



Peekskill City School District
A System Focused on Every Student; Every Day

The Mission of the Peekskill City School District is to educate students in a caring, inspiring environment characterized by a spirit of excellence and high expectations; prepare graduates to meet or exceed standards; graduate students who respect and appreciate cultural diversity; and prepare students to pursue adult lives as contributing citizens of our local and global community.

Mr. Jamal Lewis,
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

My name is Milagros Guzman and I am your child's ENL teacher. I am looking forward to a productive and exciting year at the Peekskill Middle School. The primary goal of the ENL class is to promote the speaking, listening, reading and writing acquisition of English while at the same time enhancing the academic and social performance of all Multilingual learners.

Since I will be working with your precious child during the school day I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I studied at Stony Brook University where I obtained a Bachelor's degree in Linguistics and Spanish with a certification in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). I then acquired my master's degree in Elementary Science at Hunter College. I completed the Bilingual ENL Teacher Leadership Academy at Bank Street and I recently attended Manhattanville College where I acquired a multisensory literacy certificate. I worked nine years in a New York City public school, two years as a sixth grade teacher and seven years as an ESL teacher for grades K-6th. I later worked seven years in White Plains as the Newcomer Class teacher in grades 1st-6th.

Like my students, I also learned English as a new language. I know how important it is to establish a positive environment in which students feel comfortable to ask questions, look for answers and discuss ideas. I want my students to gain confidence in themselves and I know that with your help and the collaboration of the Peekskill teachers we will help your child succeed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may call me at the school or email me at mguzman@peekskillcsd.org. Remember that I am here to help you. I hope to meet you soon.

Sincerely,

Ms. Guzman
ENL Teacher