



ECBS Counselor Spotlight – Justine Powell – School of Dreams Academy

“Embracing S.T.E.A.M”

Q: Why do you enjoy working with high school students to develop and discover their academic choices, skills, and strengths?

A: I find great fulfillment in collaborating with high school students, assisting them in honing their academic preferences, cultivating their talents, and understanding their strengths. This passion is deeply rooted in the profound impact that my own high school educators and mentors had on me. Embracing the opportunity to play a pivotal role in the lives of these students allows me to guide them through the process of defining their aspirations and navigating the vast array of potential career avenues available to them. Contributing to their journey of self-discovery and goal-setting is a privilege I treasure immensely, as I draw inspiration from being a supportive presence in their formative years.

Q: As you look at your student population, how does the EEDW project bring value to School of Dreams Academy?

A: At School of Dreams Academy, EEDW plays a crucial role in inspiring students to delve into the exciting world of information technology, fostering a sense of curiosity and passion for tech exploration among the student body.

Q: In assisting students in choosing pathways, how needed are IT positions in the city of Valencia or Los Lunas?

A: IT is an essential pathway in Valencia County due to our rapid growth and increasing population in the area.