

Dr. José Agustín Ruiz-Escalante is a professor of Bilingual Education. He has taught courses dealing with bilingual education and cultural diversity in our schools as well as in society. His goal is to bring a better cultural understanding between the different groups that make up American. He believes that only through a sincere dialogue among the different groups we are going to learn to live and work together in harmony.

Dr. Ruiz-Escalante has a strong commitment to the establishment of dual language education programs in our public schools. It is through this type of a program that second language learners will fully developed academically. Dual language education will even the playing field for students that English is not their native language. This program will help schools close the achievement gap between white students and Latino students.

Dr. Ruiz-Escalante has the reputation on bringing into the classroom the last research findings and practices in the field of bilingual education. He also utilizes technology to augment his courses. He also has a reputation to make his classes cultural sensitive. One of his main goals is for students to understand the society in which they live.

Dr. Ruiz-Escalante obtained his Doctorate of Education from the University of Washington in Seattle; his doctorate is in Policy, Governance and Administration with a minor Bilingual Multicultural Education. He received his Master of Education in Bilingual Multicultural Education and his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Latin American Studies from the University of Arizona in Tucson.