

Dr. Jenni Taylor

Dr. Taylor brings a variety of education and leadership experience to Urban Discovery Academy as well as a passion for helping kids discover their own creative path. A National Board Certified teacher, career educator and charter school pioneer, Dr. Taylor has served as a teacher, school principal, and member of the Board of Directors of Environmental Charter Schools in Los Angeles, an innovative network of schools with a unique approach to authentic student learning. Concurrently, Dr. Taylor served as an adjunct professor for the Graduate School of Education and Psychology at Pepperdine University, where she also earned an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, Administration and Policy, and an M.S. in Education Administration. She also holds a B.S. in Earth Sciences and a B.A. in Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz. An avid outdoor adventurer, Dr. Taylor has led outdoor education excursions for K-12 classes and interned in a garden-based science program for elementary school students. Dr. Taylor is ecstatic to be a part of the UDA team and to help refine and systematize its practices to best support real-world student learning. She is committed to project-based/experiential learning and extending learning beyond the classroom into the surrounding community.