This is my 7th year teaching Art at EDUPRIZE. I love the sense of community that families and faculty experience here- my own children attended EDUPRIZE from 2006-2022.

I received my Bachelor's in Art Education at Arizona State University. I have a great passion for drawing, painting, and creating all types of art, as well as teaching students to love and participate in the Arts!

Besides making art, I also love to read, listen to music, and go on adventures with my family. I enjoy participating in art in the community, like the Chalk-a-Lot competition in the Tempe Festival of the Arts. I enjoy being able to share art with others to make the world a little more beautiful. I'm looking forward to sharing that passion for art with students this upcoming school year!

Required supplies:

- 9x12 spiral bound (bound on the SIDE not top) **sketchbook** (*not lined!!*) Good examples: [here](#) and [here](#) (available at Walmart, Target, Michaels)
- Two pocket folder (with students name and period on the front)
- WOOD Pencils (yellow #2) and a pink eraser (or **click eraser-** [here](#))
- Set of colored pencils (at least 12) [here](#)
- Hand held pencil sharpener (non-electric)
- Ruler
- Ream of white copy paper
- Box of tissue

Class supplies wish list:

- **Ream of white paper**
- Clorox wipes
- Large Ziploc bags
- Post it notes
- EXPO markers (chisel point)

Mr. Jackson

NO ROOM ASSIGNMENT

I'm incredibly excited to start teaching at EduPrize this year! I'm moving south from Washington State with my girlfriend and dog, Wesley. I enjoy historical biographies, science fiction novels, and long weekend hikes. We're looking forward to visiting the national parks in the area, please let me know if you have any recommendations.

I have a Bachelors of Science in Psychology from Washington State University and a minor in Business. I'm currently working on my Masters in Secondary Education with a focus on humanities. For the past ten years I worked in business development, creating sales campaigns and building distribution networks.

Supply List:

- College ruled notebook
- Pencils, wood or mechanical is fine
- Pens, preferably blue and black
- Highlighters
- Any organizer of some kind: binder, folder, folding organizer



Mrs. Byers-Kramer Building 3, Room 354

My name is Denise Kramer and this is my fifth year at EDUPRIZE. I absolutely love working with students, and I am very excited to teach ELA and social studies this year!

I graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Communication, and I later went on to earn my Master of Education. I am most definitely a lifelong learner!

I was born in Germany, and lived there until I was in first grade. My mother's side of the family is all German, so growing up, my siblings and I were lucky enough to get to visit Germany every other summer. I have called Arizona home for the last 30 years

and I enjoy living in the valley.

Some of my favorite things include my amazingly wonderful husband and kids, reading, eating, and traveling! Some of the places I have been aside from Germany are Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France, England, Scotland, Sweden, Greece, the Czech Republic, Mexico, and Canada. I can truly say that I have loved every place I have been! I firmly believe that you often regret buying “things”, but you rarely ever regret spending money on experiences. It is truly magical to see what this beautiful world has to offer and I love to encourage students to go out and explore!

Any supplies that you can donate are greatly appreciated :)!!!

*Copy Paper

*#2 Pencils

*Clorox Wipes

* Paper Towels

*Tissues

*Black Sharpies

*Colored Sharpies

*Markers

*Dry Erase Markers (EXPOS)

*Highlighters

*Colored Pens

*Sticky Notes

*Glue Sticks

*Rolls of Tape

*Rulers

*Index Cards

*Hand Sanitizer

*Jolly Rancher candy

Ms. Liang

Building 3, Room 320

Nihao, I am excited and proud to become part of the eagles! This will be my first year teaching here at Eduprize. I am so excited. I have been teaching Mandarin for 8 years. I had the opportunity to teach Chinese as a second language to varied ages and also general elementary subjects in immersion settings in the target language, Mandarin. I had my education degree in China and business degree in U.S. I choose teaching as my career because I believe in the strength of education! As I grew up, many teachers had a great impact on me! I look forward to a great year with all of you ! I enjoy sunshine and nature.

Supplies:

1 Notebook

1 pair of scissors

1 white board

1 set of expo markers 1 folder

Pencils

Clorox wipes

Tissue

Highlighters

Ms. Lyons

Building 4, Stage

My surname is Te'Sha Lyons, but formally known as Shay. I am a proud Disney Adult, Star Wars obsessive and movie buff; especially Quentin Tarantino; who loves adventurous activities. This is my second year at EDUPRIZE Gilbert as office support and assistant to Mrs. Ginn. I am beyond excited to bring Introduction to Dance to the curriculum for the 2022-2023 school year. I am California born, Arizona raised from the age of twelve. I am the ninth sibling of a family of ten. Passion for music and the arts have always been the center of my family.

