

Amanda Alexander grew up in the deep East Texas Pineywoods north of Houston. She graduated with a General Studies Degree from Texas Tech University with an emphasis in Zoological Sciences. After working at the Field Research Station at Texas Tech in Junction, she co-founded The Outdoor School, an outdoor education program for K-12 public schools in the Hill Country. Amanda then continued her studies at SFASU researching invasive apple snails with the environmental science department. She fell in love with teaching at SFASU's Mast Arboretum and started her teaching career at her alma mater, Lufkin High School. This next year will be Amanda's fourteenth year teaching science and her second year at PVA. She's taught Biology, AP Biology, Biology IB, IPC, Chemistry, AP Capstone Seminar and Research. Amanda comes from five years at Energy Institute. She helped create a PBL 101 Instructor course for all new teachers to EIHS and was voted Teacher of the Year. She is excited about bringing STEAM to life! She lives in Willowbend with her husband of six years and their newly adopted puppies, Olive and Frankie. Her hobbies include gardening, needlepoint, and cooking.