

ABOUT ALISON

Alison has dreamed of being a teacher for as long as she can remember. This led her to earn her Bachelor's Degree in **Inclusive Elementary and Special Education at Syracuse University**. She was then awarded a **merit scholarship to the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania**, where she received her **Masters Degree in Reading/Writing/Literacy**. Her work for her Masters Portfolio was awarded by the University, and is still used as a model for current/future students to this day.

Alison began her teaching career at PS 158 as a special education teacher in an inclusive first grade classroom. Alison taught at PS 158 for four years, where she used the **Teachers College Reading and Writing Project's (TCRWP)** curriculum for reading and writing. Additionally, she used **TERC Investigation** and **Context for Learning** for math.

Alison is currently teaching at PS 75. When teaching second grade at PS 75, she specialized in adapting instruction to support the academic, executive functioning, and social skills of students on the Autism Spectrum. She uses the **Envisions** program for math, and **Fundations** for phonics instruction. She is trained in **Sound Sensible** and **Spire**, and uses these programs to further support students' phonological awareness phonics, spelling, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension skills. She is currently using the **Wit & Wisdom** curriculum for literacy.

degrees & certifications:

- Bachelors of Science in Inclusive Elementary and Special Education, Syracuse University
- Masters of Science in Reading/Writing/Literacy, University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education
- New York State Certification, Childhood Education (1-6)
- New York State Certification, Students with Disabilities (1-6)

specialty training:

- Orton Gillingham PAF Program
- Sound Sensible, Everyone Reading

- Spire, Everyone Reading
- Wit & Wisdom, Great Minds
- Foundations. Wilson Language Training Corporation
- Elementary Reading and Writing Institutes (Grade 1), TCRWP
- Autism Training for Nest Educators New York University Autism Nest Program
- Mathematical Routines institute, Math in the City