This year is my fifteenth year performing, choreographing and teaching dance. My experience ranges from modern, lyrical, jazz, cheer, pom to hip hop street styles like breaking, popping, locking, whacking, vogue and freestyle. I received my B.A. in Dance at Arizona State University in 2018, graduating as an Obama Scholar and Cum Laude. Since then, I continue to immerse myself in spreading the love of dance through any means. I am a member of Furious Styles Crew, one of the longest running hip hop crews in history. I am part of a production company, NextGen Digital as a videographer, web designer and editor. As

well as, becoming well versed with community event planning and marketing. I am looking forward to helping students find their freedom and their ability to say “I CAN do anything I put my mind to.”

Daily Student Requirements:

- Changeout clothing: Black bottoms, Black Top (school appropriate)

- Black arch support socks: example:

https://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_NSOCK1_html?pid=33079&shop=Style&rfilter=Age%23Womens%3ACategory%23Shoes&SID=1670258335)

- Hair ties/headbands/bobby pins (if applicable)

- Knee pads

- Bag separate from backpack to keep dance clothes/socks/shoes together; can be kept in class (optional)

- One spiral notebook

- One hardcover binder

- Organization system for handouts and worksheets (folders or plastic tabs)

- Writing utensils (#2 pencils/mechanical, colored pencils, colored ballpoint pens for correcting/annotation)

- Index Cards (white, lined)

- Highlighters / Markers (your own)

Classroom needs (donations accepted for all):

- White board (portable is okay) + expo markers (12 count)

- Tacks / Scotch Tape / Scissors / Pencils / Pens / Markers

- Loose leaf paper / sticky notes / index cards

- Pro-gaff Spike tape

- Water bottles, necessary for hydration

- Safety: Kleenex boxes / Hand sanitizer / Masks / First aid kit

- Cleaning: Clorox wipes / disinfectant spray / Paper towels Broom / Swiffer / Dust pan / Trash bins

- Prizes for awards: candy, toys,stickers, accessories, etc

Ms. Magana

Building 3 Room 320,

My name is Cindy Magana. I am thrilled to start my second year of teaching at EDUPRIZE! I graduated from ASU with a degree in Human and Family Development. I am currently attending college to further my education. I have two children ages 22 and 25, and a little dog named Mocha. I am originally from Southern California but moved to the Phoenix area after my first child was born. I lived in Texas for a few years, then work brought me back to Arizona. I love to paint, listen to music, and do yoga. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, and I love to laugh and listen to laughter. When the weather is cool enough, I like to hike and go camping (glamping). I love to sing, and the students and staff will hear me singing in the classroom and in the hallways. I also will supply the school with dad jokes and other corny jokes for everyone's entertainment. I am looking forward to the school year starting. Let the learning begin!

Wish List: These items will better help me with classroom instruction:

- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Printer paper
- Tissues
- Paper towels
- Stapler / staples
- Tape (scotch or masking)
- Duct Tape (helps to reinforce student notebooks)
- Sticky Notes
- Dry Erase Markers
- Highlighters
- Crayola Markers
- Colored Pencils

Ms. Marshall
Building 3, Room 339

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!

My name is Tracy Marshall, and this is my 5th year at EDUPRIZE. I will be teaching 8th grade ELA and Social Studies. I am not only an educator, but I'm a mom to two handsome boys; Ryan, 11, and Reagan, 9; as well as 2 dogs; Max and Diamond. I have lived in Gilbert for quite some time. My career began 23 years ago in the Scottsdale School District and continued throughout the years holding a variety of positions within the education field in varying states such as New York, Nevada, and here in Arizona. I have found myself always missing the classroom and being with the students, which is what brought me back to the classroom and here to EDUPRIZE. As an educator, I feel it is my job to help guide, teach, and assist students in achieving their highest potential academically and in society. I feel strongly about seeing the student first and then the academics will come. Because of this, it is important to me that I get to know each of my students as a person including their likes and dislikes, strengths and weaknesses to name a few. I look forward to another great year!

Required Student Supply List ELA/SS 8:

2 composition book

Pens (Different colors for Editing and Annotating)

2 Pencils

Markers or Colored Pencils

Glue Stick

Highlighters

Sticky notes

Index Cards

2 Boxes of tissues

Scotch tape

Sharable classroom supplies

Loose Leaf Paper

2 Reams of Copy Paper

2 Box of Tissues

2 Box of Clorox Wipes

1 Roll of Paper Towels

Classroom Wish List:

Dry Erase Markers (EXPOS)

Clorox Wipes and Paper Towels

Hand Sanitizer

Paper (colored copy paper, loose-leaf)

Sticky Notes

Index Cards

Tissues

Glue Sticks

Markers/Highlighters/Colored Pens/#2 Pencils

Mrs. McCain

Building 3, Room 338

Hello! I am so excited to be your teacher this year! My name is Hana McCain and this will be my 19th year working with students and my 3rd year at EDUPRIZE. I love reading and writing and can't wait to teach all the ways to improve our reading and writing skills together! I have many years of experience in teaching and working with children of all ages, and I have gone to many years of college to do it well. I have really enjoyed being at EDUPRIZE for the past 2 years and cannot wait to experience another year of teaching here!

