## Olga Kazianis, M.S.Ed, M.I.A.



Olga Kazianis has been in public service since graduating from NYU with a BA in Politics in 1984 and then from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs with an MIA in 1987. After a career in Greece as the Head of International Relations for a local Chamber of Commerce and Industry, she decided to change her focus to serving the education field.

Since 2015, Ms. Kazianis has returned to the U.S. and,

after receiving a Master of Science in Education degree from Long Island University, has been teaching in her two certification areas – Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages and Social Studies. Currently a public-school teacher in the Bronx, she is particularly interested in culturally responsive teaching, providing multilingual learners with equitable access to mainstream curriculums, family and community outreach, as well as incorporating diverse instructional resources in her teaching methodologies.

Born in New York and raised in a Greek-American household, Ms. Kazianis completed her elementary and secondary school studies in the parochial schools of the Hellenic community. She grew up bilingual and raised her own children to appreciate languages, education and diverse cultures.