

Jose G. Figueroa

Mr. Figueroa is a life-long Houstonian who grew up in Third Ward, so teaching at BCMA at James D. Ryan Middle School is like coming home for him. During his grade school years, he lived in a red brick apartment building on Rosalie Street with his mother and two younger sisters. He attended J. Will Jones Elementary (it's now the Houston Academy for International Studies HISD charter school), also on Elgin Street. Then Mr. Figueroa went on to become a "purple pup" in the Vanguard Program at Lanier Middle School. He graduated from the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) with a Concentration in Visual Art. Mr. Figueroa has a Bachelor of Arts in Art & Art History, Economics, and Psychology from Rice University. He is bilingual in English and Spanish. Besides teaching and making Art, Mr. Figueroa's passions include dancing to local bands, going to plays and movies, and running. He is looking forward to traveling to exotic places in the near future. Mr. Figueroa's hero is his mother Maria, whom he credits for all his success in life.