

ABOUT SAMANTHA

Samantha has a passion for Special Education and has taught in the classroom for both Middle School and High School students since 2016. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from the **University of Michigan**. During her time as a **NYC Teaching Fellow**, Samantha earned a **Master's Degree in Special Education** from Relay Graduate School of Education, where she graduated with honors. She holds a license in both **Special Education (grades 7-12)** and **Middle School Generalist (grades 5-9)**. Samantha has taught many subjects, with the majority being **math** and **science** based. In doing so, she has become an expert in test prep for math and science related New York State Regents Exams. Samantha also holds experience privately tutoring students ranging from grades 5 - 12 throughout her years teaching. Samantha's teaching philosophy is getting to know students as an individual to help foster a relationship and teach towards their strengths rather than their deficits.

degrees & certifications:

- Master's Degree in Special Education, Relay Graduate School of Education
- New York State Certification, Special Education, grades 7-12
- New York State Certification, Middle School Generalist, grades 5-9

specialty training:

- Illustrative Math Accelerated Curriculum
- Math and Science New York State Regents exam prep
- Transition Team Lead for students with disabilities
- Mentor for new teachers