



Harriet Yu

Teacher

Hi! I'm excited to be one of your child's afterschool teachers! My name is Harriet Yu. I have been teaching for about 7 years now. I was born in Taipei but came to the US when I was 2 years old. I grew up in California in sunny San Diego, and I have been living in the bay area now for over 20 years. Before teaching at Genius Academy, I have worked in real estate, investing, banking and financial planning. I have a degree in Psychology and Asian American studies from UCLA and hold a certificate to teach TESOL (Teaching English as a Second or Other Language) from UC Santa Cruz. I have been an ESL teacher for the past 5 years. I also taught English in high school in Japan on the JET program. I am fluent in speaking English and Mandarin Chinese, and I can speak a little French, Spanish and Japanese too. I'm trying to learn Korean as well, as I like watching K dramas!

We are a family of four, with a little pet dog named Bella. I have two teenage daughters and our family loves to cook, bake, eat, watch movies, read books and travel together. We like to hike, bike and kayak on the weekends if there are no school or sports activities. We also enjoy trying out new restaurants. We often travel to US National parks during our summer vacations. We have been to about 25 National Parks in the US. Sometimes we travel abroad and before COVID we sometimes visited family in Taiwan and Hong Kong.

My expectations for your students is that they show up to class prepared to learn with an open mind. Be kind to each other, be respectful, and most importantly, have fun! I can teach in person or online through Zoom. I look forward to meeting all of you soon!