

Lifting Up Arab American

and SSWANA Staff Voices

Berkeley
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Berkeley High School
Instructional Assistant SPED II

Favorite food:

Kabobs and Various Meats

What I love about working at BUSD:

Working with and supporting students with various classroom and community tasks.

What I love doing when not working:

Cooking, Shopping, and Meeting with friends for coffee

"I came to the United States from Lebanon in 1998 after getting married to my late husband. Prior to leaving Lebanon I worked as a teacher, where I supported students with classroom and community tasks.

"I have two sons, who were BUSD students and attended Le Conte (now Sylvia Mendez) Elementary, Willard Middle, and Berkeley High Schools. My sons now study at San Francisco State University majoring in Sociology and Business. In 2012, my husband passed away and I had to work hard to help my sons in meeting their needs to ensure their academic success.

"I have been employed as an Instructional Assistant at Berkeley High School since 2016 where I have the pleasure and joy to work with students in the special education department to ensure their needs are met."

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