My husband and I are the proud parents of 4 beautiful children, 3 girls, and 1 boy. My oldest is a proud graduate of EDUPRIZE! My other three children will be in 9th, 7th, and 5th grade this year. I love being a mom and seeing my own children grow and my students grow throughout the year.

In my free time, I enjoy reading, baking, spending time with my family, and visiting my parents and siblings in Wyoming (where I am from) and Idaho.

I can't wait to get started for the 2023-24 school year!

Required Student Supply List ELA 8:

1 Spiral bound or composition notebook
1 organizational system for papers (2 pocket folders preferable)
Colored Pens and/or pencils for Editing and Annotating
Writing utensils (mechanical pencils, and non-mechanical pencils are preferred)
2-4 colors of highlighters
Sticky notes for annotating (optional but good to have)

Art supplies that we will use occasionally and are always good to have for other classes as well:

Markers
Colored pencils
1 Glue Stick

Items that can be donated throughout the school year

Box of Tissues
Clorox Wipes (or other sanitizing wipes)
Paper Towels
Dry Erase Markers (EXPOS)
Hand Sanitizer
Highlighters
Glue Sticks

Mr. McMillan

Building 3, Room 345

I have always loved history and learned a lot while growing up in a small mining town here in Arizona. I have received my Bachelors of Arts in Education and a Masters in North American History from Arizona State University. During my time at EDUPRIZE, I have facilitated the History Club, Lego Club and coached the Junior High baseball team. Teaching is my second career; I worked in the Semiconductor Industry for 25 years. One of my favorite job roles was that of peer trainer. I enjoyed this position because I interacted with people with a wide range of experiences and cultures. In my free time, I like gardening, woodworking, hiking and mountain biking.

Wish list:

Copy paper (most wanted)
Paper towels
Antibacterial soap
Disinfecting wipes
Kleenex/tissues

Pencils/pens
Composition notebooks

Mrs. Merkley

Building 3, Room 319 (PM)

Hi there! I'm excited for ELA IB 11 and IB 12 this year. Get ready to read and write (a lot!).

Together with my family, I love exploring new restaurants, hiking, and visiting national parks. We have a goal to visit the main 63 national parks and so far we've been to 36. Our favorites (so far) are Glacier in Montana, Acadia in Maine, and Tetons in Idaho. In addition to traveling, I also love baking breads, organizing messes, and reading fiction.



Required Supplies:

- Mead, college-ruled, spiral-bound notebook of at least 100 pages
- 1.5-inch binder
- Loose Leaf college-ruled notebook paper
- Pens & Pencils
- Highlighters (at least 2 different colors)

Appreciated Supplies:

- Reams of paper (colored and white)
- Whiteboard markers
- Clorox Wipes
- Tissues

Mrs. Moffat

Building 4, Room 403

I have enjoyed my first semester at EDUPRIZE and look forward to teaching again next year. I was born in Buffalo, New York and moved to Arizona in 6th grade. I feel a strong connection to both places and love the contrast of them. I have a BFA in art with a concentration of graphic design from SUNY Fredonia, NY. After working at my two son's elementary school as a paraprofessional I realized that I wanted to put my two loves together and become an art teacher. I have over 25 years of experience as a graphic designer doing freelance work in addition to working for a local manufacturing company in the art department for over 12 years. I love to create all types of art and inspire students to find different ways to be creative and express themselves. I look forward to getting to know your children and see the amazing art they will create this upcoming year.

We are always in need of the following items and GREATLY APPRECIATE all donations:

Sharpies

Markers

Tissues

Paper towels

Cleaning wipes

Candy treats for rewards - Ex. starburst, dum dum suckers, hershey kisses...etc.

Snacks for students

Mr. Nestegard

Building 3, Room 323

Hello, I am Mr. Nate. I was born and raised in Montana. I graduated high school in 2006. Upon graduating, I worked for a year, and then decided I wanted to get out of my small town, and travel the world. The first access I had to travel and experience different parts of the world was through volunteer missionary work. I traveled to the West Indies, and lived there for two years. I was able to live in many different countries including: St. Lucia, Trinidad, St. Vincent, Barbados, and Guyana. When I returned, I began working towards an education degree. I went to school in a few different states, and one country: Montana, Hawaii, Utah, and Norway. I completed my schooling at Utah State University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education with an emphasis in mathematics. I stayed in Utah and taught at a public charter school for four years, and then was convinced to move to Arizona. I started at EDUPRIZE in 2019, and have enjoyed my time here. I ask my students to approach learning math with this in mind; math is a learned skill (not genetic), everyone has to learn math before they can do math. Some people are more talented than others, but talent can only get you so far. Hard work and dedication are the true indicators of success in learning.

Students need to have:

Math journal (composition notebook)

Three ring binder (1.5" - 3")

Loose leaf notebook paper

Graph paper

Graphing or scientific calculator

Ruler, protractor, and compass

Classroom Materials:

*All items: as many as you would like to donate.

