

Hello Dutchtown Family!

I am excited to join DES this year as an assistant principal! Before becoming an academic coach, I taught kindergarten, second, third, and fourth grades at Stockbridge Elementary and Hampton Elementary. I am a lifelong learner and constantly seek opportunities to learn something new. I received my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood/Special Education from Mercer University and my Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from Thomasville University. I hold several endorsements and certifications as well. I'm currently working on my doctorate in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment from the University of West Florida.

I am originally from Pittsburg. My family moved to Georgia when I was in elementary school, so I consider myself a Georgia transplant. My husband and I have been married for 24 years and have two daughters in college. I love hiking and being outdoors. I have a green thumb and love gardening (even though my husband says my hobby costs more than we save on groceries). I also enjoy traveling and escaping to the beach when I can.

I believe that all stakeholders are critical members of the success team, and we can draw on each other's strengths to make adjustments that increase student achievement. Exceptional teaching, parent engagement, and student conduct are important factors that impact student success. I also believe that creating a positive school and classroom culture is vital. Honesty and integrity are the building blocks of great relationships, and I look forward to working with each of you.

-Michelle Hill