

Biography of Donald E. Mason, Jr., Ed.D.

Donald Edward Mason, Jr. obtained a Doctor of Education with a specialization in Educational Leadership from the University of Alabama in the fall of 2009 where he wrote a law-based dissertation on free speech in public schools since the Hazelwood decision. He obtained his Specialist in Education in 2003, also from the University of Alabama. In 1994 he earned his Master of Arts degree in English with a minor in Education from North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina. His thesis was a comparative analysis of the three autobiographies of Frederick Douglass. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in English with a concentration in Media-Journalism from North Carolina Central University.

Dr. Mason currently serves as Assistant Superintendent for the Richmond County School System. Prior to this position, Dr. Mason was the Director of Strategic Initiatives and Middle School Principal at Wesley International Academy, a public charter school in the Atlanta Public School System from 2017-2022. Additionally, Dr. Mason held the position of principal in the DeKalb County School System from 2007 until 2017. His first principalship was at Salem Middle School in Lithonia. In 2012, he became principal at Redan Middle School which earned the distinction of Title I Reward School with Highest Progress. From 2000 to 2007, Dr. Mason was an Assistant Principal in the Gwinnett County Public School System.

Dr. Mason is from Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He is married to Attorney Teresa Walker-Mason. They have three children: Trey, Delanie, and Deja.