



Arnold Cortez

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Biography

Hi! My name is Arnold Cortez, and this is my 10th year teaching at Preparatory Academy – South Texas ISD! I have spent most of my life in the Rio Grande Valley and currently live in Sebastian, Texas. Upon graduating from Lyford High School (2005), I attended Texas State University – San Marcos, TX and graduated (2010) with Cum Laude Honors with a BFA in Studio Art - All Level Teacher Certification.

Philosophy of Art: Art is the key to the endless possibilities of imagination and creativity. A pencil and a spiral notebook started it for me. These were the tools that carried art as my hobby as a child, interest as a teen, talent and skills as a young adult, and now passion that drives my life long goals and career. As a child I always realized that I was fixated with observing nature: from plants and trees, to the textures of dirt and sand, to the way the clouds changed shape and form. I always remembered that I would focus my attention on things most of my friends would ignore...or rather the things most people ignore. Growing up I remember always sitting down with my pencil and sketchbook, sitting and observing... and drawing what I would see.

Within Studio Art and Art Instruction I believe that there is always room to push forward with discoveries and innovation to motivate the imagination. Art should not be limited to one style, but should be explored and experimented throughout all media. This I believe is the key to further develop the continuous world of Visual Arts. As one of my professors once told me, “Your limitation is your own imagination...” I will continue to live by this philosophy.



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