



Hector Vasquez, Principal

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

As your Principal, I am absolutely thrilled to begin a new school year, filled with fresh opportunities for growth, learning, and success for every one of our students.

At Hillside, we pride ourselves on being Upland's "Best Kept Secret"—a unique continuation school deeply committed to nurturing "The Whole Child." This means we don't just focus on academic achievements; we are dedicated to creating an environment where every student can thrive personally, socially, and emotionally. We understand and embrace the diverse backgrounds and unique needs of our students, and we believe in the boundless potential within each individual.

As we embark on this new journey together, I want to remind everyone of the vital role that regular attendance and engaged classwork play in a student's success and progress towards graduation. Being present in class allows students to fully grasp material, participate in dynamic discussions, and build crucial connections with their peers and teachers. Active engagement with assignments and coursework is the cornerstone of deep learning and prepares them not just for graduation, but for all future endeavors.

I firmly believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for student success. Your involvement is incredibly valuable to us! I encourage you to stay connected through ParentSquare, Aeries, and our school website, and to join us at upcoming school events and meetings. Your insights and engagement are needed to continue to grow our school community.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Together, as a unified Hillside family, we can ensure this is a productive, successful, and truly transformative year for your student. Please never hesitate to reach out to my office or any member of our staff with your questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Hector Vasquez

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