Expo Markers (Any color)

Sharpies (fine point)

Printer paper

Kleenex

Paper towels

Lysol wipes (Clorox wipes)

Hand sanitizer

Student snacks: water bottles, crackers, granola bars, chips, etc. (something that can be stored and ready for a student who needs something to eat or drink).

Ms. Osborne

Building 4, Room 401 (AM)

ORCHESTRA NOTES

JILL OSBORNE, DIRECTOR



EDUPRIZE ORCHESTRA!

The EDUPRIZE Orchestra is a wonderful ensemble and I feel honored to be able to teach all of the wonderful musicians in the orchestra! This is my 39th year of teaching. What I have discovered is that every year I love teaching even more!



Wish List

- Students who want to have fun and learn!
- Kleenex
- Copy Paper

I have received many awards for my teaching. The biggest and most important award is in the form of a student making progress and enjoying learning. My life's passion is to share love and encouragement while providing a quality musical education to young musicians. After many years of teaching, I still feel lucky every day I get to teach! I also love to perform. I am a violist with MusicaNova Orchestra and play violin in Mariachi Rubor. I also enjoy playing viola with the Belle Trio. I don't always teach and perform... you can often find me riding a bike, running and reading books. This summer I will become a grandmother. I can not imagine a happier life!

Mr. Resek

Building 3, Room 305

This is my 6th year teaching Spanish and my second year teaching at EDUPRIZE Gilbert. I am originally from Argentina and I love teaching my native language. I believe learning a second language can bring many interesting opportunities to the

students' lives. I met my wife, who is from California, thanks to my knowledge of the English language. Then, she learned Spanish so now we can communicate in both languages with our children.

I received my Master's degree in Health and Education in Argentina so I have a vast experience instructing patients when I lived in Argentina, and now, educating students of this great institution.

I love to teach how to read, write, speak and listen in Spanish to my students. Learning a new vocabulary and grammar is always a challenge but once they start discovering that they can dominate those four skills they become more excited and engaged in the subject.

Supply List

1 College Ruled Composition Notebook (This will be for taking notes and studying)

1 Folder with pockets (for keeping homework and printouts to help study for quizzes and tests)

Pencils or mechanical pencils and pens

Coloring pencils

Handheld pencil sharpener

1 Reams of Paper

1 Box of tissues

Expo Markers

Mrs. Rhinehart

Building 3, Room 348

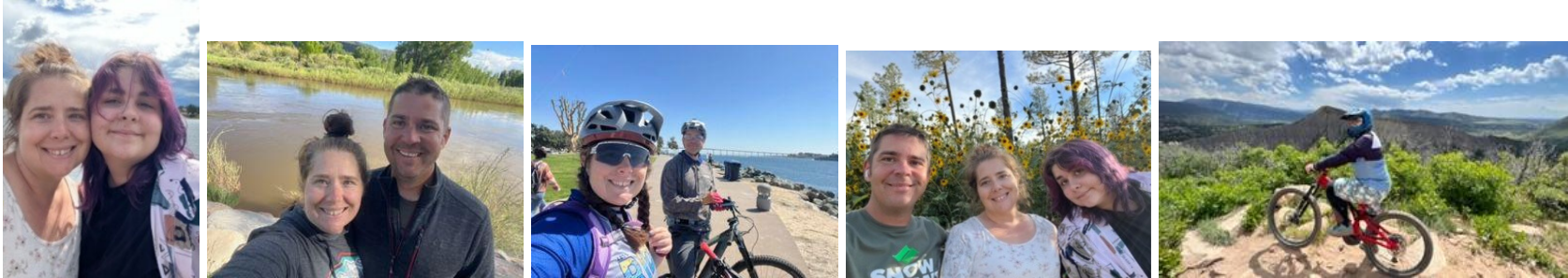


Hi there,

I am thrilled to be joining the 8th grade team at Eduprize this coming year. I live with my husband of 20 years and our 17 year old daughter who attends EVIT and Mesquite High School. We have 3 dogs and 4 chickens. I am an avid Mountain Biker, martial artist at Victory Martial Arts, and a gamer. You might even see me ride my bike to school! As a family we love to travel

to different places and experience new adventures. Recently I took a mountain bike trip through Colorado and got caught in a snow storm on June 1! I grew up in Carlsbad, CA and go back to visit multiple times each year.

I received my bachelors degree from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, CA. I will be teaching math and science. I have been a math teacher for the last 20 years where I taught 5th - Algebra 1. I love math and science and am thrilled to get the opportunity to teach science as well.



