

MELISSA SKINNER  
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Melissa Skinner, the new Chief Academic Officer, is a distinguished educator with twenty-five years of experience in education. Her dedication to student achievement has been a lifelong commitment. She started her educational career teaching kindergarten, first grade, and as a trained Reading Recovery teacher. She has experience as a campus administrator, both Assistant Principal and Principal, as well as a district level administrator charged with roles as Specialist, Instructional Coach, Coordinator of Elementary, Director of School Improvement and Curriculum and Instruction, Director of High School, Director of Literacy, and Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction and most currently Executive Director of Strategic Coaching and Literacy. Melissa has also worked with the TEA READ grant to pilot the HB3 Reading Academies as well as a Trained TEA Reading Cohort Leader.

Mrs. Skinner has a Bachelor's degree from Northwestern State University, a Master's degree from Southeastern LA. University, and will soon earn a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Teaching. Mrs. Skinner's educational background and personal experiences have helped shape her philosophy of education. Mrs. Skinner believes all students are capable of learning at the highest level possible, and self-efficacy, grit, agency, and possessing a growth-mindset will leverage future success in our global society.

Mrs. Skinner has been married to her husband, Michael, for twenty-six years. She has two children, Brinkley, who went to be with the Lord last year, and Carter, a 17-year-old Senior.



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