



Meet Dr. Tamela D. Brown

New Principal at Learn4Life High School

My Family

I grew up in a small farming community in Southwest Michigan, where literally “everybody knows your name”. I was raised in a single-parent household, and I am the middle child of my mother’s three children.

I met my husband at Western Michigan University and have been happily married for 19 years. I am the proud mother of two amazing children. My daughter (14 yrs.) will be a freshman and my son (16 yrs.) will be a junior in high school, this fall. I have also been a foster mother and an adoptive mother to several children.

My Education

Western Michigan University
Bachelors in Science - Biomedical Sciences

Grand Valley State University
Masters of Arts in Education - Education Technology/
Library Media Science
Educational Specialist Degree - Educational Leadership

Eastern Michigan University
Doctor of Philosophy - Educational Leadership
Dissertation: “*Reimagining Schools: A Descriptive Analysis of Effective Practices for Educating Marginalized Students*”



Certifications:
Central Office Administrator Certification (K-12); 6-12 Biology (DA), K-12 Library Science Endorsement (ND)

What I Believe...

- ALL children can learn, when given the right resources, supports and opportunities.
- Young people have to be taught and given opportunities to advocate for themselves and for their own success.
- A positive and trusting culture is essential to success.
- Success is an innate desire for us all. Every child wants to be successful. They just need to connect with the right experiences to ignite this desire.
- E3 Model: Experience, Exposure and Engagement are the key ingredients for schools to help students become successful.
- Strong teacher-student relationships foster belonging, trust and achievement.
- Young people thrive with leadership opportunities and when they have a voice in what matters to them.



Just the Facts...

1. I am left-handed and a middle child. We are a unique group of people, LOL.
2. I’m an introvert. While I love being around people, this means I have to be alone to “recharge”.
3. I’m a Direct Communicator. You will always know what I think or expect.
4. I value integrity, accountability, transparency and community.
5. I’m new to Charleston, but have been here several times visiting my sister who has lived