



# OUR Promise FEATURES

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## Rachel Gonzales: Healing with Comfort & Care

*In our first “Our Promise Features” of the 2024-2025 school year, we’ll take a trip to the Creekside Middle School Health Office to see how School Health Assistant Rachel Gonzales is spreading comfort and care to Creekside Students.*



### The Health Mom

There is no typical day for Rachel Gonzales, in fact, not quite knowing where the day will take her is one of the reasons she enjoys her career in School Health.

“Every day is different,” said Gonzales. “I always get to interact and build relationships with different students.”

From helping with general first aid, to reaching out to parents, guardians, and keeping student’s health files up-to-date, Rachel’s day is filled with duties that are crucial to Creekside Middle School students health & safety.

“Sometimes the kids call me their health mom,” said Rachel.

A six year employee of the District, Rachel first found her calling to become a School Health Assistant while working as a Yard Duty at Apricot Valley.







“Outside on the playground there were a lot of falls [and injuries] and I would help the Health Assistant over there. I started subbing for them and really enjoyed it.”

Some of Rachel’s job duties as a School Health Assistant include keeping immunization records up to date, maintaining documentation, health records, student medicine logs, keeping the health office stocked, informing staff of student doctors notes and exemptions, and providing support to the LVN’s and RN’s on site.

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Districtwide LVN Iridiana Leon considers herself fortunate to have Rachel by her side, speaking highly of her outgoing personality and genuine care and support.

“She’s great to talk to. She makes the kids happy. She’s very positive all the time. Always positive. She’s very creative, very imaginative and I love [having her here.]“

Although Rachel grew up in the South Bay Area, her parents have lived in Patterson for over 25 years and after relocating her family here, she is now happy to call this community home. She enjoys spending time and building relationships with students by making them feel comfortable to continue with their school day, and caring for them when they are sick or injured.

Families of students at Creekside can rest assured knowing that, should their loved ones have injuries or ailments, they’ll be met with care, comfort, and someone who loves what they do.