



Dr. Michael J. O'Guin, Sr.

**Superintendent of Schools
Wharton ISD**



Michael J. O'Guin, Sr., became superintendent of schools for Wharton ISD in June 2020. He is an experienced, servant leader with more than two decades' worth of experience in education improving academic achievement, enriching student experiences, building bridges among teacher and staff teams, reducing disciplinary problems and absenteeism, embracing parent and community involvement, and fostering a championship mindset for all.

Dr. O'Guin began his career in education in Fort Bend ISD in 2000 as a social studies teacher, coach, and team leader. In 2008, he was selected as the athletic director and head football coach for Van Vleck ISD, where he more than tripled student participation by boys and girls on sports teams and helped most advance to post-season playoffs. In 2010, Dr. O'Guin returned to the classroom as a teacher at Galveston ISD and again at Fort Bend ISD.

In 2013, Dr. O'Guin entered his first school leadership roles at Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, serving first as a campus instructional specialist, and then as a middle school assistant principal, and the principal of the 9th Grade Academy. From 2016-2018, he served as the high school principal in Nacogdoches ISD. During this time, he was able to increase academic achievement scores, improve student attendance, and dramatically reduce student discipline referrals – by more than half at Nacogdoches High School and seven-fold during one semester at his campuses in Cypress-Fairbanks.

In 2018, Dr. O'Guin was hired by Hays CISD as a deputy academic officer, which is a senior leadership position equivalent to assistant superintendent. In Hays CISD, he managed two high schools, as well as multiple middle and elementary schools. He also served as the interim chief academic officer for a time, during which he was responsible for the academic leadership of the entire 21,000-student, 25-campus school district. Under his leadership at Hays CISD, all five of the elementary campuses for which he was responsible earned distinctions. And, two of the three secondary campuses under his direction improved their A-F accountability scores. Before the 2020 COVID-19 crisis that suspended the state's accountability system, every campus under Dr. O'Guin's management was demonstrating increases in student achievement based on standardized district curriculum assessments. In addition to academic success, Dr. O'Guin's Hays CISD campuses all showed attendance improvements and reductions in discipline referrals.

“All of my varied experiences in the educational field have afforded me opportunities to have a positive effect on students. Student achievement and success in the classroom continues to be a

driving force for me every day,” said Dr. O’Guin. “I am a self-motivated leader who is committed to ensuring that all students have opportunities to be successful and reach their full potential. My leadership skills, ability to effectively communicate, and my ability to relate to all students are assets that have helped me achieve success as an educator.”

Dr. O’Guin’s experience includes working and excelling in both small and large school environments. He specializes in budget and process development, school improvement, establishing procedures and protocols to create sustained success, implementing instructional frameworks proven through research to increase student engagement and achievement, utilizing best practices, and developing cultures of high expectations that lead to success.

Prior to beginning his career as an educator in 2000, Dr. O’Guin worked at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for 11 years, where he worked his way to the rank of a captain.

Dr. O’Guin holds his Doctorate of Educational Administration and his Master of Educational Administration, both from Texas Southern University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in History, with a minor in English, from Sam Houston State University – Class of 1994. He holds a public school finance accounting certification from the Texas Association of School Business Officials. And, he is credentialed by the Texas State Board for Educator Certification as a superintendent, principal, and teacher.

Dr. O’Guin is a native of Livingston, Texas where he attended elementary, primary, junior high, and high school where he graduated in 1988. Dr. O’Guin has been married to his wife Janice (graduate of Sam Houston State University) for 29 years and they have two children, Michael Jr. (a graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, and currently a graduate assistant football coach at Notre Dame University), and Jhanae (a graduate of Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, TX, B.S. Psychology, and the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, a Masters of Public Health Administration) is a second-year medical student at St. Georges University in the Caribbean.