

Dr. Lance Evans

Dr. Lance Evans is currently the Superintendent of Schools for the New Albany School District. Over the past 24 years as an educator, he has served in the roles of teacher, coach, assistant principal, elementary principal and high school principal.

During his time as superintendent at the New Albany School District, the district has experienced continuous growth in all academic areas. New Albany School District has received an A rating for the past five years. Currently, the district ranks among the top 10% in Mississippi in overall academic performance. New Albany School District has also increased its graduation rate by 13.5% to its current graduation rate of 95.5%.

Additionally, Dr. Evans has implemented a systematic workforce development program in the district. To accomplish this goal, he employed a multistep process with an emphasis on Career and Technical Education (CTE). This process included the following components to achieve the mission:

- Dual credit CTE course offerings with the local community college
- Student internship program (IMPACTO)
- Career exploration labs at the elementary, middle, and high schools
- Career coaches at the middle school and high school grade levels
- Formation of workforce development consortium with the neighboring school district
- Construction of the New Albany Center for Innovation

Dr. Evans' leadership skills have earned him several recognitions. Most recently, he was selected as the 2023 Mississippi Superintendent of the Year. In 2015, he was named the Mississippi Principal of the Year. Additionally, Dr. Evans has served on the boards of Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS), Mississippi Association of School Administrators (MASA) and the Governing Board for the American Association of School Administrators (AASA). He is also a member of the local Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club.

Dr. Evans believes innovation is a key component to educating students of the 21st century. In order to accomplish the monumental task of educating students of today, a multifaceted approach is essential to ensure the success of all students. Dr. Evans also believes all students do not define success the same way, and it is the responsibility of educators to create pathways to success with no dead ends for students.

Dr. Evans earned his doctorate degree from Delta State University, his master's degree from the University of Mississippi, and his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University.

Dr. Evans and his wife, Brandy, have two children, Katie and Landon. Katie is a sophomore in college, and Landon is a freshman in high school.