

I was born in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, and raised in Encinitas, California. After graduating from La Costa Canyon High School in 2005, I began my undergraduate studies at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo before transferring to California State University, San Marcos, where I earned a B.A. in Social Sciences with an emphasis in Political Science and Sociology. Following five years in non-profit education, I obtained both my Multiple Subject and Single Subject (English) Teaching Credentials. In 2021, I completed my M.A. in Education with an emphasis in Educational Administration.

My educational career began as a Title I Coordinator serving schools in Oceanside and San Diego Unified School Districts, including Cesar Chavez Middle School, Jefferson Middle School, Laurel Elementary, and Kearny Mesa High School. After becoming credentialed, I taught English, English Language Development, and World History at Mission Middle School in Escondido Union School District, where I was honored as the 2020–2021 Teacher of the Year.

In 2021, I transitioned into school leadership as an Assistant Principal in San Marcos Unified School District, serving at La Mirada Academy (K–8) and Mission Hills High School. My responsibilities included overseeing campus safety, Visual and Performing Arts, Athletics, Mathematics, and Special Education. In 2024, my family and I relocated to San Luis Obispo, where I now serve as Assistant Principal at San Luis Obispo High School, supporting English Learners, Mathematics, Special Education, and overseeing State and AP Testing.

My most important role is being husband to my wife, Brittany, and father to my kids, Eden (11), Levi (9), Selah (6), and Rhema (2). Our favorite things to do are camping, basketball, hiking, and reading. We recently moved from the coast to Atascadero and are excited to get to know this wonderful community!

-Josh Garcia