

WENDEN SANDERS

Director of Fine Arts, Houston ISD

From Houston Independent School District

Mr. Wenden Sanders has served the students, families, community and HISD the last eight years. He served as principal of Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts Middle School for 6 year and led the campus to achieve six TEA distinctions in the areas of mathematics, ELA/Reading, Science, closing the achievement gap, post-secondary readiness and student progress.

Mr. Sanders has been a public school educator for 26 years with thirteen as a choral music teacher/fine arts department chair and thirteen as a campus administrator. As a music educator, he led his choirs to earn UIL sweepstakes, best of class and consistent superior awards. Over 350 students in his choral music programs were provided cultural arts travel experiences to New York, Italy, Germany and France where they developed a deeper understanding and appreciation of music and art. He served as a Texas Music Adjudication Association judge, Texas Music Education Association region officer, fine arts department chair and member of the Texas Choral Directors Association, ASCD, NASSP, TASSP, HAMA and HASA.

Mr. Sanders earned a bachelor's degree of Music in Music Education from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas and a master's degree of education in educational administration from Prairie View A&M University.