

**Katerina Papachristou-Chiotis** joined the Holy Cross Greek in 1995. Her primary interest and professional experience lies in the field of lower and higher education. She holds a Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education from University of Crete in Greece, a Masters in Special Education, Moderate/Severe Disabilities from SFSU as well as a Certificate of Teaching the Greek Language as a second language from Aristotle University in Greece. She has also obtained experience of teaching students with special needs, moderate/severe disabilities when she was conducting her Master Degree in Special Education at San Francisco State University.

In **2003** she designed and implemented for the first time an immerse program for Greek speaking students and another one for English speaking so the school took a new direction with the addition of the pre-school program and increase in school days and hours. With more than 25 years in classroom experience, and the strong passion to educate young minds and help them blossom into well-rounded, responsible, and successful individuals, she is a valuable asset to the Holy Cross Greek School. Married with 3 daughters who successfully attended the Greek immerse program for 9 years continuously and speak fluently the Greek language.

**Specialties:** Curriculum design, bilingual education, immerse program, Special Education, education/history, literacy education, Greek language learner education, editing, creative writing.

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