

My name is Stella Torres. I was born and raised in Albuquerque. In 1975, I married Armando Torres. We have two children, Amanda and Angelica.

All of my education was received in Albuquerque. As a child, I attended Alamosa and Lavaland Elementary. I also attended John Adams Junior High School and West Mesa High School. After graduating from West Mesa in 1971, I attended the University of New Mexico. My major was Elementary Education with a minor in Bilingual Education. In May 1975, I received my Bachelor's degree from U.N.M. In 1981, I received my Master's degree, with an emphasis in reading, from the University of New Mexico.

In the fall of 1975, I began teaching sixth grade at Dolores Gonzales Elementary. After one year at Dolores Gonzales, I transferred to Mountain View Elementary, where I taught for 18 years. During my time at Mountain View, I taught second, third and fourth grade. I also was a Title I Reading teacher and a Bilingual Resource teacher.

In 1994, I transferred to Valle Vista Elementary. During my eleven years there, I was a Title I Reading teacher and a Bilingual Resource teacher. In May of 2005, I decided to retire after 30 years of service.

In August of 2006, I was hired to teach at Christine Duncan Community Charter School as a classroom teacher. During the 2006-2007 school year, I taught second and third grade. This year, 2007-2008, I am teaching third and fourth grade in a full inclusion classroom at Christine Duncan.