

Jeanne Venecia, M. Ed.

Jeanne Venecia, Principal of Mercedes Early College Academy joined this college dual enrollment campus in 2011. She has been with the district at different capacities during her tenure of twenty-one years. Her career began in January 1998 when she joined Mercedes Independent School District teaching 6th grade Science, Reading and a Gifted and Talented class for five years at Leon R. Graham Elementary. After her five years as a school teacher, Mrs. Venecia worked the next three years as a school counselor at Taylor Elementary from 2002-2003 and Mercedes High School from 2003-2005. The year after, Mrs. Venecia was hired as an assistant principal for Mercedes Junior High School for two and a half years and then became the principal for three and a half years.

Mrs. Venecia grew up in Mercedes and attended school in the Mercedes Independent School District, graduating from Mercedes High School. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas Pan American in Interdisciplinary Studies with a minor in Health. Mrs. Venecia continued her education and received her Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from the same university in 2002. Shortly thereafter, Mrs. Venecia received her Leadership Certification from the University of Texas Pan American in 2005 and has been a principal for the last 10 years.

Mrs. Venecia leads a collaborative school environment of teachers and students. She believes partnerships with parents, community, and local colleges are essential in enriching the experience at Mercedes Early College Academy and attaining life-long educational dreams. She has led this campus to be on the Texas Honor Roll for 2016, Top 10% Best Campus in the Nation and State by the US News and World Report, and has recently been nominated for a National Blue Ribbon School.

In her spare time, she likes spending time with her grand-children, reading, and traveling.



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Gracie Trevino, M. Ed., CSC

Mercedes Early College Academy Dean of Instruction

Biography

At present, Gracie Trevino holds the position of Dean for the Mercedes Early College Academy in Mercedes, Texas. She has held this position since school year 2013-2014. Her primary role as Dean has been to ensure the delivery of appropriate academic and instructional services for students. Mrs. Trevino has acquired a great deal of experience as a Campus Test Coordinator in this position as well. Her testing duties include: PSAT and Pre-ACT testing, AP Testing, TELPAS, Benchmark/CBA testing on a six weeks basis as well as TSI (college readiness test) testing on a weekly basis. In addition, Mrs. Trevino is the campus recruitment coordinator for admission at her school.

Gracie Trevino holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education, a Master's degree in Special Education, a Master's degree in School Counseling and an Educational Administrator: Supervisor's Certificate. With 31 years of experience in the field of education, Mrs. Trevino has been an elementary general education teacher, a secondary special education teacher, an educational diagnostician (PK-12), a campus facilitator (PK-K), a special education coordinator (PK-12) , an academic counselor (9-12), and a dean of instruction (9-12).

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