

## Carina Ponce - Oklahoma



Carina Ponce is the 2024-2025 Oklahoma Foreign Language Teacher Association Teacher of the Year. As the sole Spanish teacher and world languages facilitator in her district, located in the rural town of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, Carina brings passion and innovation to her classroom. She makes learning engaging, fun, and meaningful by using teaching methods that connect language learning to tangible cultural elements, showing students the real-world value of their education.

Carina has presented workshops on the importance of using authentic resources and fostering cultural awareness. Her sessions inspire fellow educators to create meaningful and dynamic learning experiences. Beyond the classroom, she mentors students, leads the Spanish club, and actively contributes to her school community through the career day and staff professional development committees.

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