

Antonio Martinez, Principal



North Side is proud to have [Antonio Martinez](#) continue to lead North Side. Mr. Martinez has been in education for over 30 years with most of those years serving in an administrative role. Mr. Martinez is a native of Fort Worth and earned his bachelor's degree from TCU and master's degree from Texas Woman's University.

Mr. Martinez not only believes that every child can learn, he believes in encouraging North Side students to continue their education after high school. Keeping busy is not hard for Mr. Martinez, if he is not at school, he is enjoying playing golf, attending football games, staying fit and spending time with his kids.

Manuel De La Cruz, Assistant Principal (10th grade)



[Manuel De La Cruz](#) is from San Antonio, but a product of FWISD. Although he did not graduate from NSHS, he feels right at home with the amazing staff and wonderful students! Mr. De La Cruz started his teaching career in 2000. He has served at various campuses and roles in these last twenty years. But he remains a literacy teacher at heart.

Mr. De La Cruz earned his bachelor's degree from SAGU in 2000 (Waxahachie, TX). In 2019, he completed his principal's certification and master's degree in education leadership at TCU (Go Frogs!). When he's not busy at North Side, it's common to find him drinking coffee, eating peanut M&Ms, and spending time with his family.

Gloria Menchaca, Assistant Principal (11th grade)



[Gloria Menchaca](#) is a North Side graduate for the class of 1990. She received her Bachelor of Science in 1996 from Texas Woman's University in Communication Sciences and Disorders. She received her Master of Science in Deaf Education in August 1998 also from Texas Woman's University. And she received a Principal Certification in 2013 from The University of Texas at Arlington.

Ms. Menchaca was a Teacher for the Deaf for 10 years. She also taught 8th grade English for 4 years, served as an AVID elective teacher/Campus Coordinator, and was Dean of Students for a year.

I am in my 4th year as an administrator and loving every minute. I believe we are lifetime learners, and every moment is a teachable moment we are given opportunity to grow our mind, heart, and spirit.

Paula Pederson, Assistant Principal (12th grade)



After several years as the Girls' Athletic Coordinator at North Side, [Paula Pederson](#) has made the move into the role of assistant principal. She feels that each day on campus as an administrator is better than the day before because North Side has great students, great parents, and an amazing faculty.

Prior to arriving at NSHS she coached and taught at J.P. Elder middle school. Her entire educational career has been in the North Side pyramid, which she says, has been a blessing. She received her bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University and her master's degree in educational leadership from Lamar University. She is also a registered athletic administrator. If she is not at school, she enjoys traveling and spending time with friends and family.

Anel Saldivar, Assistant Principal (9th grade)



[Anel Saldivar](#) is a product of Fort Worth ISD. She earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from Texas A&M – Commerce and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies from the University of Texas in Arlington. She has been an educator in Fort Worth ISD as a teacher, math coach and data analyst. This is her 1st year as an Assistant Principal at North Side High School but her 4th year as an Assistant Principal.

Ms. Saldivar's personal mission is to support and facilitate a community of learners to increase instructional growth, student morale, staff morale and community relationships.