

Frederick L. Briggs, Ed.D.



Dr. Frederick L. Briggs is a graduate and twenty-three-year career-long employee of Wicomico County Public Schools serving the students, parents, staff, and community as a teacher, athletic coach, administrator, and currently the Chief Academic Officer.

After graduating from Parkside High, he attended Salisbury State University, earning a bachelor's degree in Mathematics. He went on to earn his Master of Education in School Administration and his Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Contemporary Curriculum Theory and Instruction: Literacy from Salisbury University. He began his career with Wicomico County Public Schools teaching mathematics at Wicomico High before serving as the school's Dean of Students and Assistant Principal. Following his time at Wi-Hi, he served as Principal at Bennett Middle, Mardela Middle and High, and James M. Bennett High. He has been serving as the district's Chief Academic Officer for the past five years.

Dr. Briggs is an instructional leader focused on assisting all students in achieving academic success while preparing them to reach their maximum potential. He currently leads the Division of Instruction, focusing on continuous improvement in all areas while maintaining the priority of effective and innovative programming for teaching and learning. Under his leadership, changes to enhance the delivery of services for English Language Learners, the expansion of pre-K opportunities for the youngest students, and the creation of Wicomico's first signature school, Project Lead the Way-Gateway, have been accomplished.

Valuing the importance of collaboration and stakeholder feedback, Dr. Briggs has focused on strategic communication with students, parents, staff, and community members while serving in his various capacities. He demonstrates this commitment by having an open-door policy, valuing both praises and concerns, seeking out multiple perspectives, and taking appropriate action to make positive changes. He not only interacts with students and staff during the school day but can frequently be found at both internal and external events such as the African American symposium, the MD Civics and Law Academy, the Youth Environmental Action Summit, arts integration celebrations, United Way events, Special Olympics competitions, high school sports contests, fine arts performances, and many more.

Over the last several years, Dr. Briggs has been instrumental in navigating the many complexities of the pandemic and virtual learning, including coordinating the purchase of appropriate technology to support students and staff, achieving the long-sought-after goal of a laptop for every student. He also guided the submission of many grants bringing extra resources into schools, including a million-dollar innovation grant to create technology-enhanced classrooms to accommodate distance learning.

Dr. Briggs is a transparent and visionary leader who remains focused on providing the necessary support for students of all backgrounds to meet with academic success. The creation of the Newcomers Program to assist in the transition of students new to the country, and the increase of students from underrepresented student populations enrolling in rigorous Advanced Placement courses, are successes that helped him to receive an Outstanding School System Administrator in Gifted and Talented Education Award from the Maryland Gifted and Talented Advisory Council.

Community engagement is a priority for Dr. Briggs. He currently serves on the board of Horizons Delmarva and is a past board member for both the United Way of Lower Eastern Shore and the Salisbury United Soccer Club. He is a Kindness Commissioner for #KindSBY and is a member of the Salisbury Elks Lodge. He lives in Salisbury with his wife, Kristen (a Wicomico County teacher), and children Ella and Owen, who attend Wicomico County Public Schools.