

Welcome to SAGE Academy

Space and Aeronautics – Gateway to Exploration!

It is truly a great honor to be appointed as Principal for SAGE Academy.

I grew up in Palmdale attending Manzanita Elementary School and Sage Middle School. Both of my parents worked in the Aerospace industry for many years, so creating our new Space and Aeronautics Academy is a great opportunity for me to reconnect with the rich history of Aerospace in Antelope Valley.

I earned a bachelor's degree in English from California State University, Northridge; a Master's Degree in Educational Management from the University of LaVerne, and a Ph.D. in Urban Educational Leadership from Claremont Graduate University. I was a high school principal for eight years and Vice Principal and Assistant Principal for nine years.

We aim to create an academy that honors the PSD Vision:

Every Student Leaves Ready for Success in High School and Beyond:
College, Career, the Global World.

And fulfills the Palmdale Promise Values:

- *High Intellectual Performance* that prepares every student to graduate ready for college, career, and the global 21st century world.
- *Equity* for all our students, schools, and communities as reflected in outcomes and opportunities.
- Facilitating and supporting every student's achievement by *Building on Their Strengths, Cultures, Languages*, and experiences to create new successes.
- *Multilingualism and Multiculturalism* as individual, community, national, and global assets in the 21st century.
- *Integrity and Community* based on trust and common purpose that empower individuals and communities.

Again, I am so pleased to welcome you to SAGE Academy! Our school will open August, 2017. Feeder schools are:

Tumbleweed and Tamarisk – ALL new 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are zoned for SAGE.

Desert Rose, Manzanita, Ocotillo, Palm Tree, and Summerwind – Some new 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are zoned for SAGE.

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan McDougal
Principal, SAGE Academy