

## Mr. Patrick Patterson

Patrick Patterson began his teaching career in 1981 at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, IL where he taught Algebra, Physical Education, and coached basketball and baseball. Upon completion of his Masters Degree in Education from Chicago State University in 1983, he moved to Austin, TX where he taught for eight years at Blackshear Elementary School, and served as asst. principal at Summitt Elementary School in 1990-1991. In 1992, he began his tenure as an AISD principal at Reilly Elementary, where he remained until his move in 1996 to Dobie Middle School. In 1999, he was named principal at Lanier High School, where he remained until 2004. In 2004, as part of the district blueprint initiative, Mr. Patterson was named principal of LBJ High School, where he served until June, 2010. Some of the previously mentioned schools attained State and National Recognition during the time of his service. Reilly received the TEA Commendation Award in 1995-96, At Dobie, in 1997 the AISD School Board recognized the efforts of the students and staff for making the fourth highest TAAS gains in the district. This was after the school was mired in low performance for five of the previous seven school years. During the 2004 school year, his fifth year and last year as principal at Lanier, the school was ranked 206 in the top 1200 High Schools, according to *Newsweek*. LBJ cracked the top 100 at 95 in 2007 in the same *Newsweek* annual ranking system. For four consecutive years, from 2007-2010 LBJ High School was recognized by the Austin Chamber of Commerce for having the highest APPLYTEXAS rate of all 36 Central Texas high schools. In a new category (Catch Up Schools) by *Newsweek*, in 2009, LBJ was ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the country for having high percentages of students enrolled in Advanced Placement (College Level) classes while still in high school. During that same year, (2009) Mr. Patterson was named AISD Principal of the Year by Austin Partners in Education. At the end of the 2010 school year, Mr. Patterson was named Administrator of the Year by the Texas Assoc. of Journalism Educators (TAJE) for his stance on the communication of the press in a democratic society. In June of 2010, after 28 years of service credit, Mr. Patterson retired from AISD. He is only person in the history of Austin Independent School District to have served as principal at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Currently in his tenth year, Mr. Patterson serves as Asst. Vice President of the Longhorn Center for School Partnerships at The University of Texas at Austin, in the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement (DDCE). In 2014, Mr. Patterson was honored by AISD with the HL Gaines Award for his continued work in the Austin community, and the Neighborhood Longhorns Program was honored that at time as Community Partner of the Year. The LCSP serves 50,000 pre-college students statewide in the five major metro areas of Dallas, Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and the RGV. 85% of the students served go on to college upon graduation from high school. This is significant because LCSP works with high poverty, first generation students by design.