

## PRIORITY CHARTER SCHOOLS-KILLEEN 405 S. 2<sup>ND</sup> ST, KILLEEN, TX 76548 (254) 449-4262

Dear Students and Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer filled with fun, relaxation, and plenty of time with loved ones. My name is Mr. Gallardo, and I am absolutely thrilled to introduce myself as the new Principal of Priority Charter Schools-Killeen. It is such an honor to join this amazing community, and I cannot wait to meet each and every one of you as we kick off the 2024-2025 school year.

## A Little About Me

I am a proud Texas native, born and raised in Seguin, Texas. After retiring from the military, I pursued my passion for education. I graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and history, and later earned my Master's in Education, focusing on Curriculum and Instruction as well as Administration, from Mary Hardin-Baylor. I have been in the field of education for 9 years now, and I have loved every moment of it. On a personal note, I am blessed with a wonderful and supportive wife, and together we have two incredible children who are both graduates—one from DePaul University and the other from Texas A&M. My family means the world to me, and their support has been instrumental in my journey.

## **Looking Forward to a Great Year**

I am incredibly excited to be part of your child's educational journey. My vision for our school is simple: create a space where students not only excel academically but also feel happy, safe, and valued. We will be focusing on fostering a strong sense of community, encouraging a love of learning, and making sure that every student has the support they need to reach their full potential.

## What is in Store for This Year

Here is a sneak peek at some of the exciting things we have planned:

**Academic Growth:** We will be diving into engaging lessons and activities that challenge and inspire our students. Learning should be fun, and we are going to make sure it is!

**Building Connections:** Communication and collaboration between school and home are key. I am looking forward to working closely with all of you to support your child's growth and success.

**A Supportive Environment:** We are dedicated to making sure every student feels included, supported, and ready to tackle whatever comes their way. We are here to help them thrive, both in and out of the classroom.

I am really looking forward to getting to know all our students and families. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, please know that you are a cherished part of our school family. Together, we are going to make this year one of growth, discovery, and wonderful memories. Thank you so much for your warm welcome and support. Here is to an amazing school year ahead!

With warm regards,

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