Leadership Team Alyssa Rodriguez

Nurturing Knowledge

Hello NKS Families,

My name is Alyssa Rodriguez and I'm excited to be working with Nurturing Knowledge School as the **Education Director** of our School Age Program. I've been with the NKS Team for four years, and have enjoyed every opportunity to learn and grow in my role.

I was raised in Sunnyside, WA, in a small, tightly-knit Hispanic community, and earned my Bachelor of Social Work at Eastern Washington University. I began my career working with teenagers in a substance use disorder inpatient treatment center, and later served as a mental health counselor for at-risk youth in the community. Through all my experiences, I witness children as the capable, empathetic, and loving individuals they are. I enjoy providing a nurturing space of acceptance for them after a long day of school.

In my personal life, I enjoy spending time with my dog, Tucker, and I also love spending time by the water lounging or paddle boarding if it's not too cold! My Grandma is my greatest role model and has done so much to influence my educational philosophies ... her most impactful lesson being to **embrace every student as if they are going to change the world**.

I look forward to welcoming your child and family at NKS, and getting to know their unique, inspiring selves!

Alyssa (she/her)