



Senior Specialist

Nicole Johnson earned a B.B.A in Actuarial Science from Howard University and a M. Ed. in Educational Administration from Texas Christian University. She became an administrator in 2000, working as an assistant principal in middle, high, and alternative schools.

Nicole joined School Turnaround in the summer of 2005, as a participating principal of Leonard Sixth Grade Center in Fort Worth, TX. At the end of her first year in School Turnaround, Leonard Sixth Grade Center started to show gains up to 12% in both subject areas. After two years with School Turnaround, Nicole's campus had received the state Gold Performance Award for 51% of the students scoring commended in reading. The following year in 2008, Leonard Sixth Grade Center earned "Recognized Status" from the Texas Education Agency, which is the second highest achievement rating in the state of Texas. The school had even shrunk historical achievement gaps from as wide as 20 points to less than 9 points.

Nicole has been working as a Senior Specialist for School Turnaround since 2007. She was the Project Lead for Hawaii in 2008-2009 and the Specialist for Maili Elementary, which made AYP that year for the first time since 2005. In 2008 Nicole was awarded the Phenomenal Citizen Award for her work in education by the National Women of Achievement. In 2010 she was honored as an Exceptional Educator and Community Service Leader and studied Educational and Cultural Awareness at the University of Ghana in Accra. Nicole is currently enrolled in the doctoral program in Educational Leadership at Texas Christian University. Her current School Turnaround work is in St. Louis, MO.