



South Texas ISD

Rising Scholars Academy

GRADES 6-8 | SAN BENITO



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SPECIAL EDUCATION

BIOGRAPHY

My name is Juan Lopez and I am a Special Education Teacher at Rising Scholars Academy. I have been in the education field for 33 years and have enjoyed every moment of it. I began my career back in 1992 as a para-professional in special education. Once I received my bachelor's degree I became a Special Education teacher and worked with students with disabilities. I was also able to teach resource Math and English at the Junior High level for about fourteen years. During my tenure at the Middle School I was also able to become department head for the special education department and worked closely with administration to help lead our department and service our student's needs. I also worked as a coach where I was able to coach Basketball, Football and Golf. Working with many athletes and helping them to develop into productive individuals. After fourteen years at the Middle School Level I moved up to the High School where I was able to work with special needs students and other teachers in providing the best services for our students. I also became the chairperson for special education. During my tenure at the High School I also coached Jr. Varsity Basketball, I then became the Assistant Varsity coach for basketball and coached freshmen football as well, I then went on to become an Assistant Principal at the High School in charge of the Special Education program, 504 Program and the RTI program. In 2015 I moved to Point Isabel to become the Coordinator for Special Education for the district. After a few months I moved up and became the Special Education Director for Point Isabel. I spent six years as the director and worked very closely with district administrators and teachers to provide the best services for our student. After leaving Point Isabel I joined South Texas as a Special Education teacher and I have really enjoyed my experience here!