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San Tan Charter School's Guidance Counselor Has Been with the School Since the Very Beginning

Brooke Taylor Began Her Career with San Tan Charter School in 2007 as the After-Care Teacher

GILBERT, Arizona—In 2007, when Brooke Taylor was 16 years old and looking for work, she reached out to family friends Kristofer and Rita Sippel, the founders of San Tan Charter School in Gilbert.



The Sippel's hired Taylor to be an after-care teacher at the school's original location at Mission Church off of Elliot Road. When the school moved to the location on Higley and Ray Roads, Taylor stayed on with the after-care program and was also hired as a classroom assistant for the preschool, kindergarten and first grade classrooms.

Fast forward 13 years, and Taylor's career with San Tan Charter School is still going strong.

Granted, there was a short break along the way; after working for the school for four years, Taylor transferred to the University of Oregon in the fall of 2011 from a local community college. Two years later, after earning her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Taylor knew she wanted to return to Gilbert and continue to work at San Tan Charter School.

"When I returned from Oregon in 2013, I underwent training for the Motor Cognition²® program which is a program created by Beljan Psychological Services and is designed for children who struggle with inattention, impulsivity, planning and organization, as well as fine and gross motor skills," Taylor said, adding that she was the program lead and facilitator from 2013 to the summer of 2018, just before San Tan Charter School moved into its current Power Campus building.

"Overlapping with that time frame, I was also the Art Department lead and teacher from 2015 to summer of 2018. I also started my counseling role, part-time, during the same time frame."

Since fall of 2018, Taylor has been a full-time guidance counselor at San Tan Charter School's Power campus.