

Mercedes Ibarra

Mercedes Ibarra has more than two decades of experience in teaching and administration at the elementary and middle school levels. She was the founding principal of Los Angeles Leadership Primary Academy, a charter school, where she started and developed a Spanish dual immersion program with a 90-10 model in northeast Los Angeles for five years.

She has worked as a bilingual teacher, dual immersion teacher, bilingual resource teacher, literacy coach, staff development coordinator, and curriculum coordinator at the site and district level in traditional and charter public schools. Additionally, she has taught Teacher Education courses as an adjunct professor for CSU Dominguez Hills, adult ESL, and served as a BTSA support provider. She has presented for CABC, the California History Social Studies Project, and BTSA. Her commitment to dual immersion extends beyond her professional life as her own children attend dual immersion programs in LA Unified School District.



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