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I grew up in San Diego and graduated from San Diego High School. I am fluent in my native language of Spanish. I have been in the education field for 30 years. I started as an Instructional Assistant, then became a preschool teacher, continued as an elementary bilingual teacher, and eventually became an Education Specialist. I have taught all grade levels, ranging from Pre-school to 12th grade.

I obtain my Early Child Development Associate Degree at San Diego Community College. I received my Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Master of Education with an emphasis in Special Education from San Diego State University, where I also became credentialed in multiple subject Bilingual Education and Mild-Moderate Special Education. During my Masters Degree at San Diego State University, I had the opportunity to study abroad in Avila Spain, where I had the opportunity to explore their Special Education programs and system.

These days I enjoy spending time with my family and traveling. My husband and I love getting together with our kids and granddaughter, to explore the world, celebrate life or just spent time together.

CANYON HILLS HIGH SCHOOL



ABOUT CANYON HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

VISION

Canyon Hills High School is a diverse community of active learners, inclusive of all people and voices, committed to preparing our students to be lifelong independent learners ready for the complexities and challenges of tomorrow.

MISSION

We embrace our diverse community and promote equity, inclusion, respect, and self-advocacy. We achieve academic success, without feeling the pressure of conformity, by engaging in complex issues with creativity and collaboration to support our growth and learning.

Core Values (How do we live our mission to achieve our vision?)

Equity

We create and learn in our culturally responsive and inclusive classroom communities.

We empower students to express their ideas and voice.

We celebrate and raise up unique ways of learning.

We open access and provide equitable support through our systems to promote success for all.

We do not exclude or create barriers for some by ensuring our systems and policies are inclusive.

Belonging

We embrace diversity in a multiethnic world.

We feel valued, seen, and included.

We welcome all in a safe environment.

We model respect and place relationships at the forefront.

We support our students' emotional and academic needs in partnership with families and the community.

Thriving

We hold high expectations for ourselves and our students.

We teach relevant academics and skills that promote success beyond high school.

We create student-centered, academically challenging environments.

We promote self-advocacy and ownership of learning.

We provide multiple pathways to success.

We measure our growth and success over time as a means of continuous improvement.

HELPFUL LINKS

[Canyon Hills High School's Home Page](#)

<https://www.sandiegounified.org/schools/canyonhills>

Principal Renfree's Blog

<https://serrahighschool.wixsite.com/blog>

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