

I am Makini Cunningham. I am enjoying my time here at Holly Drive Leadership Academy. I have been teaching for eight years have subbed in different school districts for three years. I am a graduate from San Diego State University, and while obtaining my B.A. I have had the opportunity to work with youth of all ages in various settings. Working with youth is a passion of mine and is the reason I returned to school to get my Multiple Subject Teaching Credential.

I began working with our youth in 1998. I worked for a non profit organization under a California Wellness grant. It was my job to help create and implement youth and community development projects. I worked at a neighborhood center where most of the youth were labeled at-risk. They ranged from ages 5-18 and it was my commitment to make sure everyone had a learning activity that was fun and exciting to do.

I have also taught at a private school, been a Teacher's Assistant for the Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and an Infant Childcare Provider at Door of Hope which is sponsored by the Salvation Army. I was a Support Teacher for the Lemon Grove School District.

For five of my teaching years I was very fortunate to teach at the same charter school.. There I've taught grades 3,4, kindergarten and three years in 2nd grade. During this time I used the California Common Core Standards. I have experience in differentiating instruction, creating and implementing behavioral support plans, and upholding my role in Individualized Educational Plans. Over the years I've learned how to use assessment data to drive my instruction, and how to implement technology in my daily instruction.

Teaching overall has been wonderful. It is something I plan to continue doing. It constantly keeps me learning and growing as I give all of my students my complete effort to become their very best during the time we have together.