



DR. LILLIAN GONZALEZ

Dr. Lillian Gonzalez served as Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity from 1994 – 1999

Born in Brooklyn, NY, Dr. Gonzalez moved to Puerto Rico with her family at age 11. She returned to the United States after getting a bachelor's in Psychology in 1966 from the International American University in San German, Puerto Rico.

Dr. Lillian Gonzalez began her career as a teacher in 1971 in South Bronx, NY, helping students with special needs, difficult circumstances, and English language learners. She earned a master's degree in special education from City College of New York in 1974. In her final position with the New York school system, Dr. Gonzalez oversaw the evaluation and placement of 30,000 special education students in Manhattan. Dr. Gonzalez left the New York school system in 1987 to pursue a doctoral degree at George Washington University.

Prior to joining DoDEA, Dr. Gonzalez served as the deputy superintendent for three years of the Baltimore City Public School System; and prior to that she had served as assistant superintendent for Special Populations in the District of Columbia Public School System.

By the time she assumed the position of Director of DoDEA, Dr. Gonzalez had earned a distinguished record of service at three major public school systems in the United States, and was known as a leader with a demonstrated commitment to educational excellence for diverse student populations.