

Alex Elias Torrez, Ph.D. was named Pflugerville ISD's Superintendent of Schools on Sept. 30, 2013.

At the core of Dr. Torrez's educational philosophy is the belief that all students deserve an exceptional education. Dr. Torrez believes that every student is an individual and all educators have the responsibility to meet each student at their developmental level and provide differentiated instruction to accommodate all learning styles, abilities and interests.

"I believe that the teaching profession has evolved and that as educators we must embrace our changing roles," Dr. Torrez said. "To be an educator in today's society, you must not only be an instructor of content, but it is essential to be a leader, a mentor, a counselor and a champion for relevant meaningful learning."



Dr. Torrez is a committed educator who is also very involved in a variety of national, state and local organizations. He currently serves on the United Providence National Advisory Board, the Prairie View A&M University Education Advisory Council and Longhorn Project Executive Board. In the past he has served on committees for the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP). He has received numerous awards including the Houston Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award, the Community Builder Award in Marble Falls and the TASSP Region 17 Principal of the Year.

Dr. Torrez began his educational career as a junior high and high school history teacher in Lubbock ISD from 1987 through 1992. He then served as an English as a Second Language and Spanish teacher at Denver City High School until 1995. He returned to Lubbock ISD in 1995 where he served as Associate Principal at Lubbock High School from 1995 through 1999 before being named principal at Cavazos Jr. High School. He then served as a high school principal at Marble Falls ISD through 2005.

In 2005, Dr. Torrez was named Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education for Clear Creek ISD, located outside of Houston, where he remained until being hired as Superintendent at Pflugerville ISD in September 2013. During his time at CCISD, he led and supported the performance of 18 secondary principals, with an emphasis on student-centered learning and continued improvement of leadership that enhances student achievement. Also while at CCISD, the district's completion rate rose from 93.9% to 98.7% and the district saw an increase in the number of high schools earning exemplary and recognized ratings from the Texas Education Agency. In 2010, CCISD was the second-largest Exemplary school district in Texas.

Dr. Torrez was born in Lubbock Texas. He received a bachelor of science degree from Lubbock Christian University in 1986. He then earned his master of education mid-management degree from Sul Ross State University in 1995 and his doctorate in educational leadership from Prairie View A&M University in 2011.

Dr. Torrez and his wife, Wresha, have three children: Braden, Max and Klaire.