

## Jesus Calderon- Assistant Principal

My name is Jesus Calderon and I am delighted to be your new assistant Principal here at Osan American High School. I was born in Zacatecas, Mexico and moved to Los Angeles, California when I was eight years old. I joined the Marine Corps after completing High School. Once my tour of duty was complete, I began college at Cal State Fullerton. I majored in Criminal Justice with the idea of becoming a police officer. Shortly after graduation, I joined my younger brother in the teaching profession at Long Beach Unified School District in California. I enjoyed teaching immensely but still dreamt of becoming a police officer in order to serve the community. I moved out of state and began a career in law enforcement. It was a very rewarding profession. While on patrol, I often passed schools and remembered the wonderful times and the excitement I felt as I watched students grow and learn.

I spent six years as a police officer before deciding to make the move back into the classroom. I taught Kindergarten then fourth grade at Judson Independent School District in San Antonio, Texas. I continued teaching at the elementary level while taking coursework at University of Texas at San Antonio to become a school administrator. I completed the coursework and shortly after began work as an administrator. I served as an administrator at Judson ISD for seven years before making the move to DoDEA. One of my college professors was a retired DoDEA school principal who spoke about the difference that she made in the lives of our servicemen's children. She explained the challenges, the rewards, and the close communities. She encouraged me to apply for a position at DoDEA. I applied and was fortunate to be offered a job at Camp Casey Elementary School as an Assistant Principal. I am now looking forward to this new challenge serving as the assistant principal here at Osan American High School.