



Meet the Assistant Principal Karen Pischansky

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Karen Pischansky graduated from the University of Arizona with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Bilingual Endorsement in May 2000, Northern Arizona University with a master's degree in Educational Leadership in December 2004 and the principal certification in May 2006. Currently, she is working on her doctorate program at NAU. Karen is bilingual in English and Spanish.

Ms. Pischansky has been an active and proactive advocate in education to improve the quality of teaching and learning. As a classroom teacher, Ms. Pischansky was instrumental in piloting and implementing the latest research-based teaching practices such as the Third International Math and Science Study (TIMSS), Dr. Tony Wagner's latest research from the Harvard Institute in Leadership Change, the Six Traits of writing, Dr. Eaker's full implementation of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), Dr. Fullan's Leading in a Culture of Change, Dr. R. Marzano's best teaching strategies, and Dr. Howard Glasser's Heart Approach.

Karen has worked in Title I schools with a strong background in utilizing data and continuous work embedded professional development to guide instruction. As a strong advocate for a quality and rigorous education, in collaboration with her colleagues and former administrators, the quality of instruction and learning at Tolson Elementary where she taught for seven years improved from underperforming to highly performing in four years of continuous improvement and work embedded professional development. Prior to become an assistant principal, she worked one year as an instructional coach at the middle school level.

As an educator and instructional leader, Karen is committed to improve teaching and learning. She is passionate about all students and their learning. Her high expectations and commitment to excellence are her standards. Mr. Pischansky also has an "open door" policy, so please come in you are welcome at anytime to share problems, suggestions, ideas, or comments.