

Joaquin Sanchez is a High School Math and Special Education teacher at South Valley Academy. Joaquin moved there from teaching at Robert F. Kennedy Charter High School, a public charter school that serves children in the South Valley who have been kicked out or are not being served well by traditional public schools. Before that, Joaquin worked as a professional community organizer for 20 years in Texas, California and New Mexico with the Industrial Areas Foundation, the oldest and largest organizing network in the United States. Joaquin started his career out of college as a civil and structural engineer for 7 years in California and Texas. Joaquin's vocation has been to work with faith institutions and school communities who prioritize families and neighborhoods placed at the margins of society. Mr. Sanchez graduated from U.C. Berkeley with a B.S in Civil Engineering in 1991 and an M.S. in Structural Engineering in 1995. Mr. Sanchez is married to Alicia Hernandez Sanchez and has two sons, Josue Maclovio, a graduate of Valley High School and Isaac, a junior at RFK Charter High School.