

Dr. Vincent J. Hunter

Principal of Whitehaven High School



A Tiger's Tale

Whitehaven High School's teachers and students are on the move 24/7, leading the way to academic success; all while seeing the vision through the eye of the Tiger.

Dr. Vincent J. Hunter serves as the primary interface between Whitehaven High School and its parents and students, commonly referred to as stakeholders for residents who reside in the Whitehaven community. A graduate of Whitehaven High (1982), Memphis State University (1990), University of Memphis (2000), and California Coast University (2006); this preceptor is passionate about learning and the educational challenges faced by our young people. Not only Hunter serves his purpose in providing services for Whitehaven community, he spends most of his time with his family. Hunter has been married for 30 years to his lovely wife Tracy, which they birth two sons, Vincent, Jr. and Tyler, and a daughter, Taylor. He is also the grandfather known as Daddy-oo to his grandson Vincent III (Trip). He is the son of Lisbon Juanita Hunter and the youngest child of four siblings. He has three older sisters: Sandra Slocum, Patricia Jones, and Linda Peppers, who adore their baby brother Hunter to the fullest. Nevertheless, he is most proud of being a member of the Parkway Village Church of Christ where he met his wife and communes weekly with family and friends.

With over 30 years of experience as a Mathematics Teacher and Administrator, the legendary alumni of Whitehaven High, Dr. Hunter serves as a Principal Mentor for Memphis Shelby County Schools'. When he is not interfacing with aspiring principals or ensuring all points are covered as it relates to the district's expectation of him as a principal; you can find this preceptor drawing parallelograms or showing students how to solve for "x" in order to complete an Algebraic equation. Hunter has served as an Assistant Coach and Head Coach for the Whitehaven football team. Until this day, you will find Hunter cheering the team on the sidelines hoping to rekindle his desire to coach the team into victory.

Throughout his experiences in serving the school district, Dr. Hunter has been an inspiration to the community by ensuring his students are afforded every opportunity to be successful both in and out of their learning environment, and more importantly, balancing his life as a family man to spend quality time with his family. From April 2016 to October 2021, Dr. Vincent Hunter served as the Whitehaven Empowerment Zone Executive Principal. He overseed nine schools in the Whitehaven community. Those nine schools are Whitehaven High School, Havenview Middle School, A. Maceo Walker Middle School, Holmes Road Elementary, Geeter K-8, John P. Freeman, Whitehaven Elementary, Oakshire Elementary, and Robert R. Church. As Hunter faces many challenges in his life's journey, he has made many accomplishments and awards during his time of serving his community.

- 7 years of Classroom Teaching Experience (All years have been at Whitehaven High School)
- 3 years of Assistant Principal Experience (All years have been at Whitehaven High School)
- 18 years of Principal Experience (All years have been at Whitehaven High School)
- 6 years of Executive Principal Experience
- State of TN. House: House Joint Resolution No. 970 Service Award recipient (2022)
- Shelby County Schools Principal of the Year Award recipient (2020)
- Varsity Brands Principal of the Year Award recipient (2019)
- State Rep. Barbara Cooper Living Legends Leadership Award (2019)

- Rainbow P.U.S.H. Educator of the Year Award (2017)
- Successful implementation of student- centered academic initiatives resulting In improved literacy rates, improved enrollment and improved graduation rates
- In the past 10 years, Dr. Hunter's students have earned over \$1.5 billion dollars in academic college scholarships
- First MSCS Principal to Implement an all-Honors Core curriculum
- Implemented 8 foreign languages to prepare students for global competitiveness
- Principal with 6000+ successful graduates