

ZORAYDA HERNANDEZ, M.S., P.P.S.

Professional Learning Specialist

BIOGRAPHY



"As a first generation college student I had the opportunity to learn the process and challenges in seeking a path in higher education. I am passionate about the school counseling profession because I provide my students and families with resources, access and tools that will support their education and future goals. I incorporate the training I received by Dr. Hatch to my school counseling program and practices and I look forward to working with school counselors to support their schools with a comprehensive school counseling program!"

Zorayda is dedicated to supporting and advocating for students through the development and implementation of a comprehensive counseling program. Zorayda is a bilingual school counselor who has worked at the elementary and middle school levels. She currently serves as an elementary and lead school counselor at a K-8th school district in San Diego. She works closely with the counseling team to provide multi-tiered support across social-emotional learning, academic and college and career readiness. She also collaborates with stakeholders including district leaders, administrators, educators and community and mental health partners, to facilitate systematic district-wide programs and initiatives to promote student wellness, leadership and engagement. She has experience working under the federally funded Elementary and Secondary School Counseling (ESSC) grant where she designed, implemented and evaluated a comprehensive data-driven school counseling program. Lastly, she has been a guest lecturer at San Diego State University to help school counseling graduate students support English Language Learners.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Presented at local and state conferences
- District Lead School Counselor

FUN FACTS

- Zorayda enjoys watching sports; she visited five soccer stadiums and attended three soccer games while she traveled in Europe!
- Zorayda participates in strength and high intensity interval training.
- Zorayda travels to Mexico several times during the year to visit her extended family.



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