

MARITZA C. JOHNSON

As a Bilingual Elementary School Instructional Aide/Special Education, working for the Holly Drive Leadership Academy is my passion! I have approximately 10 years working in the field of education, and love to help students become life-long learners from elementary school through high school, in preparation for college. I work with all students, including those taking classes in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math to guide them in pursuing a career in these fields. These classes can influence employers to hire our future artists and designers to drive innovation, and transform our economy. Working at an Academy of Excellence, I can help students in language arts, and much more. I have a passion for learning and love to help students develop that passion also. I'm excited to be part of a transformation that will inspire and expand their knowledge!

I am familiar with classroom instruction, behavior management, parent, student, and teacher relations that contribute to the success of an Academy of Excellence. Moreover, my on-the-job experience and professional training in Crisis Prevention Intervention, knowledge of behavior modification techniques, record keeping, training in restorative justice practices, and working with students on a one-on-one basis, has equipped me with a well rounded skill set to work with all children, including those requiring special attention.

I also have a solid educational foundation and a passion for assisting students become engaged and reach their full academic goals and grade level standards. I assist students, individually and in small groups with lesson assignments (i.e., read stories, listen to students read, provide writing assistance, reinforce English and Spanish lessons, provide spelling practice, reinforce math lessons, and assist with California Content Standards homework assignments) for the purpose of practicing and/or reinforcing learning concepts .

It has been an awesome experience to work with teachers and staff in providing excellent service to students and families at the Holly Drive Leadership Academy.