



South Texas ISD

# Preparatory Academy

GRADES 7-8 | EDINBURG



## Herlinda

## Garza

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Grade Level/s 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>  
Subject/s Physical Education  
Conference A Day- 3<sup>rd</sup>  
B Day- 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Team 71

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### Biography

I was born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley. I became the 1<sup>st</sup> in my family to graduate from college. I know that education is very important and hope to instill that in my students.

I graduated from PSJA High School in 1986 and received my bachelor's degree from the University of Texas Pan American with a major in Kinesiology and a minor in Biology. I am also certified to teach Special Education.

I began my educational career as a substitute for STISD- Teacher Academy in 1993. At that time our campus only served 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and a grade level was added every year until Teacher Academy had their 1<sup>st</sup> senior class graduate. It was awesome to be a part of the growth the campus went through. A year and a half after substituting, I was offered a position as a paraprofessional in Kinesiology. I held that position for 6 years then worked for 3 years as a paraprofessional in CMC (Special Ed). After receiving my teaching certification, I went to Valley View to teach in their Special Ed. Dept. as a Behavior Unit teacher.

In the summer of 2008, the South Texas Independent School District board of directors approved that I become one of the Kinesiology staff members at their brand new STPA campus. This is my 12<sup>TH</sup> year as a Coach for STPA and I am very happy to be serving the STISD community once again.



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I enjoy spending my free time with my husband Lazaro and my children. Victoria Nicole (Nicki who is 32 and the proud mom to 7yr old Maddox and 2yr old Bodhi), Lilia Marie (Lil who is 17 and a Sr. at PSJA Memorial Early College HS where she plays the flute and is the Head Tech for their theater department), and Lazaro III (Laz who is 13 and attends Alamo Middle School where he plays the Bassoon and loves to play basketball for their team).