General Supplies to keep with you (*means strongly recommended)

Pencil Pouch	Colored Pens (Minimum 4 different colors)
Pencils	Scissors
Erasers	Glue Sticks
Highlighters (multiple colors)	1 ½ - 3 inch Binder (preferred) or pocket folders
*Protractor and ruler	*Dry erase markers (2-3 Expo preferred)
Markers (thin line/fine point preferred)	College ruled loose paper
Colored Pencils	Headphones for computers

For My Classroom (*means strongly recommended, but not required)

- 2 Graph paper bound composition books (one for math and one for science)
- Scientific calculator that can do fractions (Examples: TI-30XS / Casio)
- 2 reams of copy paper (plain white)
- *1 box of tissues
- *1 -2 sets of index cards (different colors or on a ring are great, but not required)
- *1 roll of paper towels

Classroom Donation and Wish List:

Dry Erase Markers (EXPOS)

Sharpies of any color

Paper Towels

Hand Sanitizer or Hand soap

Paper (white and colored)

Index Cards

Construction Paper

Rolls of Tape (duct, masking, clear, blue)

Markers/Highlighters/Colored Pens/ #2 Pencils

Glue Sticks

Tissues

Mrs. Schollmeyer

Building 3, Room 336

I am very excited to be teaching at EDUPRIZE again this school year. I have been teaching for 15 years. I was born in Kentucky but then moved to Arizona when I was in high school. (I consider myself an Arizona native). I went to Northern Arizona University where I got my bachelor's degree in Developmental Psychology. I received my teaching certificate for Special Education, Cross-categorical after having a family and being called to teaching. I have three children, 2 girls and a boy, and we love to spend time together. I love to hike and spend most weekends on a mountain to start my morning off right! I now have 2 grandsons who are my world and the light of my life.

Wish List

We are always in need of the following items:

Paper Towels

Clorox Wipes

Boxes of Tissue

Expo Markers

Lined Paper

Tape

Pencils

Pens

Glue Sticks

Candy/small toys (reward bin)

Mrs. A. Smith

Building 3, Room 308

Hello Everyone, my name is Mrs. Smith, and welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. This will be my 20th year teaching and my 7th year at EDUPRIZE. We moved to Arizona from Illinois seven years ago and are so glad we did. I love the weather, the mountains and the big city environment. This school year, I will be teaching 9th grade World History and Geography, IB History of the Americas at the Senior level , along with the Theory of Knowledge Class (ToK) that many juniors and seniors take. In addition to my teaching responsibilities I am also the IB Coordinator. I have three children, Dylan (15), Charlotte (13) and Josie (13) and my husband, Jesse works at the State Farm office in Tempe as a web developer. In my spare time I enjoy reading, running, and spending time with my friends and family.

Supply List for 2023-2024

World History 9th Grade

- Composition notebook
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Two-pocket folder
- (all of these supplies can be kept in the classroom)
- Ream of paper
- Kleenex
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Recommended
- Highlighters
- Ruler
- Loose-leaf paper

12th Grade IB History and ToK

- Composition Notebook

- 3 ring binder
- Folder
- Ream of paper
- Kleenex
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer

Ms. K. Smith

Building 3, Room 352

Hey students and families! My name is Kayley Smith and I will be your junior high math and science teacher this year. This will be my second year teaching at EDUPRIZE. I will be teaching 7th grade honors math and science, and 8th grade science. A little background on me: I'm originally from San Diego, California, but have lived in Arizona since I was ten. I'm a proud Sun Devil and recently graduated from Arizona State with my Bachelors degree in Elementary Education. Outside of the classroom, I love crossfit, olympic weightlifting, reading, and hanging out with my dog, Poppy. Fun fact: I graduated from EDUPRIZE High School back in 2019, I'm excited to be back to my old stomping grounds and share my love for learning with all of you!

7th Grade Math Required Individual Supplies:

- 3-Ring Binder.
- 2 Spiral Notebook (minimum 100 pages, one per semester).
- A scientific calculator (recommended TI-30XIIS).
- Mechanical or Regular Pencils.
- Note Taking Supplies (pens, colored pencils, highlighters).
- Ruler.
- Scissors.
- Dry Erase Markers.
- Glue Stick

7th Grade Science Required Individual Supplies:

- 1 Composition Notebook (college ruled or graph).

- Mechanical or Regular Pencils.
- Note Taking Supplies (pens, colored pencils, highlighters).
- Scissors.
- Glue Stick.
- Dry Erase Markers.
- Ruler.

8th Grade Science Required Individual Supplies:

- 1 Composition Notebook (college ruled or graph).
- Mechanical or Regular Pencils.
- Note Taking Supplies (pens, colored pencils, highlighters).
- Scissors.
- Glue Stick.
- Dry Erase Markers.
- Ruler.

Wishlist - Always Appreciated:

- Reams of Paper (white and colored).
- Expo Markers.
- Scotch Tape.
- Tissues.
- Hand Sanitizer.
- Paper Towels & Clorox Wipes & Lysol Spray.
- Glue Sticks / Bottles of Glue.
- Sharpies.
- Pencils.
- Books for Classroom Library.
- Lamination Sheets.
- Jolly Ranchers!

