

Joel Jones

My name is Joel Jones, I am currently serving as dean of students for McGavock High School in Nashville, Tennessee. Currently I am finishing up year 24 in education with the last five years in administration. Starting in fifth grade I had the opportunity to join the school band in Archer City, Texas. Music, especially the tuba, became my passion. I auditioned and made the Mississippi All-State Band in 1991 and was an all-state musician each year afterwards. In my junior year I decided to attend college and major in music education.

I obtained my music education degree from Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri. I worked in two different school systems in Missouri as a music and band coordinator before moving to Tennessee to start a graduate teaching position at Tennessee Technological University. I performed in Tech's world-renowned University Tuba/Euphonium ensemble. It was in that year that I had the wonderful experience of performing with them at Carnegie Hall. I decided to leave that program, hoping to eventually return to school to complete a degree in Educational Leadership. I also moved to Nashville that year to begin a new relationship, which I've now been in for just over 19 years.

After leaving Tennessee Technological University, I served in two Nashville schools, first a high school, then a middle school, as the band director and music teacher. Though my primary focus was music, I also was involved in several leadership positions - such as PBIS and Restorative Justice coordinator, which are near and dear to my heart.

In 2012 I began my Master's in Educational Leadership at Trevecca Nazarene University while I was also working full time at Margaret Allen Middle School. In December of 2013 I completed the program and passed the Praxis exam for school administration. In 2017 I accepted the position of dean of students for the ninth-grade academy at McGavock High School.

In my spare time I enjoy gaming, travel, cooking, science fiction, listening to music, tuba playing and being around my friends and family. I have two dogs, Albert and Buck and one cat, Bitsy Mae that I adore. My professional goal this coming year is to continue to help teachers and students maintain a learner centered approach through engagement and personalization. I strive to be a servant leader who provides high quality support to help those around me succeed.

Meet the candidate at 3:00 on Wednesday April 27th. Please follow this [link](#).