

Dr. Jay Harris Ed.D.

Dr. Harris began his employment with Platte County School District as Executive Director of Operations in 2016, and has been in public education for 30+ years. Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, Dr. Harris became Platte County R-3's 14th Superintendent of Schools.

Prior to joining the leadership team at PCR-3, Dr. Harris spent 16 years in the Raymore-Peculiar School District, serving as High School Assistant Principal and Director of Support Services, before 10 years as the Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services. He also was an Assistant Principal and Activities Director at Harrisonville High School, after starting his public education career teaching social studies, coaching multiple activities, and facilitating at-risk services in Topeka, Kansas, and Harrisonville, Missouri.



Dr. Harris grew up in a family of educators and had the privilege to watch his parents have such a positive influence in the lives of others. In awe of their life's work, he decided he wanted to do the same.

After graduating high school from Baldwin City, Kansas, he received his Bachelor of Science in education from Baker University and later earned a master's degree in secondary school administration, an education specialist degree in school administration/superintendency, and a doctorate of education in school district leadership.

Dr. Harris describes his purpose, "I exist to help people thrive and flourish. My daily work is devoted to helping others believe in themselves so they can experience a life of meaning and purpose."