

# ESL Leadership & Literacy

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# STAAR Success U.S. History ESL (RIM2)



**Most Positive  
Experience**

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**12 RIM, year 2 students demonstrated grade-level language and content mastery on their **FIRST** attempt!**

# Recent Immigrant Awards Ceremony



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# “It takes a village” starts with LEADERSHIP



# Social Justice Leadership

Social justice leadership has “no fixed or predictable meanings” (Bogotch, 2002, p. 153). It is elusive, politically charged and truly open to numerous interpretations.



Social justice educational leadership emphasizes the belief that **all students can and will reach proficiency, without exceptions or excuses**, and that schools ought to be organized to advance the equitable learning of all students.

The scholarship of social justice supports the notion that **educational leaders have a social and moral obligation to foster equitable school practices, processes, and outcomes** for learners of different racial, socioeconomic, gender, cultural disability, and sexual orientations backgrounds (Jean-Marie et al., 2009).



# Weslaco East's Keys to Success

- ★ **PLC Structure**
  - Common Planning Time
- ★ **Administrative Support**
  - Social Justice Leadership
- ★ **Access to Technology for All Students**
  - Kurzweil practice for online testing (embedded linguistic accommodations)
- ★ **Increased ESL Certification**  
(across core content areas w/ yearly P.D. stipend requirements)
- ★ **Region One ELL Leadership Academy** ★  
w/ campus-wide turn around



- ★ **Implementation & Consistency**
- ★ **Honest Self-Reflection & Adjustment**

## ★ Empower Students & their Families

- Safe & Genuine Welcoming
- Newcomers Parent Night
- Emotional Support
- Sense of Belonging
- Culturally Responsive Teaching
- Thanksgiving Celebration
- *Lots of* Praise & Encouragement
- End of Year Recognition Ceremony



## ★ Risk-Taking Initiatives

- ELL Intervention Folders
- Data Analysis (DRS) for ALL
- Campus Wide Push for ELL Instruction
- PAL Tutoring
- **Pen Pals**



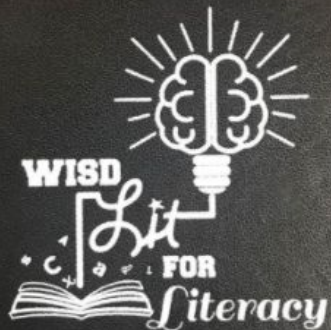
English Language LEARNERS  
**PAL**  
TUTORING  
4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays  
English - 232  
Math - 258  
Science - 701  
Social Studies - 243



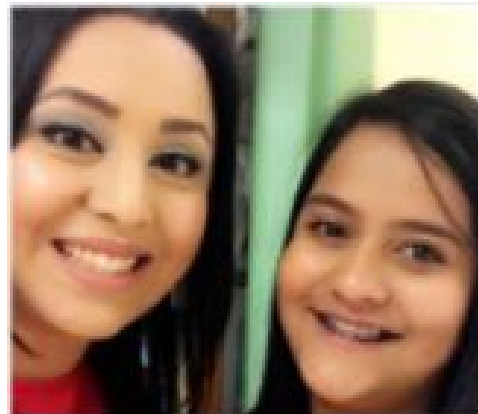
# Mrs. Galvan's Pen Pal Initiative



# Andrea



## Initiative for Years 1 & 2 Recent Immigrants



Dear Ms. Flores

I am a Freshman at Westlaco East High school and this is my first year in school in America. I am from Reynosa Tam and I am living with my parents I have 8 sisters. My mom work as a she states home and my dad work as a customs Broker. My family and I decided that I should come to school in America because to have a better life. When I am not in school I enjoy. I like to sing. Some of my favorite foods are pizza, tacos and tamales. My goal this school year is learning more english.

King Regards,  
Andrea Martinez.

Hi Andrea,

I am so **happy** that you are my pen pal! My family is like your family, from Mexico. I use to live in Progreso Tamaulipas when I was little. I have 6 Sisters and 2 brothers. I do not know how to sing! I hope I can hear you sing soon! What is your favorite song and singer?



*¡Aprendemos juntos y celebramos juntos!*

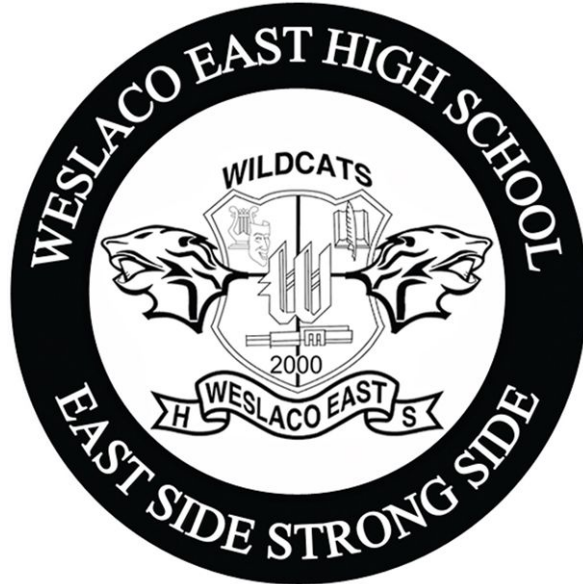


**Teaching ELLs is a privilege!**

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**Region One ESC's Bilingual Directors' Meeting**