

Introducing Superintendent Aaron Collins

In June of 2020, the Board of Education selected Aaron Collins as Superintendent of Metro Technology Center.

In the 20 years prior to his appointment, Mr. Collins held educational positions across Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, and Arkansas. He coached basketball and softball and taught middle school math, high school history, and college communication courses. Collins then served as assistant principal and principal before being named superintendent of schools in Fulton, Kentucky.

While in Fulton County, he led workforce development initiatives to create the nationally recognized Four Rivers Career Academy. Offering full day programs for middle and high school students, FRCA also trains adults and offers dual credit opportunities through a partnership with Murray State University. Additionally, Collins created a Welding Certificate Program for Fulton County Detention Center inmates.

During his tenure as Superintendent of Fulton County Schools, Collins added new preschool classrooms to the district and saw kindergarten readiness climb to the top 85th percentile in the state. In 2020 he was awarded the Regional Educators President's Award from West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Oklahoma holds a special place in the heart of Collins and his wife Chantelle. Aaron's journey for excellence in education began at Oklahoma Christian University (OC). He completed his student teaching at Millwood Elementary School in northeast Oklahoma City, received a B.S. in Education from OC, and then received the University's School of Education Distinguished Alumni Award in 2014. Of his return to Oklahoma, Collins says, "Being here is like coming home."

Superintendent Collins has an M.S. and Ed.S. from Tennessee Technological University and he is completing his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Administration at Tennessee State University.

In summing up his leadership philosophy, Collins emphasizes the distinct areas of lifelong learning offered at Metro Tech. "We gratefully serve in the city center of the state's capital at one of the largest career techs in Oklahoma. We are One Metro Tech. We work together to serve students, business clients, partners and our community. With such a wide variety of services, we demonstrate daily that we are invested in lifelong learning. From Head Start to middle and high school programs,

to our adult programs, to leadership training at our downtown business campus, we are #MT4LIFE!”

Metro Tech staff have quickly embraced Collins’ enthusiastic leadership and regular visits to their campuses, where he hosts a YouTube show called “Weekly Wrap Up.” He has not missed a week in his regular communications, and it has changed the culture dramatically. The 10 minute program features the work and passion of staff, students and businesses in Metro Tech’s service area. He often ends the show with “It’s a great day at Metro Tech!”

Aaron, his wife Chantelle, and their children Caleb, Daniel, Abigail, and Lydia are enjoying life in Oklahoma City. In his free time, Collins likes to jog, play basketball, and travel with his family.