

Magdalena (Lena) Grifaldo, M.Ed.

Dean of Instruction Lower Elementary

Magdalena (Lena) Grifaldo was born and reared in Dallas, Texas. Ms. Grifaldo received her undergraduate degree from Barnard College in New York, NY.

In her early career, Ms. Grifaldo served in the Teach For America (TFA) Corps. TFA Corps members teach for at least two years in low-income schools across the United States. Immediately following her service with TFA she pursued and graduated with honors from the University of Central Oklahoma with a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership.

Prior to joining ASTEC, Ms. Grifaldo worked for the Oklahoma State Department of Education as an Early Childhood Specialist and taught pre-kindergarten and kindergarten at Santa Fe South Schools.

Ms. Grifaldo remains involved and connected to Teach For America and the greater Oklahoma City community by serving as board chair for the TFA OKC region's Alumni Board.

Outside of work, Ms. Grifaldo enjoys home gardening, visiting local restaurants and businesses, and catching up on the newest television series. She lives in southwest Oklahoma City with her husband and two cats.

