

Dr. David Gentile

EDUCATION

Doctorate in Educational Leadership

Rowan University; May 2010

Master of Arts in Educational Leadership

Program Rowan University; May 2003

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Rowan University; December 1997

Certifications

NJ School

Administrator/Superintendent
Certificate

NJ Principal Certificate

NJ Supervisor Certificate

NJ Standard Teaching Certificate, K-8

BACKGROUND

Dr. David Gentile's mission to provide every student the opportunity to achieve their dreams through education was forged long before he stepped foot in a classroom. David's father, an Italian immigrant, overcame learning challenges to become a self-taught mechanical engineer who, through sheer drive and determination, founded a successful family HVAC business. David's mother owned a small hair styling business that operated out of her shop built by Dad in the basement of their modest home in a working-class small-town, USA.

The value of education was nurtured throughout his childhood. David's parents, who always wanted more for their children, insisted he and his sister study hard and receive the best education possible. His sister earned a Ph.D. in accounting while David fell in love with teaching and learning. As a teenager, David was a swimming instructor for younger children; it was then that David discovered his passion for teaching. Schoolwork did not always come easy for Dr. Gentile, struggling especially with reading; until, as a freshman in college a learning consultant ensured David received help to overcome this obstacle. From that point forward, David enjoyed a new world of reading, learning, and helping others become successful learners. He tutored local high school students to help him work his way through college and, in doing so, confirmed his love for teaching and learning.

Dr. Gentile's family was not one of great means; however, David's talent and success on the athletic field afforded him access to a top-notch education. David attributes his personal work ethic to his experience as a student, athlete, and employee. He remembers days colliding with nights as he worked to help in the family HVAC business, maintained good grades, and was a standout baseball and football player.

Dr. Gentile started his formal career in education in 1998 with the Millville Public School District as an elementary school teacher and high school baseball and football coach. David's own experiences helped him identify his young students as he helped them understand themselves better as learners. David gravitated to instructing students who had learning obstacles, ultimately teaching in an alternative eighth-grade program he helped design for the Runnemede Public School District.

Dr. Gentile always had a penchant for leadership, helping and supporting others in any role he played. It was in Runnemede that Dr. Gentile officially started his leadership career as a middle school vice principal and was later promoted to the position of principal.

In 2008, Dr. Gentile became the Superintendent of Schools in the Mount Holly Public School District. Working collaboratively with his team, David led Mt. Holly in many improvements and successes: reducing school violence, improving student achievement, and finding and addressing inequities. He learned how to work effectively with stakeholders throughout the school community, through a collaborative effort to pass a comprehensive bond referendum and oversee multiple capital improvement projects.

In 2010, Dr. Gentile was appointed Superintendent of Schools in the Millville Public School District. He spent the next decade working with staff and community members on a shared vision to create a world-class district. Together, they realized many improvements and successes: student achievement, establishing a professional community dedicated to instructional improvement, creating a system of classroom walkthroughs, and establishing a comprehensive professional development approach. Dr. Gentile's work was recognized by both McRel and ASCD as they featured his efforts in the district in their video series *Classroom Instruction that Works*. David also led Millville to secure New Jersey Department of Education funding to address crowding and capacity issues, as well as other long standing educational concerns. As a result, the district received over one-hundred million dollars in additional state funding to complete a comprehensive renovation project that completely overhauled the existing high school campus.

In 2019, Dr. Gentile was appointed Superintendent of Schools in the Voorhees Township School District, where he worked with staff and community members to create a much-needed redistricting plan, to advance full-day kindergarten and the construction of an early childhood center, as well as integrating more technology into classroom instruction. Like school leaders throughout the country, Dr. Gentile navigated uncharted territory of the world-wide COVID pandemic. In 2022, Dr. Gentile became the Chief Academic Officer of the Cumberland County Technical High School District, where he was responsible for student admissions, equity, curriculum/instruction, and various other special projects for the district.

Dr. Gentile has been happily married for over 22 years. He and his wife are raising their two children, who are 17 and 13 years of age. Dr. Gentile has over 14 years of experience as a New Jersey school superintendent.