

GET TO KNOW OUR TCSS ADMINISTRATORS



Dr. Kimberly Lavender, Principal, Matthews Elementary

Where are you from? Carrollton, Alabama

Where did you attend college? Stillman College, University of West Alabama, Samford University

What led you to a career in education?

I come from a family of educators...my mom and several aunts. I've always been some what of a teacher/leader. I work well with people, I'm responsible, and I want to succeed in anything that I do. I truly believe my mission in life is to help others, and education allows me to do that.

Before becoming a school administrator, what positions did you hold in education?

6th Grade Teacher, Kindergarten Teacher, 3rd Grade Teacher, Math Interventionist, Assistant Principal

Who was a teacher or administrator who made an impact on you when you were in school?

Mrs. Luse, my kindergarten teacher, had a huge impact on me. She has such a caring and loving spirit. She loved my mom and my entire family. Mrs. Luse was patient and made my first year of school an exciting experience.

For you, what's the most rewarding aspect of being an educator or administrator?

What is most rewarding for me is when students come back to me years later and tell me about the impact that I had on them when they were in my classroom. I was contacted by a student this past spring and he wanted me to come to his high school graduation. He said that I was his favorite teacher and he wanted to take a picture with me at his graduation. My heart just melted.

How many years have you served in education?

19.5, all with TCSS.