



Eric G. Mackey, PhD



Dr. Eric G. Mackey serves as the Alabama State Superintendent of Education. Since being named state superintendent in April 2018, Mackey has focused on innovative initiatives outlined in his strategic plan –Alabama Achieves – including the Alabama Literacy Act, STEM, Career Technical Education, and workforce development. During his tenure, high school graduation and college and career readiness rates have increased with Alabama’s high school seniors of 2020 graduating at 90.6%. More than 87% of Alabama high schools students are currently enrolled in at least one career technical education class. Alabama was ranked in the top six states in the nation for Computer Science in 2021. In 2022, Alabama was named first in the South-Central Region for workforce development.

Prior to being named State Superintendent, he served as Executive Director of the School Superintendents of Alabama for eight years. Mackey began his career as a high school science teacher, transitioned to middle school, then went on to serve as principal, and a district superintendent.

Mackey currently serves on more than 30 boards including the Southern Regional Education Board, Alabama Public School and College Authority, Retirement Systems of Alabama, Interstate Military Children’s Compact Commission, and Alabama Germany Partnership. He also serves in leadership positions on several boards including Board Chair of the Alabama-Korea Education and Economic Partnership, and Commissioner for the Education Commission of the States. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Jacksonville State University as well as, a Master’s, Education Specialist and Doctoral degrees from The University of Alabama.

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