

Mrs. Donna O'Brian is entering her 30th year of service to Texas public schools including 29 years dedicated to the Mansfield Independent School District. She served as a Special Education teacher prior to moving into administration. Mrs. O'Brian's campus and district leadership roles have included assistant principal, principal, and area superintendent.

Mrs. O'Brian started her career teaching English Language Arts and Reading, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science at Godley Junior High. She relocated to Mansfield I.S.D in 1991 where she again taught all core subjects in a variety of service settings at Rogene Worley Middle School and T. A. Howard Middle School.

Mrs. O'Brian began her administrative tenure as an assistant principal at T. A. Howard Middle School in 1996. She was promoted to principal in 2000 and led Cross Timbers Intermediate School for six years. In 2006, Mrs. O'Brian opened Mary Lillard Intermediate School where she also served as principal for six years. In 2012, she returned to T. A. Howard Middle School as principal until 2014 when she was promoted to area superintendent.

Mrs. O'Brian graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. She completed her teaching credentials at Texas Christian University and returned to TCU earning a Master of Arts Degree in Educational Administration Mid-Management. Mrs. O'Brian holds multiple certifications recognized by the State Board of Educator Certification including Secondary Generic Special Education, Secondary Business Administration, Elementary Self-Contained, Mid-Management Administrator, and Superintendent. She is also an ASCD Instructional Leadership Academy Fellow.

Mrs. O'Brian chairs the MISD District-wide Educational Improvement Council and oversees the MISD Curriculum Management Plan. Her programmatic leadership responsibilities include English Language Arts and Reading, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Instructional Technology in grades K-12. District level leadership experiences have also included attendance zoning, new school design, district calendar development, and oversight of the District Improvement Plan.

Mrs. O'Brian and her husband, Mark, have been married for twenty-seven years and have three children. Their son, Colton, is a graduate of Lake Ridge High School and is currently attending Tarrant County College

majoring in Bio-Physics. Their daughter, Payton, is a graduate of Summit High School and is studying Geology at The University of Texas at Arlington. Keaton, their youngest daughter, is a junior at Mansfield High School where she is involved in Varsity Soccer and Choir.