

Dr. Lance Evans
State Superintendent of Education

Dr. Lance Evans began serving as Mississippi's State Superintendent of Education in July 2024. In his more than two-decade career as an educator, he has served as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, elementary principal, high school principal, and superintendent of schools for the New Albany School District.

During his seven-year tenure as superintendent in New Albany, the district experienced continuous growth in all academic areas while implementing a districtwide workforce development program. Under Dr. Evans' leadership, New Albany School District received an A rating for six consecutive years, ranked among the top 10% in Mississippi in overall academic performance, and increased its graduation rate from 82% to 95.5%.

Dr. Evans' awards include the 2023 Mississippi Superintendent of the Year and the 2015 Mississippi Principal of the Year. He has served on the boards of Mississippi Association of School Superintendents, the Mississippi Association of School Administrators, and the Governing Board for the American Association of School Administrators.

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

He and his wife Brandy have two children, Katie, a college senior, and Landon, a high school junior.