

Vanessa Morales



Vanessa Morales is a Dean of Instruction at YES Prep Public Schools. She began her journey in education when she joined Teach for America in 2012.

She taught 6th and 7th grade Math for 11 years while also serving as Course Facilitator and Curriculum Writer for 5 years with the Mathematics Department allowing her to expand her influence across 17 campuses.

She obtained her Masters of Science in Education from Johns Hopkins University and achieved TIA Recognized Teacher designation in the 2021-2022 school year.

As a first-generation college student, Vanessa understands the pivotal role that education can play in one's life. This has driven her strong desire to serve her community by helping develop the Young Owls Leadership Program (now rebranded to Connectrix), a non-profit college readiness program at Rice she cofounded in 2012.

Vanessa has been enjoying married life as a newlywed and she and her husband are about to celebrate their first wedding anniversary this upcoming November. They are proud dog parents to four pups named Pepper, Spunky, Briscoe, and Balto.

In her free time, she enjoys visiting coffee shops, playing with her pups, and attending football games as she is a proud season ticket holder of the Houston Texans.