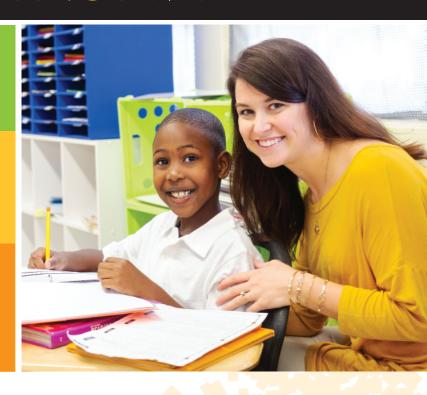
# SPARKING **EXCELLENCE** EVERY DAY

# PORTRAIT

OF A STARKVILLE OKTIBBEHA

# TEACHER







The foundation of a Starkville Oktibbeha School District teacher is grounded in understanding the power of cultivating positive relationships. One must commit to teaching a college and career ready curriculum effectively and to inspiring our children to attain the skills needed to be lifelong learners. Each day a teacher must work with others to ensure each student experiences the profound impact of a high quality education.

## IN THE STARKVILLE OKTIBBEHA SCHOOL DISTRICT,

# **OUR TEACHERS...**



## **ADVOCATE**

- For positive relationships with all students, peers and families
- For students in a manner that respects the diversity of all
- For the positive perception of the teaching profession
- For the mastery of rigorous learning standards for all students



### **CULTIVATE**

- A safe learning environment for students
- An attitude of a self-starter
- Continuous learning and innovative practices
- Collaborative professional learning environments

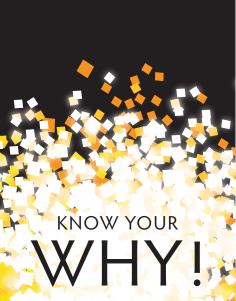


### **EMPOWER**

- Students to be college and career ready
- Students to work collaboratively in a student-centered learning environment
- Students to be creative and innovative in their learning
- Students to persevere

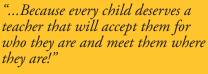
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#### ~ Mauriesa Blackwell Starkville High School Biology Teacher

"...Because we can't afford not to! We must prepare our students to be ready to take advantage of any opportunity that presents itself after graduation! This is the greatest profession in the world!

### ~ Sean McDonnall Starkville High School Principal

"...Because I want my students to discover the bonds and friendships in their classroom which will lead to trust, creativity and an excellent year of learning from one another!"

#### ~ Isabel McLemore Sudduth Elementary 1st Grade Teacher

"...Because my students need champions who will root them on in their quest to finding their voice and leadership potential!"

#### ~ Rebecca MeCaskey Henderson Ward Stewart Elementary 4th Grade Teacher

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