



Senior Specialist

Nicole Houston Johnson grew up in Fort Worth, Texas. She attended Howard University and earned a B.B.A in Actuarial Science. She returned home and earned a M. Ed in Educational Administration at Texas Christian University.

Nicole began her teaching career as a middle school Math teacher and then moved on to teach high school. She became an administrator in 2000, working as an assistant principal in middle, high, and alternative schools.

Nicole is currently the Principal of Leonard Sixth Grade Center. She joined School Turnaround in the summer of 2005, as a participating principal determined to turn around student achievement and move her school onto a new path of success. At the end of her first year in School Turnaround, Leonard Sixth Grade Center started to show gains in both subject areas, up to 12%. Leonard Sixth had a history of wide achievements gaps. The campus Reading gap which was as wide as 20 points-is currently less than 9 points. This year her campus received the Gold Performance Award for 51% of the students scoring commended in Reading. Under her leadership, the school continues to meet AYP and strives to maintain growth in all student groups.

Nicole remains actively involved in her district to improve student achievement. She serves as a principal mentor and middle school planning principal. She also serves on the Texas Middle School Association conference committee.

Nicole joined the School Turnaround staff in 2006, as a specialist, and works directly with principals to improve student achievement at their buildings.