



**Healing Waters Learning Center**  
**6475 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80214**  
**Grades: k-12**  
**Director: Priscilla Delgado**

Established in 2005, Healing Waters Learning Center (Healing Waters) is located in the Northwest Denver community of Wheat Ridge. Hope Online at Healing Waters serves many students who were unsuccessful in their previous schools.

Healing Waters Director, Priscilla Delgado, has a unique understanding of her students and their struggles. “I understand the challenges the students are facing,” says Ms. Delgado. “It wasn’t that long ago that I was in their shoes, so I can identify with their problems and help them find the right solutions to be successful.”

Most of the middle and high school-aged students enrolled in Hope Online at Healing Waters are behind grade-level and need extra guidance and support. “These students were lost in the system; I don’t think they would have learned the skills they need to be successful at the next level without Hope Online. Besides their academic challenges, some students also struggle with the consequences of poor choices made outside of school,” explains Ms. Delgado.

Hope Online assesses students’ skills and then offers them the opportunity to learn and become proficient at their grade level. “Students work through the lessons of the individual learning plan provided by their highly qualified Hope Online teacher. The combination of each students’ ability to work at their own pace and one-on-one support from their mentor cultivates student academic success.” Ms. Delgado adds, “If the younger students in the Learning Center stay on track, they will likely be candidates for early graduation down the road.”

Evidence of Hope Online’s effectiveness is demonstrated by the academic and social progress students’ display. For example, after one semester, two kindergarten students who spoke only Spanish at the beginning of the year, now speak and read English. According to Ms. Delgado, Hope Online’s audio and visual curriculum exercises are instrumental to student learning, especially in the areas of language and phonics.

While Hope Online students are working to achieve academic success, Ms. Delgado attributes a great deal of their improvement to their Hope Online teacher and Learning Center mentors who are instrumental in helping the students develop academically, emotionally, and socially. “We are all committed to supporting students as they build a solid foundation for a successful future. We need to continue providing the necessary guidance for students to believe in themselves. Hope Online students at Healing Waters are not allowed to say ‘I can’t.’ We know our students can achieve success with hard work and a safe, supportive learning environment.”

## **Learning Center Administration**

**Priscilla Delgado - Director**

## **Hope Online Teacher**

**Melinda Hindley – Hope Online Teacher**

Melinda Hindley is a gifted and highly skilled Colorado licensed teacher with over ten years of experience in the classroom. She takes an interest in each of her students, actively helps those who are struggling, and collaborates with students in community service projects and organizations. Ms. Hindley brings a variety of experiences and a vast knowledge of the dynamics needed to help students build a solid foundation of academics. Ms. Hindley graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Boston University in Boston, MA and a Certificate for Secondary Education with endorsements in English and History from Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI.