



Viana Armstrong, M.Ed. is a long-time Practical Parent Educator. She began working with PPE in 1992. Viana retired in 2020 and is currently working full-time as the Emergent Bilingual Supervisor for Stellar Virtual Schools. She supports teachers and students of Emergent Bilinguals in the Stellar Virtual ESL program. She is a Practical Parent Education Trainer and has coordinated PPE programs in 4 districts over the past 30 years in both English and Spanish.

As a retired educator, Viana holds a bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University and is certified in Early Childhood-Sixth Grade, ESL and Bilingual. She has a Masters' Degree from Texas Woman's University in Supervision in Bilingual and ESL Programs. In her 33-year career, she has taught in general education, bilingual, dual language and ESL programs with students ranging from Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. She has been a Bilingual & ESL Coordinator for two districts and a virtual school in the past 9 years.

Viana was also an Adjunct Professor for Texas A&M University Commerce for nine years. She is a fierce advocate for English Learners in ESL and Bilingual/Dual Language programs. She loved working with teacher education candidates.

In her spare time, Viana is a painter of chairs! She loves creating chairs for her clients and has done projects ranging from The Cat in the Hat to The Very Hungry Caterpillar. She is also the proud wife to Greg Armstrong for the past 31 years (and counting) and the proud mom to two Special Education teachers, Cristian & Kendyll, in Tyler ISD. She also loves her fur babies, Allie Oops and Slater.

Viana's enthusiastic and passionate personality has made her a sought-after speaker at conferences across Dallas/Fort Worth. She has presented at many conferences, moderated and participated on panel discussions for the Region 10 Educational Service Center, BEAM Conference and TAMU Virtual Texas Education Summit and more. She has been interviewed for the Boosting Achievement Podcast.

Career Highlights and Professional Certification include:

- Master's Degree in Supervision in Bilingual & ESL programs with an emphasis on Mentoring/Teacher Training, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas
- Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood-Sixth Grade, Kindergarten Endorsement and ESL certification, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
- Bilingual Certified
- Certified Parent Educator
- Presenter, Texas A&M University, Eco-Resilience Virtual Summit
- Panelist and Moderator: Region 10 Bilingual & ESL Annual Symposium
- Podcast: Boosting Achievement: The ESL Podcast, Family Engagement
- Presenter, National Best Practices Conference
- Starting a 2-way Dual Language program in Waxahachie ISD
- Conducting the first Spanish Spelling Bee in Waxahachie ISD