

Hello, my name is Sandra Engelman. This is my second year as an Independent Study teacher at TISCS. I was born and raised in the Philippines and I started teaching in 1989. I earned my Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Natural Sciences from the *Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila* (University of the City of Manila) and Master of Education in Science Teaching from the University of the Philippines. I also have a Diploma in Environment and Natural Resources Management, major in Coastal Resources Management from the University of the Philippines Open University.

My background includes teaching in different levels from elementary to high school students. I also taught some college students conversational English while I was in Japan for my teacher-exchange program. Prior to participating in another teaching-exchange program sponsored by the U.S.A., I was a senior education specialist in the Instructional Materials Council Secretariat at the Department of Education, Philippines.

During my free time, I enjoy gardening, watching movies, and playing with our pets. My husband and I would also engage in outdoor activities with our thirteen-year old daughter.

Having built good relationships with my first group of Independent Study students, I am looking forward to meeting my new students this school year and having a great conversation about their coursework and life in general.