

# Jonathan Cruz Colon

## Assignment

Grades 1-6 SPED, BLLA  
Senecal

## Mentor

Anna Maria Leone-Tobar

## Supervisor

Jacqueline

Mr. Cruz is a dedicated teacher who uses his bilingualism and bi-culturalism to establish meaningful connections with his students. He understands that his role is to support students, not only in their academic learning but also in their social-emotional development. Utilizing skills in both English and Spanish, he makes content accessible, and meaningful to his students. Mr. Cruz uses personal connections and culturally relevant references to areas of Puerto Rico, or to distinct aspects of culture with which students are able to connect. These connections help to strengthen his rapport with students, engaging them, and motivating them as learners.