



## OUR TEAM



# VANESSA GOMEZ, Ed.D.

Lead Professional Learning Specialist

## BIOGRAPHY

Vanessa Gomez, Ed.D., is the Coordinator of Student, Community, Personnel Support in San Jacinto Unified School District where she oversees the development and implementation of an award-winning comprehensive school counseling program, which was the recipient of the Golden Bell Award sponsored by the California School Board Association and the Riverside Model of Excellence Award. Vanessa has 25 years of experience as an educator. She has been a school counselor at all levels, including alternative education. During her career Vanessa has experience in developing and implementing comprehensive, data-driven school counseling programs, creating and implementing Student Assistance Programs, she co-created the New Insight Group curriculum and has a vast experience with crisis response counseling including creating and designing suicide prevention protocols, and implementing Trauma Informed approaches in schools. Vanessa earned her doctorate degree from San Diego State University and completed her dissertation study on Implementing Trauma Informed Approaches in Schools. Vanessa is also the co-author of *Hatching Results for Secondary School Counselors* (Hatch, Triplett, Duarte & Gomez, 2019).

Vanessa has served as the president of the California Association of School Counselors. For nine years Vanessa served as an adjunct faculty at San Diego State University in the School Counseling and School Psychology department. In 2020, Vanessa was awarded the Student Services Administrator of the Year by Western Riverside County Association of School Managers. In 2011 Vanessa was awarded the Most Influential Faculty award. She was also the recipient of the American School Counselor Association's 2009 top 10 school counselors. Vanessa enjoys providing local, state, and National trainings on implementing comprehensive school counseling programs, Student Assistance Programs, New Insight curriculum, Developmental Assets, Trauma Informed Approaches, and Crisis Response.

## PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2020 Student Services Administrator of the Year, Western Riverside County Association of School Managers
- Co-author of *Hatching Results for Secondary School Counseling* (Hatch, Triplett, Duarte & Gomez, 2019)
- California Association of School Counselors (CASC) Past President
- 2011 Most Influential Faculty award, San Jacinto Unified School District



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