

# Meet the Teacher!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Spanish III, IB year 1 and year 2. My name is Marcial Rodriguez and this is my 16th year teaching at ARC. I am really excited to get the school year started and on its way!

To start off, I would like to tell you a little bit about myself both personally and professionally. I am originally from Puerto Rico. I received an associate of science degree in Criminal Justice from Georgia Military College and a BS in Justice Studies from Georgia Southern University. I also studied at Augusta State University where I received a BA degree in Spanish. Lastly, I completed my graduate studies at Southern Wesleyan University where I received a MS degree in Education. I am a trained educator in IB Spanish, ESOL, and Gifted Students. I am also the Department Chair for the World Languages Department. Prior to ARC, I was in Law Enforcement for 14 years working in different specialized divisions in the cities of Augusta and Atlanta. I love to play sports such as soccer, softball, pickleball, swimming, biking and running. I enjoy competing in triathlons and pickleball tournaments. I am the ARC Head Coach for the swimming team and tennis team. I love vacationing anywhere there is a beach and travel the world. I enjoy learning and experiencing new cultures.

I would like to work closely together with you, and I believe frequent communication is vital. If you ever need to get hold of me please use REMIND or email. My school email address is RodriMa@richmond.k12.ga.us. I will try to return all emails at the end of the school day. Please make sure to sign up for the REMIND text service!

I am looking forward to having a wonderful school year with both you and your child!

Mr. Rodriguez