Ms. Spezzano
Building 3, Room 309

I have been teaching at EDUPRIZE for 5 years now. I have been teaching for 15 years. I was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, but then moved to Arizona when I was 6 months old. (I consider myself an Arizona native). I was the third generation to graduate from Mesa High School. After graduating, I went to Arizona State University where I got my bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis in English. I always had a passion for math, so I went back and got my math certification as well. In 2022, I received my master's degree in curriculum and instruction. Last year I went back and decided to get my post-baccalaureate in Special Education. I have two children, a girl and a boy, and we love to do different kinds of activities together.

Supply List:

- Spiral or Composition Notebook (for interactive notebook)
- Scientific Calculator
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Glue Sticks

Wish List

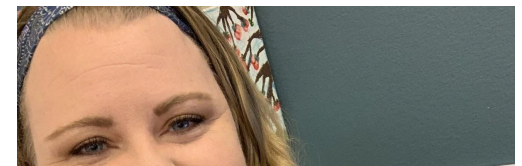
We are always in need of the following items:

- Boxes of Tissue
- Clorox Wipes
- Expo Markers
- Lined Paper
- Tape
- Pencils
- Glue Sticks

Ms. Stalder
Building 3, Room 353

Greetings Students and Families!

Welcome back to what will be a truly adventurous school year I am sure. This 2023-2024 school year will be my 9th year of teaching math and science! Once upon a time I was even a student teacher at



EDUPRIZE in the very same classroom I teach in today! (It's a small world after all!) Originally from California, so I love the ocean! I am a proud math-loving Hufflepuff who has always loved art, reading, cooking, music, swimming, and cats! I love learning and figuring out solutions for puzzles and try to apply that to my teaching every day. I am looking forward to navigating the school year alongside students and families. Throughout this new year, we will conquer difficulties, solve problems, discover new things, create, laugh (hopefully a lot), grow, and learn! Together, we will work through whatever fabulous struggles and challenges may come our way.

- Sara Stalder -

Students Need:

- 1 3-subject spiral notebook (should last the year- name written on the outside cover. THIS CAN ONLY BE A MATH SPIRAL, not to be combined with any other subjects)
- 1 composition notebook (name written on the outside over)
- Scientific calculator TI-30XIIS (label with your name)
- Pencils & pens for your own use
- Your own set of Highlighters

Classroom Wish List:

- Pencils!!!!!!!!!!!! (I swear kids eat them or something with how much we go through them!)
- Glue sticks, Glue sticks, and more glue sticks!
- Hand sanitizer/ clorox wipes
- Paper Towels
- Tissues
- White Copy Paper
- Lined loose leaf paper



Mr. Starks

Building 3, Theater

Howdy families and new friends!

My name is Joe Starks and I will be your student's theater teacher this year! This is actually first year teaching, but I have worked at Eduprize since the 2022-2023 school year as a special education paraprofessional and many of your students already know me. I have been a mix of live entertainer, stage comedian, improv and sketch artist, Arizona Renaissance Festival street performer, mobile DJ, and online content creator. Performing arts and self expression has been an important aspect of my life since the early 90's for me and I'm excited to share this with young minds in an educational setting. In between all those fun things I've also worked successful careers in hospitality, distribution sales for telecom, restaurant management (employed mostly teenagers), and from 2014 to 2022 I was a stay at home parent to my 3 wonderful children who all also attend Eduprize (this is my oldest's ninth year). As you can see, my entire adult life has been geared towards human connection! My goal is that your student will come out of my class with a new perspective on their world and more ways to recognize the human condition within the world and express themselves in new ways. I believe in the best of all of us and absolutely cannot wait to get to work as we all learn and grow together!

Required supplies: Please note that the paper may seem kind of steep, however I will be needing to print out scripts throughout the semester. If you cannot provide them at the beginning of the semester, throughout the semester should be fine.

- 2 reams copy paper
- clorox or lysol cleaning wipes
- composition notebook for notes
- spiral notebook
- 1 pack 3x5 notecards

Optional wishlist:

- 1 box #2 pencils
- -4 pack assorted dry erase markers (any colors)
- -disused clothing and accessories for costuming (cleaned, please no undergarments)*
- -Unwanted household items for stage props* (no knives, weapons, or fragile items)
 - old books
 - pots and pans
 - disused decorations
 - old toys

- broken walkmans and headphones
- old masks
- etc
- Old and disused makeup and makeup tools

Mr. Taysom Building 3, Room 302

I started teaching at **Tempe High School** in 1985 after graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Science at Southern Utah State College (now Southern Utah University). I earned a Master's in Education at Arizona State University. I also am certified in Career Technology Education. I have taught Chemistry, Physics, Honors Physics, Physical World, Chemistry/Physics, Honors Chemistry/Physics, Multi-Media Design, Information Technology, A+ Computer Repair, and Cisco Networking. I also taught A+ Computer Repair, BPC 170, for 20 semesters at Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

For 15 summers I worked at **Camp Geronimo** for the BSA. I really enjoy working there. Four summers ago, I played Grandpa in Virginia. I spent 4 weeks there this summer.

