

I began my career at Parkway School in 2007, as a 8th grade math and science teacher. I immediately made it my goal to make a positive impact on every student I served. During my time at Parkway, I had the opportunity to work with amazing educators that inspired and supported me. I was able to take on some teacher leadership roles in the school, including School Improvement Team Chair and Professional Learning Community Facilitator. These experiences led me to pursue a Master's degree in School Administration from Appalachian State University in 2012. After completing my degree, I was eager to move into an Administrator role to make a greater impact. I was hired as the Assistant Principal at Davenport A+ Elementary in Caldwell County in 2015. Taking on this new role was exciting and quite a learning experience. Going from teaching middle school to an elementary school administrator brought on many new challenges. I quickly learned you can't negotiate with a kindergartener, bandaids fix everything, and to expect the unexpected when it comes to buses. Being an assistant principal in an elementary school was an adventure filled with unexpected laughs, special moments, and plenty of unforgettable experiences.

Two years later, I was promoted to a Principalship at West Lenoir Elementary. In that role, I was able to serve a diverse group of students and make lifelong connections with the community. In 2018, I was honored to be the Principal of Year for Caldwell County Schools(CCS). I served the students, staff and community of West Lenoir for three years before becoming the Exceptional Children's Director in Caldwell County in July of 2020. During my time as an Exceptional Children's Director, I was responsible for advocating for and ensuring that approximately 1,700 students receive the accommodations, instruction, services, and equipment they need to access their education. I had not planned to leave that role until I saw the Hardin Park Principal position was open. As a 20 year resident of Watauga County, I jumped at the opportunity to serve in this district. I feel so fortunate to be chosen as the Principal of Hardin Park in August of 2023. Being at Hardin Park has been a dream job for me, I feel truly blessed to be part of the school community. My goal is to continue to ensure Hardin Park is an welcoming, inclusive, and positive environment for all students and families.

