

Kristina Gonzales is a New Mexico native with more than 20 years of experience in education, supporting diverse student populations across a range of learning environments. She spent a significant portion of her career working with incarcerated youth at the Bernalillo County Youth Facility, where she focused on expanding educational access and student success.

At Siembra Leadership High School, Kristina co-teaches a dual-credit Chicana/o/x Futurism course, integrating culturally responsive instruction with a strong emphasis on engagement, critical thinking, and college readiness. Her approach reflects a commitment to creating inclusive and supportive learning environments for all students.

Kristina holds a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts with a concentration in Gender Studies from the University of New Mexico and a Master of Arts in Education with a focus in Curriculum Development and TESOL from the College of Santa Fe. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Prior to joining Siembra, Kristina served as Director of Community Engagement with the New Mexico Public Education Department, supporting collaboration between schools and community partners. She also served as Dean of Restorative Practices at Rio Grande High School, contributing to the implementation of restorative practices that support positive school culture and student development.

Kristina is committed to student-centered learning, equity, and community connection.