



Turnaround Specialist

Margarita Garcia earned her Bachelors degree in Education at the University of Texas at El Paso and her Masters degree in Administration at the University of Texas at Arlington. In 2003, Margarita became the principal of Washington Heights Elementary in Fort Worth, TX, a campus serving a majority of second language learners and over 90% economically disadvantaged students. In the summer of 2004, Margarita joined School Turnaround as a participating principal. At the end of her first year in School Turnaround, Washington Heights was demonstrating significant gains in all academic areas, in some areas more than 40 percentage points. Previous passing rates of less than 50% are now approaching 80-90% in all subjects and all tested grades. Margarita has been a Specialist with School Turnaround since 2006.