I am excited to teach my 7th year at EDUPRIZE teaching, StRUT (computer repair), Conceptual Physics and Chemistry.

Students NEED

composition book (quad ruled (Graph paper) or College Rule with pages sewn in place!) Probably 2.

NO Spiral notebooks.

- Pencil (calculations and graphing)
- Pen (notes)
- RED pen & highlighters
- scientific calculator minimum
- scotch tape for notebook (I provide staplers & staples-NO TAPE)

WISH LIST -Items NEEDED for better classroom instruction

-Printer paper- 2-4 reams per student

- Kleenex- 1 box
- Paper towels- 4 rolls





Mr. Thomas
Building 4, Gym

Hello Eduprize family I am so happy and excited for this opportunity to be your child's/children's Physical Education Teacher. I have spent the last three years at Eduprize being an Assistant to the Dean as well as Student Aid. It has been one of my most important goals to be a voice for our students and athletes. I have worked tirelessly building trusting relationships with the student body and, being someone that they can talk to, seek guidance from or just give good advice in situations where they may need it. As I now embark on this new journey of being an educator, Its still important to me to maintain that presence and still take pride in being that outlet for our students.

As a former, professional basketball player with extensive knowledge and experience in the game I love, I've been very blessed to be the Head Coach and Program Director for Eduprize basketball the last three years. We have built this program into one of the most successful high school basketball teams in the state of Arizona and we've even been recognized across the Nation. Our goal is to develop our players and prepare them to play at the collegiate level in pursuit to help them achieve their dreams whatever they may be. Through building quality, young men holding them accountable for their actors challenging them daily. We hope to grow well rounded student athletes, going into this big world to make positive change.

As a father of Eduprize students, I can't think of a better place to receive a great education and have the constant support system that Eduprize offers. With endless opportunities to do great things and access to so many resources this has been a dream come true for me. The students, teachers and administration are second to none and I'm so grateful that my children get to grow in such a loving and caring environment.

Ms. Timmons

Building 3, Room 307

Who is Ms. Timmons?

I am a mom of boys - three to be exact! I have identical twin boys who are grown. One lives in Hawaii and the other in Washington. I also have a son who is 17 and a senior this year. My four legged family include three cats, a Great Pyrenees named Olaf, a Border Collie/Great Pyrenees mix named Sam, four St. Bernards: Maggie, Yukon, McKinley, and the baby, Winston. Winston has a disability requiring the use of a wheelchair. All of our beasties joined the family through rescue.

When I'm not teaching, momming, treasure hunting at thrift stores, or loving on puppies, you'll likely find me spending time outside in my yard. Gardening makes me happy - I guess I never outgrew playing in the dirt! As a family, we enjoy road trips, tent camping, and visiting America and Canada's many amazing national parks. I am especially looking forward to a trip to Iceland during fall break, where we will explore the country in a campervan.

This fall begins my 21st year teaching in public school. What I love most about teaching is building relationships with teenagers and helping them realize their passions and potential. I am excited for our year ahead and look forward to supporting you as you grow, learn, and achieve success.

Needed Individual Supplies for English Class:

- Hard bound composition book (no spiral notebooks)
- Pencils and erasers Highlighters (variety of colors)
- Clear, single sided tape
- Organization system that works for you
- A smile

Appreciated (but not required) Classroom Supplies:

- Tissue

- Hand sanitizer
- Clorox type wipes
- Clear, single-sided tape
- Sharpie pen
- PENCILS!
- Loose leaf paper
- Snacks (You wouldn't believe how hungry teenagers can be at school!)

Ms. Toca

Building 3, Room 356

Hi Students and Families!

I am Ms. Toca, and I will be your 7th grade math and science teacher this year. This school year is my sixth year at EDUPRIZE, but it will be my fourth year on the 7th grade team! A little background info on me: I was born and raised in Scottsdale, AZ and I am a proud Sun Devil! (shh: I went to the UofA for graduate school but no one needs to know!) My favorite pastimes are reading, playing board games and hanging out with my dog, Birdie. My favorite subjects in school were math and science, so I feel very lucky to be able to share that passion with my 7th grade students this year. I can't wait to meet all of you, and I am looking forward to a fun-filled school year during which we will all learn and grow! Below, please find required and requested school supplies.



Required Individual Supplies

- 3-ring binder (can be used for other subjects)
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 composition notebook
- **A scientific calculator** (recommended TI-30XIIS)
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Dry erase markers

Optional Shared Supplies

- Reams of white copy paper
- Packages of lined paper, college ruled
- Bottles of glue
- **Glue sticks**
- **1-2 box of Kleenex**
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- **1-2 rolls of paper towels**
- Black ultra-fine point sharpies (the pen type)
- Dry erase markers (Expo is recommended)

Classroom Wish List:

Sharpies (black, colored, or ultra-fine point tip), reams of cardstock paper, reams of colored copy paper, colored pencils, markers, books for our classroom library, gift cards to craft or office supply stores, individually packaged snacks, lamination sheets, Dum-Dum suckers, Jolly Ranchers... more of anything you wish to donate!

