## Elizabeth Espino

## IPC/ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher

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Ms. Elizabeth Espino graduated cum laude from Philippine Normal University, Philippines with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. The scholarship program at De La Salle University, Philippines, offered for professional advancement in teaching has given her the opportunity to earn her masteral units in teaching science.

She holds a Texas teaching certificate in Physical Science and ESL (6-12).

Ms. Espino came to the United States in the year 2000 to help fill in teachers of high need. She is honored to have served the Houston Independent School District for 17 years. As a science teacher, she aims for her students to learn science through inquiry and discovery approach. Rather than spoon-feed them with facts, she encourages her students to explore the concept through experiential learning.

Ms. Espino has received various awards and recognition including the KBR science teacher of the year, HAABSE campus teacher award, and consistent yearly award for highly effective teacher. She served as a "First thing first "facilitator, a mentor to new teachers and ESL facilitator in the district. Her enthusiasm for teaching excellence has not waned but rather continuous to be re-energized every school year. Her record of accolades is an impetus for an even more productive year and has not diminished her personal and professional growth at all.

Ms. Espino is excited to have this opportunity to teach at Baylor College of medicine at Ryan. She is very grateful for this teaching assignment that will strengthen more of her skills as an educator in countless immeasurable ways.