



PERSONALIZED LEARNING SD

TANJA SUTTON ✨ M. Ed, Certified SPED Teacher



PROFILE

I am a certified education specialist with a Masters in Special Education and 11+ years of diverse experience teaching K-12 students whose learning profile does not fit the traditional teaching model.

I blend various multi-sensory, research-based programs to fit my students' learning profiles so they can gain confidence in their ability to learn. Together, we build the skills that underpin success in school and in life including: reading, written and oral communication, math, organization, critical thinking, social thinking, effective use of tools, and self-advocacy.

As a mother, sister, friend and teacher of intelligent individuals who struggled in school, I understand what it is like to be in a school setting where your earnest efforts usually don't lead to positive results often leaving students overwhelmed, underestimated and misunderstood. It's thrilling to show these students their exceptional grit, true potential and unique qualities that cannot be measured by a test. When given the right circumstances and tools, many of my students develop an earnest desire to learn, not just for a "good grade". My students often discover they are like diamonds: rare and incredibly strong.

SERVICES

Build foundational skills

Students gain confidence in their ability to learn, making them more independent, motivated learners. Some of my students see 2-3 years of growth in one school year or less with regular sessions.

Homework support

Students get the most out of homework assignments up to 6th grade level with the least amount of stress.

Parent consultation and homeschool support

Parents learn how to support their child's academic development and social-emotional well-being in ways that suit their lifestyle.

Collaboration with professionals

Teachers are empowered to support struggling students in ways that decrease behaviors and reduce stress.

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CERTIFICATIONS

CA DEPT. EDUCATION

Clear Credential – Special Education, Mild Moderate

Orton-Gillingham

EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

San Diego State University - 2019

PRELIMINARY CREDENTIAL

High Tech High Graduate School of Education - 2014

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN

ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY

University of California Davis - 1992

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Learning Disability Association of America
International Dyslexia Association





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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

READING SPECIALIST/MENTOR TEACHER/INSTRUCTOR

Banyan Tree Educational Services
June 2014 - March 2022 | San Diego, CA

EDUCATION SPECIALIST INTERN

High Tech High, Explorer Elementary School
August 2011 - June 2014 | San Diego, CA

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

HOMESCHOOL PARENT OF 5TH GRADE STUDENT

Julian Charter School
September 2010 – June 2011 | San Diego, CA

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER/GREEN TEAM FOUNDER

Jerabek Elementary
September 2004 – June 2010 | San Diego, CA

BIMONTHLY K-2ND "SUNDAY SCHOOL" GUIDE

The Unity Center
September 2004 – June 2010 | San Diego, CA

ENVIRON. HEALTH AND SAFETY ANALYST, TRAINER

Dakota Software
June 1996- February 1998 | Rochester, NY

SUBSTITUTE PRESCHOOL TEACHER

Rochester Children's Nursery
September 1995 – June 1996 | Rochester, NY

RECYCLING EDUCATOR

City of Davis, CA
September 1992 – August 1995

JR. HIGH TRACK COACH

Davis Park and Recreation | Davis, CA
February 1990 – May 1990



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RESEARCH-BASED PROGRAMS

I am able to blend numerous of multi-sensory research-based programs, to suit my students' needs since each program has its strengths and weaknesses.

READING

- Orton-Gillingham Certification
- Wilson Reading Program
- Barton Reading and Spelling
- Rewards
- Phonics for Reading
- Lindamood-Bell programs
- Neurological impress reading
- Academic-based vision therapy

WRITING

- Institute for Excellence in Writing
- Writing Adventures
- Handwriting Without Tears

MATH

- Math-U-See
- Touch Math
- Mammoth Math
- Math games, stories, songs, manipulatives
- "Math magician" activities

CRITICAL THINKING

- Building Thinking Skills
- Mind Benders
- Hands on Thinking Skills

FOCUS AND REGULATION

- Zones of Regulation
- Brain Gym exercises

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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