Mr. Vargas**Building 2, Room 68**

I graduated with honors from University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus, with a bachelor's degree in English. Altogether, I have over ten years of professional experience as a teacher. I've had the opportunity to work in both private and public schools in Florida and Puerto Rico. I have taught Math, English, Science and Spanish. One of the things I've enjoyed the most about teaching is meeting lots and lots of students so full of energy and talents. It's a challenge and at the same time, a pleasure and honor to serve these students. Being a teacher has helped me develop a positive attitude, flexibility, and creativity, which in the end is a blessing in my daily life. I am married and we have three children. We enjoy going to athletic events and outdoor activities. Both my wife and I are teachers and we love it.

Supply List

- 1 College Ruled Composition Notebook (This will be for taking notes and studying)
- 1 Folder with pockets (for keeping homework to help study for quizzes and tests)

Three Ring 1 Inch Binder to Keep Loose Leaf Paper (College Ruled)

Five Number 2 Pencils or Mechanical Pencils

Pack of Pencils

Handheld Pencil Sharpener

2 Reams of Paper

4 Expo Markers

Calculator TI 84 plus (Math Students only)

Mrs. Wheeler

Building 3, Room 355

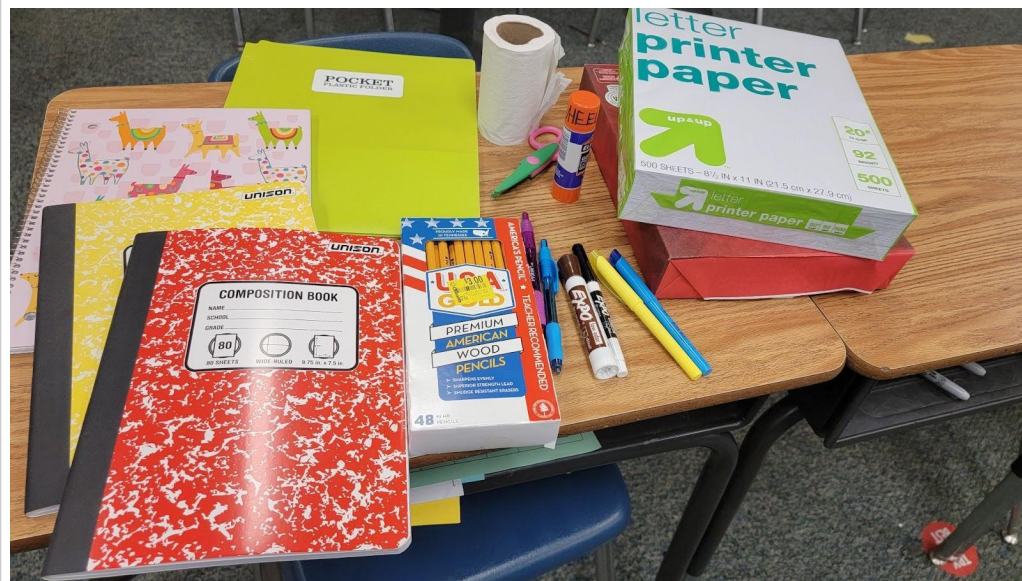
Hello students and families,

I'm thrilled to be part of the 7th-grade team this year. I was born and raised in Idaho. My family loves to learn and travel. There has never been a plane I didn't want to get on in order to experience and discover new things. I think those family trips started my great love of history and exploration. I graduated with an advanced degree in history and literature. My husband was in the military, which allowed me to live and teach in many parts of the world. I come from a family of educators, so I have always loved school, and I hope you also love it. Besides travel, my favorite things are reading, hiking, camping, water sports, dog agility, and skiing. I hope this is a year of great adventures and exploration for all of us. – Ms. Wheeler



Required Materials for Instructions:

1. A spiral notebook - THIS IS AN ELA-ONLY NOTEBOOK– (a 1-subject notebook to be left in their desk–multiple subject notebooks take up too much room.)
2. Two composition books (one for warm-up and exit work, the other for social studies.)
3. Writing utensils (mechanical or regular pencils)
4. Ballpoint pens: red, green, black, or blue (preferably two different dark colors)
5. Organization system for your worksheets (such as folders or a plastic accordion folder)
6. Highlighters
7. Scissors
8. Dry erase marker
9. 2 reams of paper
10. 2 boxes of tissues (Kleenex)
11. Scissors



Here is a visual of the required materials for instruction. We ran out of tissues a few weeks ago, so toilet tissue stands in for the boxes we want in our room!

Optional shared supplies: liquid glue, glue sticks, lined paper, sanitizing wipes, paper towels, pencils, index cards, and post-it notes.

Wish List: Lysol spray, Sharpies (black, colored, or ultra-fine point tip), reams of paper, white or colored, books for our classroom library, gift cards to Amazon or office supply stores, individually packaged snacks, or candy. We would gladly take anything you wish to donate!